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Dear Parents/Carers,

Cycling Policy Review

Following a review of our cycling policy, and with the clocks going back during half term, I wanted to write to you again with regard to students cycling to school. At The Hamble School we recognise the many positive health benefits of students cycling to and from school. We therefore look to encourage this form of travel for our students. To make cycling to and from school a positive and safe experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code.
- **Wear a helmet at all times whilst cycling to and from school.**
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and The Hamble School in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, **by using bicycle lights** and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Dismount the bicycle when on the school premises and walk it either into the bike shed or away from it.
- Securely lock their bike in the bike sheds and not outside the school gates.

Furthermore we would also ask you as parents and carers to:

- Encourage your child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling.
- Provide your child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle light and cycle helmet.
- Ensure that the bicycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Arrange appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles and the school cannot be liable for any damage caused.

Please note that the decision regarding cycling to and from school rests with the parents or carers. The Hamble School is not able to accept liability for consequences of that decision.

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The Hamble School takes its responsibility to promote students' safety very seriously. With that in mind, from the 30 October, students who ride their bike to school without an appropriate safety helmet or ride a bicycle that is deemed not roadworthy will be issued with a detention.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor in the first instance and thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Cleaver', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Neil Cleaver
Assistant Headteacher

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.