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Dear Parent/Carer

Bikeability Training : Thursday 27th and Friday 28th September 2018 : Year 5

We have organised to host a 'Bikeability' training course, which will include children learning to ride, under supervision, on public roads. The roads used will be risk assessed by a Local Road Safety Officer to ensure they are suitable for this training. When cycling on the road, children will be fully supervised and accompanied by qualified instructors. Children will be wearing high visibility jackets at all times. All instructors are trained and qualified Bikeability Instructors who will be familiar with local traffic conditions.

In order for your child to take part, you will need to ensure that your child has:-

1. A road-worthy bicycle. Everything must be in good working order. A child will not be allowed to take part if a bicycle is considered unsafe. If you are not sure, please take the bicycle to a local bike shop for a professional check. By way of information, attached to this letter is a checklist which may be of use to parents when checking bicycles safety prior to the course.
2. By law the bicycle MUST have an audible warning, e.g. a bell.
3. An approved cycle helmet which conforms to the following standard :

EN 1078 SNELL B. 95.
4. Helmets used for other sporting activities ARE NOT acceptable.
5. The ability to ride a bike! The course is not intended as a basic training course. It is a starting point for the life-long development of good practice as a cyclist on the road. In order for children to take part they need to be able to cycle and balance properly, especially when giving hand signals. If this is not the case, it would be very helpful for children (and trainers) if parents/carers could give children some opportunities to practice their basic cycling and balance skills before the course takes place.

Finally, attached to this letter is a Consent Form which must be completed by parents/carers and returned to the School Office by no later than Wednesday 26th September 2018.

Yours sincerely
Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher



