



ASH MANOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Cycling Safety and E-Scooters

Earlier this week, two Ash Manor students have been knocked off their bikes whilst travelling to and from school.

In one incident, the student did not check the carriageway and attempted to cross the road behind a stationary bus and was hit by a car. Thankfully, the driver managed to slow enough to avoid any serious injury to the child.

In a second incident, a student was hit by a car as it joined the main carriageway from a side road. In this incident it appears that the driver was at fault. Thankfully, it seems this child has also escaped serious injury.

If your child is using a bike to travel to and from school, please can you ensure that they are competent cyclists, have appropriate hazard awareness and understand the Highway Code rules for cyclists. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82>

Please can you also ensure that they have a helmet which fits correctly, and that they know how to wear it. Multiple students are arriving at school with their helmets hanging off their bag or handlebars. I have seen, and addressed, a student with their helmet on back to front. <https://www.halfords.com/cycling/video-how-to-fit-a-cycle-helmet.html>

Please ensure that while cycling during low light or in darkness, that your child's bike has working lights. <https://www.bikeradar.com/features/bike-light-laws-in-the-uk-what-you-need-to-know/>
Please also check that their bike is safe to use, and that they know how to check its safety. <https://www.bikeradar.com/advice/workshop/how-to-safety-check-your-bike/>. You may wish to book cycling training for your child. <https://www.bikeability.org.uk/get-cycling/cycle-training-for-children/>

Please also note that students are **not** permitted to travel to and from school on E-scooters. It is illegal to use them on pavements and roads. Please use the following link [Are Electric Scooters Legal | UK Scooter Law | Halfords UK](#)

Thank you for your support in keeping our students, and your children, safe.

Kind regards,

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