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Dear Parent / Guardian

YEAR 5 & 6 - CYCLING PROFICIENCY – 9th-12th March 2026

A level 1 & 2 Bikeability cycle course will be run at the school for pupils in year 5 / 6.

The Level 2 course aims to develop riders' skills and confidence for cycling on single-lane roads and simple junctions with mostly moderate motor traffic flows (where riders encounter vehicles with progressively greater frequency in each module), and prepares riders for cycling on more complex, often busier or faster roads and junctions. Riders must have fully demonstrated Bikeability Level 1 National Standard assessment criteria before they start Level 2 training. This will be followed by basic manoeuvres on local roads for those who have reached the required standard of cycle control. The on-road sessions include starting, stopping, overtaking, making U-turns and turning left and right into road junctions.

Children will need a roadworthy cycle (this will be checked by the instructors) and will have to attend each day of the course. They should wear clothes appropriate for cycling and the weather conditions and a safety helmet. If the bike or helmet is deemed not to be safe or road-worthy, your child will not be able to continue unless rectified.

The cost of the course will be covered by our sports funding. Places are limited to 16, if you wish your child to take part please give consent via the school gateway by Thursday 29th January at the latest. Priority will be given to Y6 children as Year 5 will be given the opportunity to take part again next year.

If your child achieves Level 2 cycle training they will then be able to ride their bike to school.

Please note that the course is designed to improve cycle control, not teach children to ride. Children should therefore be encouraged to practise beforehand, especially signalling.

Yours sincerely

Angela Hughes
Headteacher