



# Orchard Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the weather finally improving, we have recently noticed an increase in children travelling to and from school on bikes and scooters. While we are pleased to see children choosing active ways to travel, we have also observed some safety concerns that we wanted to bring to your attention.

A number of children have been riding without helmets and not always following basic road safety rules. This includes riding too quickly near the school gates, cycling on the wrong side of the road, not cycling in a safe way (including doing wheelies down the middle of the road) and not always being aware of traffic, pedestrians, or other children. We are concerned that this could lead to someone being injured.

To help address this, we held an assembly last week about **cycle safety**, reminding the children about the importance of wearing helmets, riding responsibly and being aware of others when travelling to and from school. We talked about the Highway Code and rules for safe cycling, and about how it was important to check your bike or scooter was in good condition and safe for use.

We hope to be able to develop our cycle safety work further in school, particularly with our older children who we know cycle more independently. However, we would also appreciate your support from home by reinforcing these messages with your child. Please could you ensure that children who cycle to school wear a helmet and understand the importance of following the rules of the road and riding safely, particularly in busy areas around the school. If we see children not behaving safely on their bikes or scooters, we will not allow them to store their equipment on the school premises for a set period of time and will be requesting your support and understanding with this.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all of our children safe.

Kind regards,

*Mrs. H. Caldwell*

