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Dear Parents of Year 6 Children,

Next term, Year 6 are being given the opportunity to take part in 'Bikeability' training. This is a national scheme, run by qualified instructors, which aims to train the children not only to ride their bikes safely but also to keep them in road worthy condition. The training will begin on Wednesday 25th November 2026 and will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are allocated training dates and have no control over the time of year it takes place.

The children will have a two-hour session with the instructor covering subjects such as making safe turns on the road, signaling their intentions and stopping safely. Initially, the training will take place within the confines of the playground. For those who are confident cyclists there will be an opportunity to practice their skills, accompanied by their instructor, on the minor roads around the school. For those who are beginner cyclists, the training will solely be on the playground.

Bikes

If your child owns their own bike, they should bring it into school for the three days of the training. The bike MUST be the right size and in good working order.

If your child does not own a bike, and you wish them to still take part in the training, please let Bikeability know via the digital consent form in the attached letter and the Bikeability organisation will endeavour to make arrangements to provide a bike.

Helmets

As part of the course, the children are taught the necessity of wearing a helmet when out cycling and how wearing one could save their life if they are knocked off. **It is therefore mandatory for the children to wear a helmet during the training.** If your child owns a cycling helmet, they should also bring this into school. Helmets should be named and can be stored under the child's pegs during the day. **Bikeability encourage all riders to have their own helmet, however if this is not possible they may be able to support.**

Clothing and footwear

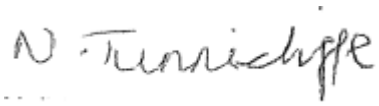
The children will not need any specific clothing for the training but might find it more comfortable to wear tracksuit bottoms rather than their school trousers. If they wish to wear trainers, they should still come into school in their school shoes but can change just before their training session. Bikeability will still go ahead even if it is raining, so please make sure your child has a suitable coat in school.

In order for your child to take part in the sessions, we need the information required via the link in the attached letter by **Monday 2nd November 2026**. This is to allow time for us to communicate with Bikeability the number of children, their competency cycling and the number of bikes they need to bring with them.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and will help them develop an understanding of how to keep safe on the roads.

Should you have any queries or questions about this training, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mr N Tunnicliffe
Headteacher