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Dear Parent/Carer

Cycling Code of Conduct

During the last academic year, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of students choosing to cycle to school. Due to the large increase in numbers, from the beginning of September 2017, any student wishing to ride to school will need to have their bike registered with school. All students leaving school by bike between 3.10-3.30 pm will need to leave through the back entrance on Pennine Avenue in order to reduce congestion on Sundon Park Road at this peak time

If your child currently cycles to school or may cycle in the future, we will require that the confirmation slip is signed and returned to Mr Ward. Once the confirmation slip is returned, we will register the make and model of your child's bike and will stick a small Lealands hologrammed sticker onto the frame of the bike to indicate that it has been registered. This will mean that we can keep a track of the number of bikes being bought to school. **Unregistered bikes will not be permitted to use the school bike rack after Friday, 15th September 2017.**

There have been occasions in the past where a small minority of students have been seen riding dangerously on the way to and from school and also in school grounds. If we feel that your child is not following our cycle code of conduct, we reserve the right to withdraw the privilege of riding to school and using the bike rack on school grounds. If, at any time, we deem this to be necessary, we will inform you in writing of the decision. We would make this decision in order to help ensure the safety of your child, pedestrians and other road users.

Lealands High School cannot be held responsible for anything that happens to your child or their bike if the decision is made that they can ride to school. The school will not check to see if the bike is properly secured to the bike rack - this is your child's responsibility. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child is properly and safely equipped, that the bike is of a good roadworthy condition and your child is aware of the Highway Code regarding cyclists. We strongly recommend students wear a helmet when riding to and from school. These can be left in students' lockers during the school day.

If you have any questions about our Cycling Code of Conduct please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Support Manager.

Yours sincerely

Mr S J Ward
Deputy Headteacher

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LEALANDS HIGH SCHOOL CYCLING CODE OF CONDUCT

Student's Name: Tutor Group:

We agree to the Cycling Code of Conduct.

Make of Bicycle: Model of Bicycle:

Student's Signature: Date:

Parent/Carer's Signature: Date:

Please return to: Mr S J Ward, Deputy Headteacher



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Lealands High School recognises the many positive benefits of pupils cycling to and from school. We, therefore, look to encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

Some of the benefits of cycling to school include:

- improving health through physical activity;
- establishing positive active travel behaviour;
- promoting independence and improving safety awareness;
- reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community;
- reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

To encourage as many pupils to cycle to school as we can, the school will:

- actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling;
- celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school;
- provide cycle storage on the school site;
- provide lockers for the storage of equipment such as helmets;
- provide high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate.

To make cycling to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code;
- take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained;
- behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling;
- we strongly advise that all students wear a cycle helmet;
- ensure they can be seen by other road users by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate
- walk their cycle to and from the front gates of the school
- lock their cycle in the cycle shed provided.

For the well-being of our pupils, we expect parents and carers to:

- encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling;
- provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and cycle helmet as appropriate;
- ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with the parent/carer and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision. Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

Students who do not follow this code will have their permission to bring a cycle onto the school site revoked and further action may be taken.