



HARROGATE  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be only too aware that the Tour de France is coming to Harrogate on the 5<sup>th</sup> July and that significant disruption to transport is expected. The secondary Headteachers in Harrogate have met and reviewed the most up to date information on the event plans and considered what the impact will be on the schools. There are concerns re traffic on the main routes into and out of Harrogate on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July in the lead up to the planned road closures that night. As a result we have decided that schools will close one hour earlier than usual on that day to allow students and staff a better chance of getting home without being trapped in any possible traffic jams. The school will close at 2.30pm and school buses have agreed to come early to take students home. One bus, the 727H Harrogate Coach Travel bus to Jennyfields and New Park is unable to come early and students using this bus will need to find alternative arrangements, or can wait safely in The Hub at school until 3.30 pm when, barring gridlock, the bus will arrive.

We understand that any change to routine can cause problems for parents and families but we feel this is a proportionate and sensible response to a totally unique set of circumstances.

It is also worth reminding you that, as we always do, school will also close early at 2.30pm on the last day of term, 18<sup>th</sup> July. Once again all buses will come early, except for the 727H, and the same arrangements as above apply for these travellers. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June is one of our training days, as published on our calendar at the beginning of the year, so please do not send your child to school on Friday!

It is very exciting to have the Tour de France coming to our town and I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy it in whatever way you choose. If you have family or friends coming to Harrogate for the race please let them know about the parking and hospitality packages available on our site, all proceeds will go to improving the facilities for our students. Go to our website for further details.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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