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ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, the roads surrounding Ashfield School are very busy and hazardous. This has been brought into sharp focus this week following a serious accident on the A38 junction involving a cyclist. In the past, our students have also been involved in accidents and near misses.

As a school we have a duty to educate students on road safety and we do so through assemblies and tutor sessions emphasising the need to take extra care on roads and use crossings whenever possible. We are also planning to further strengthen the road safety element of our PDE (Personal Development) curriculum for next year.

Please, help us to reinforce this vital road safety message by speaking directly to your children about the dangers present on local roads. Emphasise to your child their responsibility for behaving sensibly and safely on the journey to and from school and for avoiding distractions (such as mobile phones). The fact that, nationally, most accidents occur in the summer months and involve boys is also worth noting.

In addition, if you have taken the decision to allow your child to cycle to and from school, please insist that they always wear a helmet and regularly inspect bicycles for road worthiness. Full cycling safety guidance is given in the Highway Code, available online.

I often say to students in road safety assemblies that I dread the thought that one day I will have to contact a parent to tell them their child has been injured (or worse) on the journey to or from school. Thanks for you cooperation and support in trying to ensure that such a day never arrives.

Yours

Mr Maher
Head Teacher

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