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Dear Parent/Carer

Cycling to School

Many pupils living in and around Cheddar like to cycle to school. We encourage pupils to take advantage of the opportunity to gain additional exercise but, at the same time, we are conscious of the potential risks involved. In order to alleviate these risks could we recommend the following:-

- Ensure your child has a proper fitting cycle helmet and that it is worn at all times when they are on their bike.
- Check the bicycle is in a good roadworthy condition and that all brakes and lights, if required, are working. Please ensure that if your child has a BMX type bicycle that brakes are added.
- Provide them with some basic road safety information.
- Equip them with a dayglo safety belt or high viz bib.
- Issue them with a cycle lock to keep their bikes secure in the rack at school.

The decision regarding cycling to and from school rests with parents/carers. Fairlands is not able to accept liability for consequences of that decision.

We do take responsibility to promote pupils' safety very seriously. With this in mind, we will contact parents/carers should pupils ride their bikes to school without an appropriate safety helmet or ride a bicycle that is deemed not roadworthy.

We do not usually encourage Year 5 pupils to cycle to school, but if parents are keen for them to do so, we would suggest that they are accompanied by an older sibling or friend.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Safeguarding Children is everyone's responsibility.

If you are worried about any child please make an appointment to see either Helen Heffernan, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Robert Cooling, Felicity Grant, Sally Virgin, Designated Safeguarding Deputies
Alternatively, you can phone NPSCC: 0808 800 5000 Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224