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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to make sure that you are aware that the cycling race, the ‘Tour of Britain’ has a stage starting and finishing on the Wirral on Wednesday 11 September 2019: <https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-five/>. I am aware that the proposed route passes close by the school and this it would appear includes a sprint. As I understand it, that means a staggering of starts and finishes close to the school. However, there are no details available with regard to times of the day, when it starts and finishes etc. So at this stage I cannot know what impact this will have on students and staff being able to get to school or leave school, and the finer level of detail will not be available until August.

We plan our INSET days on a two year cycle and use three out of the five days to allow for training across the year, one day at the very start of term to make sure that we are ready to receive new students and this year the last INSET day has been pre-booked for the whole staff to undertake a refresher day on safeguarding. So unfortunately we cannot simply move an INSET day to this date to close the school to students.

It may well be that the route passes at times that mean that there is very little disruption to a normal school, but I want to flag up to you now that there may be a need to alter the school day or indeed to close on 11 September 2019. As soon as we are made aware of timings and potential impact I will write to you again, but this is likely to be at the very start of September and I realise that for many of you this will be very late notice.

I am sorry that I cannot get you any further detail at this time. I do realise that this is a fantastic opportunity for our community to showcase itself to potentially a global audience and I have no doubt that there are huge potential benefits for our community. We will do everything we can to try to keep the school safe and open.

Yours sincerely





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Headteacher