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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I recently wrote to you regarding the cycling habits of a small number of students. I am, increasingly, becoming more alarmed by the lack of road awareness that some cyclists seem to demonstrate and I am aware, via communications directly to myself and through perusing social media, that the issue on the roads in and around The Duston School remains precarious. As a school we have sought police support with this matter, both in terms of a physical presence on the Berrywood Road at the end of the school day and in terms of addressing our students via assemblies. The response and support to date has been disappointing and we are asking the police again to assist us a school.

With this in mind, as of the start of next term, any student who cycles to The Duston School will have to wear a cycle helmet. Equally, as a student cycling to school enters the school site they must, as stated in previous communications, dismount their bicycle and push it. Students will only be allowed to enter and exit the school site on their bicycle via the gates closest to the Primary Phase building. Any student falling foul of these expectations will be prohibited from bringing their bicycle to school. To date, I have already banned three students from bringing their bicycle to school due to their dangerous and reckless behaviour. Please note that these measures are purely to safeguard all of The Duston School's students and the motorists who use the roads near the school and the school car park itself.

Kind regards

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