

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

Your child has received an offer to attend a Bikeability course. Students taking part must be able to **ride and control a bicycle** to take part in the course. All children are required to bring a roadworthy bicycle, suitable helmet, wear sensible clothing and be able to attend all course sessions.

Bikeability is usually a two day course aimed to inform children about road safety and teach children how to cycle safely on the road.

Day One of the course consists of a road safety talk and cycling activities (such as how to perform a bike check and signaling) performed on the school's playground.

If your child is considered safe by our instructor(s) to cycle supervised on the road, your child will then be invited to take part on Day Two of the course.

Day Two involves on-road cycling and how to carry out maneuvers (such as turning into a minor/major road and passing parked cars) safely.

A checklist for your child's bicycle is enclosed. Could you please **check suitability and roadworthiness** of his/her cycle or arrange for someone else to do so? If the bicycle is found not to comply with the checks on the form could you make arrangements for them to be **repaired before the start of the course**.

This form should be **completed and returned** to the school before the commencement of the course.

Please note:

- *Our instructor(s) reserve the right to refuse to take out any child whose cycle is not the correct size or is considered unroadworthy.*
- *Our instructor(s) are unable to take out any child without a correctly fitted/ appropriate helmet.*
- *Our instructor(s) reserve the right to refuse to take out any child whose cycling ability is not yet at a safe standard for on-road cycling.*

I hope your child will find the course both informative and enjoyable.

Yours faithfully,



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