

Dear Parent,

We are now 4 weeks into the new academic year and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share our revised expectations around the safe arrival to and departure from the Kingsdown School site. Your support here is truly valued especially in sharing these messages and ensuring that your child is on site by 8.30am at the latest.

Mrs Criddle, Assistant Headteacher for behaviour has now started her maternity leave. During her absence, I will be taking over the leadership of behaviour, working with our staff and students to continue to raise our standards and expectations.

From Monday 4th November, students wishing to cycle to school must have applied for a bike permit. This can be done by completing and returning the attached form by Tuesday 22nd October. The application form is also located in the "Travel" section under the "Parents" Tab on our website. Completed forms should be emailed or returned in paper form to the Student Services Reception.

Students who have applied for a bike permit must:

- Wear a helmet whilst riding to and from school
- Cycle without wearing headphones
- Ensure they dismount their bike at the top of the drive way and walk it to the storage
- Lock their bike and helmet securely in the storage area
- Service their bike regularly to ensure brakes/tyres are safe for road use
- Ensure bikes are fitted with lights in preparation for winter months
- Cycle sensibly on the journey, using cycle paths and on the correct side of the road, obeying the highway code
- Display their bike permit tag
- Arrive to lock their bike up by 8.25am at the latest

Where students don't meet these very simple and safe expectations their permit will be removed for a fixed period of time and they will not be allowed to cycle to school. Our pastoral team will communicate any concerns with you. CCTV will be present in this area of school as well as on the approach path to the compound to help us monitor student behaviour.

A new purpose-built bike storage area has been built for this academic year and is located by the Art block. Students will need to enter the site down the road at the side of school, next to the exit gate. They must dismount before entry and walk their bikes to the storage area. Duty staff will be present to direct students.

Pedestrians

All students walking to school may only enter through the pedestrian access at the top of the drive. They must enter the school gates in front of reception. Again, they must be on site for 8.30am.

Students Arriving by Car

Where possible, we ask that students arriving by car are dropped off in nearby roads unless entering the school site is a necessity. This helps avoid congestion and keeps the area safer for our students. Thank you for your support and understanding here.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact me on rlees@kingsdownschool.co.uk,

Yours sincerely



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