Safety Diagram for PS 372 Bike to School

This diagram contains If/Then scenarios that may arise on the bike trains to school. If we preview expectations clearly in emails before the ride and at the meeting point, then hopefully we can avoid these scenarios. However, there may be times when issues arise and in order to be prepared, stay calm, and address situations, keep these tips in mind.

| What might happen | How we prevent/How we address in the moment |
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| Beginning/end of ride | Remind people not to bunch up |
| Turns, bumps, glass, etc. | Preview hand signals at start of ride and use throughout the ride |
| Kid going ahead of the group | Before the ride: remind in email & vocally before the ride that kids stay with parents and behind the lead marshal. Lead marshal stays the course, secondary marshal goes ahead, passes the kid, stops at the next intersection and prevents kid from continuing blocking with their bike/hands like a stop sign |
| Car parked in the bike lane/double parking | If safe, everyone takes the lane If not safe, everyone stops, waits for safe passage and takes the lane Last resort, kids onto sidewalk and adults go around |
| Mid group split at the red light | If safe, one marshal blocks intersection so whole group can go through If not safe, group waits at next light for everyone to catch up and bike together |
| Kid is a clumsy rider and falls over/other injury | If minor, parent stops and one marshal stops with them Check bike and kid for safety and wellbeing/rideability Keep going! Say to kid: Wow you're so strong look at you you're going to keep going! If major, marshal stays with parent and child for help to arrive; call Emily |
| Tire pops or flat tire | Pre-ride reminder: ABC check (Air/Brake/Chain) Final marshal stops with parent and kid, uses repair kit to fix the flat and keep going If they are close to their school, considering walking the bike the rest of the way |
| Kid bumps another kid at a stop | Before the ride: Remind every to pay attention, give each other space and stay with their grownup, listen |

| | to their grownup for directions. |
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| Kid/family takes wrong turn | If a marshal sees, check on them. Preride reminder: You are responsible for getting yourself to/from the ride and to school safely. Stay with the group during the ride and keep behind the lead marshal. |
| Kid shows up without a parent | Check their class, get parent contact info if able. Contact parents. Assign to a fellow family. Check in with Emily for follow up and family conversation. |
| Kid comes without a helmet | Remind parents that rides are only allowed with helmets and they are responsible for child's safety. |

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