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UCI Cycling Road World Championships
21st to 29th September 2019
Harrogate, and other parts of North Yorkshire

Dear Headteacher,

The Union Cycliste International Road World Championships will be held in North Yorkshire with a particular focus on Harrogate over nine days between 21 and 29 September 2019. It is the pinnacle event in the international road cycling calendar, which presents a unique opportunity for Harrogate to welcome the world's best riders and to showcase the town to thousands of spectators who will visit during the week, as well as millions of television viewers across the globe.

The dates and routes have just been announced on www.yorkshire2019.co.uk

With every race finishing in Harrogate, there will inevitably be an amount of disruption. During the Championships, a number of road closures and parking restrictions will be required on a daily basis to ensure the safety and security of both riders and spectators. However, it is important to note that the timings of road closures, and the specific roads that will be closed, will vary each day. Information regarding exact race timings, road closures and parking restrictions will be shared in April 2019. These are dependent on confirmation of the television broadcast schedule.

This will impact on the start and end of the day for a significant number of schools in Harrogate.

Areas which will be affected are:

Monday: Harrogate – Otley Road and the Duchy area

Tuesday: Ripon to Harrogate including Otley Road and the Duchy area

Wednesday: Northallerton to Harrogate including Otley Road and the Duchy area

Thursday: Richmond to Harrogate including Otley Road and the Duchy area also including Leyburn and Wharfedale

Friday: Doncaster to Harrogate, via Tadcaster, Boroughbridge, Ripon, Pateley Bridge also including Otley Road and the Duchy area.

All schools should consider the viability of any educational visit to Harrogate during the event, whilst also considering the opportunities available to spectate.

A number of schools in Harrogate are likely to be impacted by the road closures for some of the week. These road closures may be in place during school pick up times.

In order to ensure that disruption is kept to a manageable level colleagues in from NYCC Highways and Transportation will be arranging meetings with schools most affected for the week 5-9 November 2018. These meetings will provide schools with the opportunity to understand the event in more detail, advise highway planning teams of any specific access issues and to help with the planning process for both the schools and the event delivery team.

In addition representatives from the event organisers will give a short briefing at the Primary Leadership Network on Friday 5 October 2018.

The event is an exciting opportunity for North Yorkshire, and this early planning will enable us all to enjoy a successful event showcasing the County to the world, whilst also helping to ensure that any impacts on schools are minimised

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Clarke', written in a cursive style.

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