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16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I am very happy for students to travel to the Academy on their bicycles but I do wish to share with you some concerns I have regarding safety.

Recently we have had several complaints from members of the public regarding students riding their bikes dangerously and without due care for pedestrians and other road users. This is particularly the case around our local primary schools where we are unable to supervise our students.

Of particular concern is that some students are showing off along busy roads by doing 'wheelies'. Whilst this is great fun for the rider, many drivers have contacted me to say how scared they are that our students are putting themselves at real risk of a serious accident.

Tragically one of our students was knocked over and died less than two years' ago, so road safety is very close to our hearts. Many of our cyclists take their responsibility very seriously and we do have emails from the public praising them for dismounting around busy areas.

We will be contacting all cyclists again in the near future with details of our expectations with regards to cycling to the Academy during the darker winter months. In the meantime if we identify any student who is putting themselves and others at risk through careless and reckless cycling, then I will stop that student from cycling to the Academy until I am satisfied the student is prepared to take their responsibilities seriously.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Arnall  
Head of School

