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Dear Blaise families,

**Subject: Ensuring Safe Cycling for Students - Important Information**

I hope this message finds you well. As we navigate through the academic year, the safety and well-being of our students remain a top priority at Blaise High School. With this in mind, I am writing to highlight an important initiative regarding safe cycling practices to and from school.

Many of our students opt to cycle to school. While we encourage this healthy and environmentally friendly mode of transportation, it's imperative that we ensure our students are equipped with the necessary safety measures and knowledge for a safe journey.

To reinforce safety standards, we kindly request that all cycling students adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Helmet Requirement:** It is mandatory for all students cycling to and from school to wear a helmet. This fundamental safety measure significantly reduces the risk of head injuries.
- **Pavement Riding:** Emphasise to your child the importance of staying off the pavement while cycling, ensuring their safety and that of pedestrians. Children should cycle on the left hand side of the road. If they are not confident in cycling safely on the road, they should not cycle to school.
- **Road Crossing Safety:** Instruct your child to always look both ways before crossing the road, using designated pedestrian crossings when available.

**Bike Marking**

This year, to further enhance safety, local police PCSOs will be visiting our school to mark bikes with security tags. These tags are a proactive measure to ensure our students' safety within the community. Bike marking will happen after school on **Thursday 7th March 2024** between **3:05 - 3:45pm**. The bike marking had to be postponed previously, however we have now secured the above date.

As part of our commitment to supporting students in fostering safe cycling habits, we are also offering assistance to families in providing cycle helmets if needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if your child requires a helmet for safe cycling. We are here to support and ensure the safety of every student on their journey to and from school.

Our goal is to instil responsible and safe practices in our students, empowering them to navigate their surroundings confidently and securely. By working together and reinforcing these essential safety guidelines, we can create a safer environment for our children.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Bate; [bates@blaisehighschool.co.uk](mailto:bates@blaisehighschool.co.uk).

Yours faithfully,

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