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Dear Parents/Carers

Bike Permits

We wish to support our parents and carers to ensure that our pupils who cycle to and from Hartshill Academy are doing so safely. 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 the wearing of safety helmets is mandatory for pupils who wish to cycle to and from Hartshill Academy. In addition, pupils who cycle have a duty to cycle safely for the benefits of pedestrians, other roads users and members of the public.

The expectations are very clear in the *Agreement for pupils cycling to and from Hartshill Academy* document at the end of this letter.

Once the agreement has been completed by both parent/carer and the pupil to say that they accept the terms of the agreement via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/4tkiqE3ZCv> we will provide a bike permit.

If you applied for a permit last year you do not need to complete this form again.

Any pupil who is not following the expectations or is found to be riding dangerously or arrives not wearing a helmet will lose their bike permit. This means that the pupil will not be allowed to bring their bike onto the Hartshill Academy site. They will therefore have to make alternative arrangements to travel to and from the academy. If pupils store their bike anywhere on site outside the designated bike shed the bike will be confiscated and parents/carer will be asked to collect the bike.

May I also remind you that we do 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



Lorraine Taylor
Principal

Agreement for pupils cycling to and from Hartshill Academy

I agree to take full responsibility for the following:

- My bike will be road worthy, this includes reflective gear and lights
- I will cycle to and from school safely
- I will not carry passengers on my bike
- I will cycle on the road and not the pavement
- I will wear a helmet when cycling to and from school
- I will enter and leave the academy site safely
- I will walk with my bike whilst on the academy site
- I will have a lock for securing my bike in the bike shed during the day
- I will not tamper with or use any other pupil's bike in the bike shed
- I have read the highway code rules for cyclists which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82>
- I fully understand that failure to comply with these expectations will result in permission being withdrawn