

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dingle Community Primary School is keen to encourage riding to school to promote healthy and environmentally friendly lifestyles and to help to reduce congestion at busy times before and after school. To support this, bike/scooter racks have been installed near both KS1 and KS2 playground gates. However, riding to school is potentially very dangerous and as a school we want to ensure that we are doing all that we can to promote safe riding to school. Therefore, the following will be expected:

- The bike/scooter will need to be road worthy and children will need to have basic riding skills.
- Parents understand that bikes/scooters stored in the bicycle/scooter area are left entirely at the owner's risk and the school is not in any way responsible for the security and safe keeping of the property. Bike/scooter locks are allowed.
- Parents understand that the school is not liable in any way for any injury or damage caused either on the journey to or from school while riding a bicycle/scooter.
- Children in **Year 5 and 6** can only ride to school unaccompanied if parents have provided permission to walk to and from school alone. If you have not given permission but would like to, please ask the school office for a permission slip.
- **Year 5 and 6** parents will ensure they are aware of the route that they are using to ride to school, if riding alone (see point above).
- During the winter months when riding alone to and from school in the dark light, **Year 5 and 6** children will wear reflective clothing and ensure their bike/scooter has front rear lights.
- Children in **Year 5 and 6** will be responsible for collecting their bike and helmet at the end of the day if riding alone.
- All children will ride in a safe manner and consider pedestrians as well as other school children.
- Helmets must be worn to and from school when cycling, these can be stored on coat pegs.
- Riding on the school premises is **not permitted**, children must walk with their bike/scooter when they arrive at school and leave at the end of the day.
- Children who are found to be riding dangerously to and from school will have permission to cycle to school withdrawn.

We would appreciate parents sharing the above expectations with their children to ensure they have a clear understanding of responsibilities as this will help to support safe cycling.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Anderson  
Headteacher

