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Dear Parents / Carers

### **Travel to school following return to school post closure**

With our imminent return to school, we thought it would be a good idea for our students to start considering their travel to and from school. In a recent Student Survey, a few students mentioned that they have enjoyed not having to travel to school whilst working from home, which does indicate that it is an important aspect of school life worth exploring together with your children prior to their return.

85% of our school community live within a two-mile distance from the school. To walk two miles should take approximately 40 minutes. This should be no issue for our fit and healthy students. Getting out and walking at the start and end of their day should be a pleasure and a new found freedom for students to enjoy. Please remember that social distancing is still required and essential to ensure everyone's safety.

Students may also wish to cycle to school and the two-mile distance should take no more than about 15 minutes. Cycling is great fun and a good way to travel, particularly when one wishes to avoid the bus or the tube.

If students are to cycle to school, the following should be carefully checked with families:

1. Possession of good road cycling skills and ability to cycle safely on the road.
2. Bicycles need to be in good and roadworthy condition. Both brakes must work effectively. Tyres need to be inflated and in good condition. The bicycle should be adjusted to suit the rider.
3. We strongly recommend that cyclists wear a cycle helmet. A bright, hi vis top is essential to make you more visible to the car drivers and so, is highly recommended.
4. For night time riding, bright lights need to be on the front and back of the bicycle.
5. When locking bicycles in the cycle shed at school, students must use a strong D lock and remove all quick-release components such as lights, pumps and store them safely.
6. On leaving school at the end of the day, students must walk their bicycles off the school site and find a suitable and safe place to mount bicycles on the road.
7. If using the cycle path in North Harrow, cycle slowly as pedestrians will also be walking on the path. Remember that pedestrians always have the right of way.
8. Students should ride their bicycles in a careful and sociable manner at all times. Always show consideration and think of others.

I would be happy to check any student's bike and suggest corrections if there is an issue, however, this is ultimately the parental responsibility.



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**Should a student cycle to school on a bicycle which is dangerous and not roadworthy, the bicycle will be locked and released once I have had a conversation with the rider.**

Alternatively, students may wish to scooter or skateboard to school. If so, please ensure that students are safe and confident to do so. They will also need a lock and cable to secure scooters or skateboards while left parked in the cycle sheds.

If you have no other choice but to use a car for travel to and from school, please could parents drop off and pick their up child a fair distance from the school entrance. This way we will avoid large groups waiting on the pavements for the car to arrive. Please do all you can to be mindful and socially distance yourself from each other.

However, students choose to travel to school, they need to always be mindful of the need to socially distance themselves in order to protect their families, friends and the school community. We look forward to having the students back in school.

Yours sincerely

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Please see some excellent cycling tips here <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/commuting>