First Step Cycle

The Path to Safer Cycling



Bikeability – week commencing 12th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

BIKEABILITY - Parent / Carer Consent Form

A practical cycle training course is to take place at school. Training will **not** be confined to the playground, but will take place on suitable public roads, under the supervision of trained instructors, following a well-established syllabus.

Cycle training is designed to develop road sense, an awareness of danger and to improve your child's ability to ride safely in traffic. It is <u>not designed to teach a non-cyclist how to cycle</u> and if you wish your child to take part, you should ensure that they have **good** balance and control before they embark on the course. Your child will need a bicycle in a safe, roadworthy condition in order to participate in the course.

The bicycle will be checked prior to the start of the course, to ensure it is safe. <u>Please run through the attached checks prior to the course.</u>

Cycle training is a school activity, and normal insurance cover will apply for the duration of the course. If you require further details of this insurance cover, contact the school.

If you wish your child to participate in this training course, please complete and sign the bottom of this form, and return it to school as soon as possible. For your child's safety, it is school policy to wear a properly fitted cycle helmet for the duration of the course. Helmets will be provided to those required.

Group 1-12/13/14th September Group 2-15/16th September

The dates required for your child to bring their bike into school will be confirmed by the end of the week.











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	Tick to confirm
My child can already ride a bicycle and I understand that cycle training	
My child cannot ride a bike however I am happy for the instructors to try and teach them while on the course.	
My child is medically fit to take part in Bikeability.	
My child will bring a roadworthy bike	
My child will bring a helmet that fits securely.	
My child will have weather appropriate clothing.	
My child is responsible for their own behaviour, and I understand that cycle training may be refused if my child's behaviour puts them at risk to themselves or others.	
I have read all of the information and consent to Bikeability cycle training for my child	

Bicycle Checklist

- The bicycle must be in a clean and roadworthy condition and of a suitable size for the
 rider. If it is not, the trainee may be refused enrolment on the course. The bike should
 be checked prior to each journey and training session.
- Check that both front and back brakes work, and the brake pads touch the wheel, not the tyre.
- It is a legal requirement to have two working sets of brakes.
- Check the rider can easily reach the brake levers.
- Check all cables to ensure they are not frayed or about to break.
- Check the bike isn't too big or too small for the rider. The rider's toes should be able to just touch the ground, when sitting on the saddle.
- Check that the seat and handlebars are not raised above their safe limits (there will be a marking showing on the seat or handlebar post).
- Check handlebar end caps are fitted.
- Check the wheels are fixed securely to the bike.
- Check if the tyres are worn or have bulges. Make sure they are pumped up hard, as there is less chance of a puncture.
- Check the handlebars turn smoothly and cannot be twisted out of line.
- Check the pedals spin freely.
- Check that all gears change easily and ensure chain is well oiled.







