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Dear Parents/Carers,



You may be aware that the Tour of Britain Peloton is coming to Wirral on 11<sup>th</sup> September and will in fact pass through Caldy Road. As is usual for travelling sporting events, there will be necessary road closures and parking restrictions and since the Peloton passes in front of Avalon, you may appreciate that these will inevitably have a direct effect on school and how we can operate safely and smoothly on the day.

Parking restrictions will be imposed on Caldy Road from 18:00hrs on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and no vehicles will be able to park between Meloncroft Road and Sandy Lane until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 16:00 hrs. Parents and staff will therefore be required to park away from school and outside of the no parking zone until such time as the restrictions are lifted.

**Road Closures** will be made approximately <u>15 minutes before</u> the lead cyclists are due and roads will be re-opened approximately 45 minutes after the final riders have passed through.

The route of the peloton can be accessed by using this link: <a href="https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-five/">https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-five/</a>

The stage five timetable shows that lead riders should pass through Caldy Road at approximately 14:00 and the final group should pass through at approximately 14:30. This will inevitably have a direct effect on school collection at the end of the day. We propose therefore, some flexible option for parents, to ease with these logistics:

- a) Parents may collect their child at 13:00 from the school office, if an earlier collection is beneficial for them and perhaps parents may wish to take advantage of being able to take their own child to view the peloton.
- b) Parents may delay collecting their child until **16:00**, when local roads should be re-opened. Please note, any collection of children after this time will be charged for at our After School Club rates.
- c) For those parents who live locally and are able to walk to school on foot, there will be no need change collection routines











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We would be grateful if you could complete and return the reply slip below indicating your intentions, so that we have a better idea of how many children will be leaving early or staying on a little later, in order that we can plan ahead for the day.

Unfortunately, due to safety reasons, we have been advised that there may not be a suitable, safe vantage point for the children to view the Peloton outside of our school, as the riders travel at very high speeds and safety barriers are only on certain parts of the route. We will do our best, however, to enable as many children as possible, to view the event from inside the safety of the school site, although the high fencing and bush line may prove difficult!

More details regarding all local road closures along the route and parking restrictions can be found on Wirral Council's website: <a href="https://www.wirral.gov.uk/">https://www.wirral.gov.uk/</a> searching, 'Stage Five Tour of Britain'.

Yours sincerely

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