



The Mosslands School

A TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE



Cycling to School

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Dear Parents

We encourage students to cycle to school; however this must be done in a safe manner. On Friday 2nd July we had an incident when two students were nearly knocked off their bikes directly outside school. Upon investigation we established that neither of the two bikes had any brakes, and that this had been the main cause of what could have been a very serious accident.

We have examined all of the bikes that students come to school on, and identified a large number that are in the same state, i.e. no brakes. These bikes are not road legal.

Our Safer Schools Police Officer, PC Garland and myself feel that we would be negligent if we failed to act upon this issue. We are therefore instigating a series of cycle checks over the next two weeks.

Any bike that is not road legal will be seized by the Police and only returned to parents upon the assurance that they will have brakes fitted. Seized bikes will be safely stored in a room in school whilst awaiting recovery from parents.

I recognise that this may appear to be very draconian, but I would rather upset a few students/parents that have a child killed or seriously injured on their way to school.

I thank you for your support.

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