



DUKE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Cycle Storage at Duke's School

As you are aware, some weeks ago there was a spate of thefts of bikes from the Duke's School bike shed located by the school gate. As a temporary measure, we have been storing bikes and scooters in the school building each day. As the weather improves, we are now finding that an increasing number of pupils are travelling to school by bike and we are unable to store such a large volume within the building.

Our insurers investigated the thefts and found that the school had acted appropriately in the provision of the bicycle shed. We will, therefore, no longer be storing bikes or scooters inside school and will open the bike shed for use again from Monday 29th April 2019.

Please note the following:

- If your child brings a bike or scooter to school they will need to bring a suitable lock to secure it during the day in the bike shed.
- The school cannot guarantee the security of the bike shed and any personal property brought on to school property, including bikes and scooters, remains the responsibility of the owner and not the school.
- The bike shed will be open each morning until 8.50am, when the gate will be locked. It will remain locked until the bell sounds for the end of the school day.
- School will have locks that pupils can borrow should they forget to bring their own. By loaning a lock to a pupil the school is attempting to assist a pupil, and the school does not take responsibility for the security of the item being locked.

We have spent a great deal of time in investigating alternative locations for the bike shed, and we have a plan to relocate it to a position closer to the building. However, this is likely to happen during the summer holiday. For the time being we wanted to ensure that pupils could continue to use the old bike shed until the new one is in place.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Gibson
Principal



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