



## HALFPENNY LANE

J, I & N SCHOOL

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers,

As we continue to work hard at school to educate all the children about the importance of both road safety as a pedestrian and a cyclist, I would like to share some thoughts with you.

We are always looking for new and healthy ways as to how the children travel to and from school, in the safest possible manner, whilst taking their age into account. With regards to cycling to school, we would like to request that only children in Y5 and Y6 are able to do this and if they are to do so, certain criteria is met.

- The bicycle being ridden should meet all the necessary safety standards. Please could all parents/carers carefully check and monitor the condition of the bicycle and all the key functions - tyres, brakes, lights etc.
- All children who may choose to cycle to school are wearing a safety helmet, which meets the relevant safety standards.
- The children who are cycling to school have experienced and passed their Bikability training.
- The school has received written permission from parents and carers allowing their child to cycle to school.
- The children who are cycling to school will require a locking mechanism, to help them secure their bicycles at school in the HPL cycle park.

I am sure you will agree that all the points listed above are extremely important and will help both parents and the school to ensure the safety of the children remains of paramount importance. As you may be aware, yesterday we welcomed our Police Schools Liaison Officer into school, who delivered an excellent age appropriate assembly to all the children. Their messages to the children and the school were very aligned to the points listed above.

Best wishes,  
Yours sincerely,

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