

Dear Parents,

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

In light of the serious accident outside a local High School yesterday, we have re-evaluated our risk assessment regarding the use of bicycles and scooters in the school grounds and drive.

As you know on every Newsletter we refer to the danger in Ostend Place at drop off and collection times due to the volume of traffic and inappropriate parking by some parents. Although the children are repeatedly reminded to take care when arriving at the end of the school drive this continues to be a major concern to myself, staff and governors.

The nature of the pathway upto school makes it unsuitable for bicycles and scooters due the volume of children and parents using it at the start/end of the school day. Staff cannot ensure that the child bringing the bicycle/scooter is the child who is riding it. Therefore, a Health and Safety decision has been made to protect all of the children in school. As from today **NO BICYCLES OR SCOOTERS ARE TO BE BROUGHT UP THE SCHOOL DRIVE AT ANY TIME.**

I appreciate that some parents have spoken to me directly asking permission for their children to come to school on their bicycles. However, with an increasing number of requests coming into school, we can no longer give permission or accommodate the storage.

Thank you for your continued support in this very important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher