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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Cycle helmets

There are many health, social and environmental benefits associated with cycling to school and I very strongly believe that we should be encouraging our children to cycle to school in preference to coming in a car, where possible.

Unfortunately, we frequently receive alerts from members of the public who have witnessed our students cycling to school in a dangerous manner and they also express concern that the students involved are not wearing a cycle helmet. The Government have also contacted schools and asked that they advise students to wear helmets when cycling to and from school. As a result, the Leadership Team at WCSA have decided that, from 6th January 2020, the wearing of a cycle helmet is going to be **compulsory for all students who choose to ride their bike to WCSA**. Any student who arrives at school on their bike after this time will be instructed to park their bike outside the shops on the Mead Vale precinct.

A cycle helmet is designed to reduce the impact to the head of a person cycling when they fall to the ground or collide with another vehicle. I am aware that wearing a helmet in the UK is not a legal requirement when taking to the road, and also I realise that cycle helmets do not prevent collisions from happening. However, studies have shown that helmets do offer protection to the head and this is backed up by statistics.

The safety of all our students remains paramount in our minds when we make decisions like this and I hope that you will agree that it is the right decision to make on behalf of the young people in our care. Helmets are readily available from shops and also online. Prices vary dramatically but you can buy them from as little as £10.

Yours sincerely

Miss Scott
Principal