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Dear Parent

I am writing to inform you of my concerns surrounding bike safety. **If we do not see a rapid reduction in the number of incidents, we will be forced to ban all students from bringing their bikes onto the school grounds.** In recent weeks there have been several traffic accidents involving our students travelling to and from school on bikes. Thankfully, all the children involved have escaped with only cuts and bruises.

We have taken steps to attempt to prevent these incidents, including road safety assemblies, senior members of staff on duty along Morley Road, as well as taking advice from local police officers. Unfortunately these steps have not had the impact we hoped for. Last week alone we received an increased number of phone calls from the local community, as well as our concerned parents, contacting the school about students riding their bikes inappropriately and dangerously. We have imposed bans on individuals whom we have witnessed riding dangerously to and from school however the incidents persist.

I am also extremely concerned that, despite regular reminders, the majority of students are not wearing cycle helmets. Most of the students have them, however they stay in bags or on the handlebars of their bikes. This is a basic safety measure that may save a life if an accident occurs. We have also repeatedly told students that they are not to ride their bikes within the school grounds; however some students continue to ignore this school rule.

As previously stated, I do hope you understand our concerns and will support us in this. I am sure you understand that the banning of all bikes on the school site is not an action we want to take, however the safety and welfare of all our students is of paramount importance to us.

Please discuss the contents of this letter with your child and the importance of road safety whilst cycling.

Yours faithfully



Zoe House
Headteacher