



To Parents/Carers of all students

25 August 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, the Tour of Britain cycling race takes place next month. Stage 5 of the race, from Aberdare to Bath, takes place on Thursday 8 September and the route brings the race through Wotton-under-Edge and then past the school to Kingswood as it heads towards Bath. The first cyclists are due pass the school at around 14:15 while the slowest may pass as late as 14:58.

Based on experience of similar events, it is likely that the roads will be closed up to 30 minutes before the race is due and may remain closed for some time afterwards. This will create considerable difficulties for the transport from school to home at the end of the day, possibly for the coaches to make their way to school during the afternoon and certainly for the journey away from school.

In order to avoid these difficulties, the school day will finish at 12:50 on 8 September with school buses leaving the school at 1:00. If students wish to stay at school to watch the race later in the afternoon, they may do so. We will provide supervision while they are on the school site and, as far as possible, while they watch the race although this will be limited by the nature of the road and dependent on the arrangements made by the police and the race organisers. However, there will be no school to home transport at 14:45. If parents are unable to collect students until later in the afternoon, they can remain at school after the end of the school day and up to 16:30 while they wait to be collected.

May I apologise for any inconvenience that this creates for parents/carers.

Yours sincerely

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