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Dear Parents,

To ensure the safety of all students and staff, on entering school grounds students must dismount from their bicycles and walk them to the bike storage facilities. Bicycles are the personal belongings of individual students and must be appropriately and securely stored within the bike storage facilities.

The prime responsibility for transporting students to and from school rests with parents, not the school. As school travel does not occur within 'school hours' or on the school premises and as it does not involve supervision by school staff, the school does not accept any legal liability for any accident or injury that occurs while students are riding to and from school.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school rests solely with the parents. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the School's insurance does not cover road accidents or loss or damage to bicycles on, or off, school premises. We would also recommend that parents ensure that their child has followed appropriate bicycle training or a similar safety course before riding to and from school.

In the interest of health & safety Walton High School recommends that students who have been granted permission to bring their bicycle to school wear an approved bicycle helmet.

Cycle Rules:

1. Within the school, cycling is not permitted.
2. Bicycles brought to school must be in a good, safe working order and must be fitted with working brakes.
3. Bicycles are to be stored in the bike shed provided. Bicycles must be locked with a chain/padlock or appropriate bicycle lock supplied by the bicycle owner.
4. Bicycles and safety helmets are brought and stored on school grounds entirely at the owner's risk.
5. No students will be allowed into the bicycle shed during school hours without staff permission. Only bicycle riders may go into the bicycle shed before and after school.
6. Students should under no circumstances tamper in any way with another student's bicycle, lock or helmet. A student found to have done this, particularly in a way which might endanger the user's safety, will be expected to pay for any damage caused and further sanctions may be applied. For serious offences the police may be involved.
7. Parents will be notified if students do not adhere to the school's Bicycle Policy. This may lead to the student being refused entry with their bicycle to school. After one formal warning, if there is a further infringement, permission to bring a bicycle on to the school site, will be withdrawn for one full half term. Any further infringement and permission will be withdrawn for the remainder of the school year.
8. Any students riding dangerously on public footpaths or public roads, being disrespectful to others on the way to school or when leaving school, will receive a formal warning if there is a further infringement, permission to bring a bicycle on to the school site, will be withdrawn for one full half term. Any further infringement and permission will be withdrawn for the remainder of the school year. Depending on the seriousness of the incident a student may also receive a consequence in line with our school behaviour policy.

If there is a further infringement, permission to bring a bicycle on to the school site will be withdrawn for the remainder of their time at the school. Please note that cycling, or not being able to cycle to school should permission be withdrawn, cannot be used by a student as an excuse for late arrival. Parents should ensure that students are on time for school.

N.B. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS WEAR A CYCLE HELMET WHEN RIDING TO AND FROM SCHOOL



BICYCLE PERMISSION NOTE: (TO BE COMPLETED BY A PARENT/CARER)

I give permission for _____ (child's name) _____ (tutor group) to ride their bicycle to and from school.

I understand that the roads around Walton High School are very busy and quite dangerous, especially at the start and finish of the school day. I have read and understand the bicycle information provided.

I have read and explained the bicycle information provided to my child.

I understand that it is my responsibility to keep the bicycle well-maintained and road worthy, with all component parts working correctly.

I understand that bicycles are brought to school entirely at the owner's own risk.

I understand that if the policy is not followed, my child may not be allowed to bring their bicycle onto school grounds.

I understand that Walton High School highly recommends the use of safety helmets when riding to and from school.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT NAME: _____

Relationship to child: _____