



# Marshall's Park School and Performing Arts College



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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you as your son/daughter often rides a bike to and from school. Recently, a number of concerns have been raised about the safety of our students who ride bikes to school. These concerns have come from staff members, local neighbours and drivers who use the roads around the school; and a number of 'near-miss' accidents have been reported.

Your son/daughter has been spoken to in school about the issue of riding safely, both on the roads around the school, and on the school site itself.

In order to reinforce this message and help ensure the safety of your son/daughter, please can you speak to them about the following issues which have been raised:

- Students who ride their bikes together should make sure they are in single file, not riding in groups in a way which blocks the road from vehicles getting past.
- Students should not ride in groups blocking the pavements.
- Students should not ride their bikes across the A12 at the junction with Pettits Lane, but should walk with their bikes across the bridge. *(Drivers have reported some potentially dangerous incidents where students are riding across the lanes of A12, in particular the filter lanes, where drivers are only looking one way for oncoming vehicles and are not expecting cyclists to ride across at that point)*
- Students should make sure they are riding on the correct side of the road and not towards on coming traffic.
- Students should take great care when moving from the pavement onto the road and should slow down and look behind them, checking on approaching vehicles before doing so.
- Students should not ride their bikes on the pathways down to the front entrance of the school or along the side of the school building to the bike cages, or through the car park, but should dismount and walk with their bikes to the bike cages.
- Students should not ride their bikes in the playground area next to the bike cages.
- Students make sure they are in control at all times should avoid 'trick' riding such as not holding the handlebars, 'wheelies' or having another student sitting on the front or back of the bike.

Please can you sign the reply slip to say that you give permission for your son/daughter to continue riding their bike to school and that the safety expectations have been discussed. Thank you for your support in this matter and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully

Year Leader

To Year Leader:

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FORM \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick:

I confirm that I give permission for my son/daughter to ride their bike to school   
I confirm that I have spoken to them about the safety expectations when cycling

Parent / Carer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

