



Harriers Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As mentioned last week, we are very excited that the Women's Tour of Britain cycling event will be passing right outside Harriers on Monday 4th October. This is an amazing opportunity for our pupils and community to see world class athletes in their home town. It does however bring logistical challenges for parents/carers collecting children from school so we have been thinking how we can help resolve this.

There is a chance the Bloxham Road will be closed from 1:30pm to after 3:15pm. You will still be able to gain pedestrian access, especially via the Easington Rec, but we know many of you will be travelling from the other side of the Bloxham Road. We will therefore offer an optional early pick up time of 1pm for any family who think they will have issues reaching the site at the normal pickup time. You **must** inform the office via phone or email by 3pm on Thursday 30th September if you need to use the early pick up time so we can organise this in school. If you do pick up early at 1pm we would encourage you to take your child to see the event from a roadside, or additional events on South Bar, as this is a unique opportunity to witness a major sports event in Banbury.

Of course, school will remain open for all pupils until the normal finish time, as does after school club. Please do your best to be on time, but we will obviously keep your child(ren) safe in school if you are held up on that day.

Please note, on Monday 4th October, the only pick up times are 1pm or the normal end of day times. We will not be releasing children before 1pm or through the afternoon.

For all the children in school after 1pm, we do hope to take them outside to watch the race pass on the Bloxham Road. We will confirm plans for this once we know how many children are going to be in school. We will also risk assess to decide which year groups go outside, as it is a bigger logistical challenge to take our younger pupils outside of school. As this would count as a local trip, we will use the consent choices that you have previously provided to the school for your child(ren) to go and watch the cycling. If this has changed, please contact your class teacher via Seesaw to tell them otherwise.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pearson
Executive Principal

