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Dear Parents/Carers

Scooter Safety Awareness Training – Thursday 14th September 2023

Over the next few weeks we will be having safeguarding assemblies where we will be learning about keeping safe, staying healthy, and being environmental friendly.

I shared in the first school newsletter of the term the following updates.

- We have two new scooter pods school which will be secured shortly in the KS1 and KS2 entrances. Each scooter pod can hold up to 12 scooters and, if you wish, have holes to lock the scooter to the pod.
- Clean Air Day – Car Free Day Friday 22nd September 2023 – We would like to encourage as many families to travel on foot or by scooter or bike on this day.

As we continue to promote alternative, environmentally friendly and healthy methods of travel to school we feel it is important to ensure that children travelling to school or around the community with their families need to know how to:

- handle their scooter safely and with control.
- be road aware when travelling on pavements and crossing driveways and roads.
- scoot with confidence and stability when riding their scooter.

Therefore, we have organised for a Scooter Smart day to take place in school on **Thursday 14th September** for pupils in Reception to Y6.

On Scooter Smart day a senior transport officer from Derbyshire County Council will be in school. Each class from Reception to Year 6 will have a scooter training workshop and will be accompanied by their class teacher.

We would like every child to bring their scooter to school that day if they have one. The children will be learning how to use their scooter safely and take part riding around the skills course that will be set up. Each class will have a scooter parking zone on the junior and infant department playgrounds. Please **do not** go and buy a scooter if you do not have one at present. We have a small collection of scooters that the children will be able to access if they do not have one.

If you could take two minutes to follow the link below and complete the 3-question online form to indicate if your child will be bringing their own scooter or if they will need to borrow one. This will help us plan and prepare for the day. Thank you.

Scooter Smart Day - equipment



If your child normally wears a helmet and/or elbow/knee pads while scooting and you would like them to wear this on the day you can send this safety wear with your child. However, this isn't considered necessary equipment for the activities that will be undertaken.

The Scooter Smart session last around 30-40 minutes - please ensure your child dresses appropriately – i.e. send a waterproof coat if rain is forecast and a hat and sun cream applied if warm.

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful Scooter Smart Day!

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher