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Dear Parent/Carer

In recent weeks, we have received contact from several parents or members of the public who have shared their concerns around the safety of our students cycling to and from school. We have drawn your attention to this previously via email and have also notified students via the student bulletin.

Unfortunately, we continue to receive expressions of concern around unsafe cycling. These concerns include:

- Cycling in large groups
- Cycling two or three abreast
- Talking and paying very little attention to their surroundings
- Pulling "wheelies"
- Having no hands on the handlebars whilst cycling
- Cycling through red lights
- Cycling in designated bus lanes
- Many students cycling without cycle helmets or other safety equipment.

We investigate all concerns that are brought to our attention and where we can identify those involved, take appropriate action. However, it is not always easy or straightforward to identify those involved. Our staff travel from across the city and they have witnessed many groups of young people cycling in a similar and equally dangerous manner so this is a widespread issue and not something unique to Millthorpe School.

This afternoon, we have spoken to all cyclists at the end of the day and explicitly reminded them of our expectations in terms of cycling safely.

Moving forward, where a student is identified as cycling to or from school in a reckless or dangerous manner, we will be asking parents to make alternative arrangements for their child travelling to and from school and they will not be permitted to continue to cycle. This is in the best interest of the young people under our care to ensure that they do not continue to put themselves and others at risk when cycling.

As your child cycles to school, we would like to ask for your support in this matter. Please could you discuss the contents of this letter with them and remind them of the need to cycle in a safe and sensible manner.

Yours faithfully



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