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Dear Parents/Carers

Aviva Women's Cycling Tour

As you may be aware the Aviva Women's Cycling Tour is scheduled to pass through Halstead on Thursday 18 June as part of Stage 2, where the competitors will race from Braintree to Clacton (86 miles).

The Aviva Women's Tour is a five day elite cycling race, which involves top international teams and cyclists racing through the East Midlands and East Anglia. It will provide an amazing opportunity for our students to watch these inspirational female cyclists and experience a major sporting event on our doorstep.

As a school, we actively encourage students to participate in physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle and we hope events such as this will inspire young people to become more involved in a range of activities.

Therefore, to support the event and allow as many students as possible to create and experience the atmosphere we intend to delay the start of the school day until 10.40 a.m. Normal registration will take place at 10.40 a.m. followed by break and normal lessons resume from Period 3.

We would encourage those who normally walk to school to gather in the High Street from 9.30 a.m. onwards. For those who travel on a bus we would ask them to gather in the English Area at 8.30 a.m. before being escorted to the High Street by staff. The 'lead cars' are scheduled to arrive in Halstead at 10.05 a.m. closely followed by the cyclists.

Flags and banners have been provided to enhance the atmosphere and support the cyclists. They will be distributed on the day.

We hope you encourage your child/children to support this event to create a memorable community atmosphere to show Halstead in a positive light.

To find out more about the routes the tour will be taking you can find maps and timings on the Aviva Women's Tour website <http://womenstour.co.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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