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Dear Parent/Carer

Scooters and Bicycles

In the interests of safety, we have decided that scooters will no longer be allowed on the school site after the half term holiday. **This means that students will not be allowed to use a scooter to travel to and from school.**

This decision has been taken because of multiple complaints and concerns raised by members of the public in the last few weeks. In addition, we have been extremely concerned at the way those students using scooters are travelling down Woodlands Drive. There have been several 'near misses' due to the poor road sense of the students. Many students ride their scooters on the road, swerving in between cars, others ride on the pavement weaving their way between pedestrians. None of the students on scooters wear a helmet. It seems only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.

We will continue to allow students to ride bicycles to and from school. When they arrive at school they must get off their bicycle and wheel it to the bike shed. At the end of the day, they must collect their bicycle and walk it off the school site. This is to ensure everyone's safety at the beginning and end of the school day. We would also advise you that a helmet should be worn by any student cycling to and from school. In addition, lighting on bicycles is also recommended. This is, again, in the interests of safety. If students are not following our expectations regarding bicycles, we will ask that they no longer cycle to school. I have attached a link to a safety leaflet for your information:

<https://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/cyclists/cycle-helmets-factsheet.pdf>

We would be grateful if you could reinforce the importance of safety with your children. We will contact you directly if we have any concerns regarding your child and their safety.

Yours faithfully

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