

*Be inspired and achieve together*

1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Staying Safe and High Expectations of Behaviour in the Community**

I would like to thank you for your invaluable support in what has been a very positive start to the Autumn term.

The overwhelming majority of our students continue to attend daily (with attendance well above national averages), focus well in their learning and engage in a wide variety of enrichment opportunities that we provide for them; this is very encouraging indeed. The vast majority are excellent ambassadors and continue to show **respect** for the Academy, for others, for learning and for themselves.

It has come to our attention that some students, who choose to cycle to the Academy are not always wearing their cycle helmets to and from the site. This is a Trust wide policy. I would like to reiterate that we need your support, as appropriate, to encourage your son/daughter to stay safe when cycling to and from the Academy. Additionally, can you please remind them to use the designated cycle paths and roads, not pavements for pedestrian use only. Please could you re-iterate these expectations with your child if they choose to cycle in each day; the last thing we would want is a serious accident and/or injury.

Additionally, road safety is always a concern and an area that we will continue to focus on in terms of educating our students. Can you please remind your son/daughter to be aware of road traffic on their journeys to and from the Academy and especially in the immediate area on Gedling Road and nearby roads outside the Academy. Many students insist on using portable devices and headphones whilst walking and crossing roads. This represents a significant risk of serious injury or worse and we need to ensure none of our students are involved in a serious accident.

Finally, a very small minority of students have not demonstrated respect for our wider community on their commute to and from school, this has included some anti-social behaviour, which is not acceptable. Therefore, could I also ask you to remind your son/daughter that we have an expectation that all members of our school community show respect in the local community, especially when wearing our uniform. Every student is expected to be an outstanding ambassador for our Academy and uphold our positive reputation in the community.

I thank you in advance for your continued support in these very important matters.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Head

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