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Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you are aware the Women's Tour of Britain cycling event is coming to North Oxfordshire on Monday 4th October. With the grand depart in Bicester and stage 1 finish in Banbury it really is on our doorstep.

Please use this link to find out the key details of the race and the potential disruption it may cause to access in and around Banbury. <https://www.womenstour.co.uk/stages/stage-1/>

On the day there are a number of ways our pupils can get involved:

Line the route

There will be a convoy of police escorts, television crews, support vehicles and obviously the riders themselves – I'm sure the children will get a real sense of excitement, and it's not often you get the opportunity to experience elite sport on your doorstep!

You may either collect your child from school at 1pm and go to watch the race, or we will as a school line the Bloxham Road. Please note we cannot guarantee that we will be able to take all children out to watch the race. Obviously given the nature of the event it's not easy to predict when riders will reach a certain point, particularly during the latter stages when weather and road conditions may have impacted the race and the speed of the riders, so please be mindful of this when planning your support.

The riders complete 2 loops of Banbury so there are 2 opportunities to see them come past, but only once up the Bloxham Road.

BMX Pump Track

British Cycling will be building a mini BMX track near Banbury cross that students can have a go on. The bikes and helmets will be provided so students just need to be appropriately dressed and have a drink with them. Staff from British Cycling will be leading the students through a range of activities and some races for each group.

We have secured two slots at 10am and 10:30am, for up to 40 pupils. We will take 20 Year 5/6 pupils at 11am, then 20 year 3/4 pupils at 11:30am. Please complete the form below to apply for a place for your child. Participants will be drawn out of a hat if we are oversubscribed.

Race to the finish line

Whilst we are waiting for the riders to arrive in Banbury, schools will have access to the last part of the course near Banbury Cross. Staff from British Cycling will be organising activities and races for any student that wants to have a go at riding the course and completing their very own sprint finish. This activity is designed for more confident cyclists (Year 5 or 6) and riders will need to bring their own bikes and helmets. We have access to the finish line from 11am to 11:30am and can take 15 pupils. Please complete the form below to apply for a place for your child. Participants will be drawn out of a hat if we are oversubscribed.



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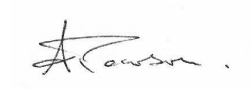
Please remember to inform the office asap if you plan on collecting your child at 1pm on Monday so we can work out staff/pupil ratios for taking the school out to watch on the Bloxham Road.

Link to apply for an activity place: <https://forms.gle/Vj51F9PA7oqWCnU68>

Applications for activity places will close at 10am on Friday.

We are really looking forward to this world class sporting event coming to Banbury and we hope to get the children as involved as possible.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Pearson', with a small flourish at the end.

Alex Pearson
Executive Principal