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Dear Shacklewell families,

re: Safety and Sustainable Travel - Bike, Scooters and Skateboards

It is wonderful to see an increasing number of children and families choosing to travel to school by bicycle, scooter, and skateboard. We fully embrace this commitment to active travel, which not only supports our pupils' health and well-being but also contributes to a greener environment for our community. To ensure that our school site remains a safe and accessible space for everyone at the start and end of the day, we would like to share some key safety reminders and updates to our site protocols.

Keeping Our Walkways Clear

With the high volume of traffic at the school gates, maintaining a smooth flow of movement is essential. To help reduce congestion and avoidable delays, parents and carers who cycle to school will no longer be able to take their bicycles into the playground or leave them leaning against school walls. We ask that all adult bicycles are secured to an appropriate bike rack, whether inside or outside the school gates. Furthermore, as many of our families now use large cargo bikes, we ask for extra mindfulness regarding their size and manoeuvrability. These are fantastic for transport, but our school walkways are narrow; please consider whether there is sufficient space for these larger items during peak times to ensure all pedestrians can pass safely.

Safety at the Gates and on the Premises:

The safety of our youngest pupils and those with buggies is paramount. Unfortunately, we have had several "near misses" recently where children have cycled or scooted through the gates at speed, resulting in collisions. In order to prevent this we are asking that all visitors to Shacklewell dismount at the gates.

Security and Storage:

To keep your equipment safe, please ensure all bicycles are securely locked to prevent loss or damage. We also ask that all items are taken home each evening, as we are unable to provide overnight storage or take responsibility for items left on the premises after school hours. In addition the scooter area is becoming increasingly difficult to navigate so please ask your children to take the scooters right up to the wall and secure them against the storage racks.

We are proud of how many of our families are choosing active ways to get to school. By following these simple steps, we can ensure that the school run remains a safe, efficient, and pleasant experience for every member of our community.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Rory McGrath
Headteacher