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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Expectations regarding pupils cycling to and from school

As a parent/carer of a pupil who cycles to and from school, we are sure that you want your child, first and foremost, to be safe when cycling. Despite the health benefits, cycling on roads is potentially a very dangerous activity and every year, a number of pupils are killed or injured on roads in England. For this reason last academic year, we made the decision to make the wearing of safety helmets mandatory for pupils who wish to cycle to and from school. In addition, pupils who cycle have a duty to cycle safely for the benefit of pedestrians, other road users and members of the public.

The school makes its expectations very clear, in the George Eliot Academy Safety Agreement for Pupils Cycling to and from School document, which is attached. Once the Agreement has been signed by both parent and pupil to say that they accept the terms of the Agreement via this link <https://forms.office.com/r/9cEDRfyHfR> we will provide a bike permit. Please remind your child to carry the permit with them at all times when bringing their bike on site.

Any pupil who is not following the expectations and/or found to be cycling dangerously to and from school and/or not wearing a helmet when cycling to and from school will lose their bike permit. This means that the pupil will not be allowed to bring their bike onto the school site. They will therefore have to make alternative arrangements to travel to and from school.

May I also remind you that the school will not permit electric scooters on site.

We appreciate your support to ensure our pupils are safe. Please also talk to your child about the importance of safe cycling and wearing a helmet.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Zakary
Principal