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Autumn 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Cycling to school**

Denefield School is happy to encourage an increase in the number of students cycling to school. In the most recent West Berkshire secondary school travel survey, 2% of Denefield students said that they currently cycle to school but 12% said that they would like to in the future. To support this ambition, we have installed a new secure covered cycle storage area to accommodate 100 bikes.

However, the decision as to whether a child is competent to negotiate such hazards as may present themselves on the route from home to school and back must rest with parents. Denefield School has no liability for any consequences of that decision. We can organise 'Bikeability' cycle training to give students the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. Please contact me if you would like your child to receive this training; there is a nominal charge for this externally delivered course.

Parents are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bikes.

### **Cycle helmets**

Students are **strongly advised** to wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet and use appropriate reflective clothing and bike lights when visibility is poor. It is the responsibility of parents to provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) recommends that cyclists wear a cycle helmet that meets a recognised safety standard. Cycle helmets, when correctly worn, are effective in reducing the risk of receiving major head or brain injuries in an accident.

### **Cycle Parking Permit**

Denefield School supports students who wish to walk or cycle to school since it benefits their general development, improves their health and fitness, and reduces traffic outside the school making conditions safer for everyone. If you wish your child to cycle to school, would you please complete the form below. It is important that we know the numbers of children cycling to school, **even on an irregular basis**, in order that we can make appropriate security and safety arrangements.

### **Conditions for cycle parking at school:**

1. All bikes must be in a roadworthy condition and regularly maintained.
2. Cyclists must ride sensibly and follow the Highway Code.
3. Cyclists must not ride their bikes anywhere on the school site.
4. All bikes must be locked securely in the approved cycle parking area.
5. Cyclists must respect the property of all other bike users.

Please note that Denefield School reserves the right to revoke a Cycle Parking Permit in the event that these conditions are not met.

If you would like to discuss any of these matters further, please contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Boys  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## Application for a School Cycle Parking Permit 2011/2012

*Please return to Mr Boys via student reception*

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor group: \_\_\_\_\_

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I accept the above conditions and request permission for my child to be given access to cycle parking at the school.

Cycle serial no: \_\_\_\_\_ Lock serial no: \_\_\_\_\_

Cycle make: \_\_\_\_\_ Cycle Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Cycle colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Features: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Carer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*On behalf of Denefield School:*

Approved / Not approved \_\_\_\_\_ Permit number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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