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Dover Community Safety Unit

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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware of recent media coverage of a "bicycle ride-out" involving approximately 100 children in the Maidstone area.

Officers were called about the group of cyclists riding around Maidstone in a dangerous and antisocial manner. These young people were riding their bikes against the flow of traffic on busy roads, pulling dangerous stunts and abusing other members of the public. It is very fortunate that none of the cyclists or other road users were seriously injured as a result of the ride-out

It has come to the attention of Kent Police that a ride out is planned in the Dover District for the weekend of the 13th July, we have serious concerns regarding this type of activity.

If you believe your child may be seeking to take part in this type of ride-out, we ask for your support in discouraging them and warning them about the consequences of riding irresponsibly and taking part in antisocial behaviour. Officers have the power to seize bicycles and carry out enforcement against those found committing offences.

Our number one priority is everyone's safety and we are hoping as parents and carers you will be able to support us in keeping everyone on our district safe.

Insp Stuart NORRIS
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