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Dear Parent

Following the Christmas break, and an increase in the number of pupils cycling to and from school we have had an increasing number of community complaints about Arnold Hill pupils in the local area and dangerous cycling.

On a daily basis members of the local community are raising concerns about dangerous cycling on footpaths and roads. Within school, we regularly remind pupils about the dangers of the roads and have had the local road safety team alongside the schools link police officer speak to most of the cyclists in school.

Over the past few years we have had a number of bike related accidents and I ask that you share our concerns, and that of the wider community, with your child. Particular concerns are groups of cyclists riding along as a large group blocking the road including towards oncoming traffic, pupils pulling wheelies on Gedling Road (including towards oncoming traffic), pulling wheelies on the pavements near the junior schools, cycling down the centre of the road and weaving between traffic. The local road safety team also observed our cyclists and noted very few wear a helmet, reflective clothing or have lights on their bikes to protect themselves.

I would also like you to remind your child that they are representing the Academy on the way to and from School and if their behaviours are deemed dangerous or inappropriate then they will be sanctioned. As a school, we wish to encourage cycling and are pleased at the increasing numbers so we would not wish to sanction or stop pupils from bringing their bike onto school premises.

Finally, please remind your child that they are not allowed to cycle on the school premises and will be sanctioned accordingly if they do this.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully

Simon Ward  
**Deputy Head Teacher**