

Safe arrivals to the Kingsdown Site

Dear Parent,

As we move towards the end of term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you and your children of our expectations around the safe arrival to and departure of the Kingsdown School Site. During the morning and after school periods, traffic on the surrounding roads can be busy. All students must be on school site no later than 8:25am.

From Monday 11th January, students wishing to cycle to school must apply for a permit to do so. This can be done by downloading the form from the school website, located in the "Travel" section under the "Parents" Tab or by collecting a paper copy from student services. Completed forms should be e mailed or returned in paper form to the Student Services Reception.

Students who have applied for a cycle permit MUST:

- Wear a helmet whilst riding to and from school
- Cycle **without** wearing headphones
- Ensure they dismount their bicycle at the top of the drive way and walk it to the bike storage
- Lock their bike and helmet securely in the storage area
- Service their bike regularly to ensure brakes/tyres etc 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

Students must carry their bike permit in their blazer pocket to allow duty staff to check it when necessary and those who have permits will have a tag for their bike. Should students be found cycling in a dangerous manner, either to themselves or other road users, they may have their permit withdrawn. We will of course discuss this with parents/carers.

A new bike storage area has been built for this academic year and is located by the Art block.

All students arriving on bikes should do so down the road next to the exit gate of our school site (A). They will need to dismount and walk their bike to the entrance of the bike storage (B) and then enter the school site through the gate (C).

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.

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.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact me on lcriddle@kingsdownschool.co.uk (KS3)/ rieles@kingsdownschool.co.uk (KS4),

With thanks

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