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Dear Parents and Carers

Safeguarding updates – cycling and Springfield Park

Working with the community

We are writing to raise awareness of recent issues regarding antisocial behaviour in and around Springfield Park and the area locally known as “the Ralla.” These spaces are frequently used by young people, particularly those cycling to and from school. While they remain valued parts of our local community, recent reports have highlighted a rise in incidents involving unsafe riding, scrambler bikes, substance misuse, and occasional confrontations between groups of young people, often linked to attempted bike theft.

Merseyside Police are monitoring this area and we are working closely with all local partners to monitor the situation and support student safety.

We ask for your support in speaking with your child about the importance of respectful behaviour in public spaces and the risks associated with antisocial activity. If your child witnesses or experiences anything concerning, they should report it to a trusted adult or through school safeguarding channels.

Cycling to School: safety, security and responsibility

We actively encourage cycling to school as a healthy and sustainable choice. However, it's vital that students ride responsibly and take steps to protect themselves and their property.

Please remind your child to:

- Wear a helmet and use lights and reflective gear, especially during darker mornings and evenings.
- Follow the Highway Code and be mindful of pedestrians and other road users.
- Lock their bike securely using a D-lock or similar, and park only in designated areas on school grounds. We take no responsibility for bikes parked on the school grounds.
- Avoid riding in groups in a way that could be perceived as intimidating or unsafe by others.
- Refrain from riding through Springfield Park or using the Ralla if they feel unsafe.

Registering your child's bike

To help prevent theft and aid recovery if a bike is lost or stolen, we strongly recommend registering your child's bike with a national cycle database. This is a free and simple process that records the bike's details and frame number, making it easier for police to identify and return stolen bikes. You can register your bike at: www.bikeregister.com



Once registered, you'll receive a unique BikeRegister ID and can request a tamper-proof sticker to visibly mark the bike. This acts as a deterrent and helps authorities trace ownership quickly.

We also advise keeping a photo of the bike and noting down its make, model, and frame number for your records.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us keep our students safe, respectful, and ready to thrive in school and beyond.

Best wishes

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