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Dear parents, carers and students

I wanted to share a couple of reminders for cyclists and pedestrians as we welcome the winter months.

Pedestrian Crossing

We will be speaking to students this week about the pedestrian crossing on West Street. We have noticed an unfortunate trend of impatient car drivers who are not waiting for students to finish crossing the road when their traffic light is orange. I am pleased to say that our students use the crossing in a mature and appropriate way. We have raised our concerns with our community officers, but I would like students to be additionally cautious.

Cycle Security

I am pleased to see so many students are cycling to college each day. As some of you will know we spent a lot of money last year reinforcing the cycle shed next to the car park. This has improved it's integrity significantly however, unfortunately, we know that cycle thieves will always look for opportunities if they present themselves. Students should secure their cycle with the best quality 'D' lock they can find, ideally through the frame and back wheel of their bicycle.

The wall mounted stands outside of reception have become a target for opportunist thieves who have perfected the art of snipping low quality bicycle locks off with wire cutters and then riding away in under 30 seconds. The proximity to the main entrance appears to be no deterrent. If students are going to use the wall mounted stands, please ensure you use a 'D' lock which cannot be easily removed or cut. We cannot accept any liability for the loss of any property brought to college by students.

Safety

As the nights draw in we know that car drivers will sometime struggle to see cyclists. Investing in a simple set of LED bicycle lights will significantly improve your visibility on the road. I am pleased to see that so many of our cyclists are wearing good quality helmets which of course could save your life in an accident.

We cannot allow any e-bikes to be stored on site, in the cycle shed, or on the cycle stand next to the building as they pose a fire hazard.



Community

We have an excellent relationship with the local community and members of the public often comment on how mature and courteous our students are. Please can our student cyclists be aware that they should not ride through the shopping precinct as even a slowly approaching cyclist may startle some of our elderly neighbours.

Regards



Mr W Chitty

Principal