



## Bikeability Cycle Training

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be writing to you to invite your child to participate in cycle training. Bikeability courses are offered free to all primary schools in Hampshire although places are limited. The training follows the National Standard and helps give children the skills and experience they need to cycle safely and confidently. Children enjoy cycling and, of course, it brings many **health benefits** such as being good for your **heart**, your **muscles** and your **immune system**. Cycling is also good for your **coordination** and **mental health** and can help you **live longer!** This training is being delivered by Pedal Power Training Ltd.

### The course - how it works and the three levels

The training will take place in our school during the week beginning; **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Sessions will run during school hours. Your child will be informed of their session times before their course starts. On day 1 an instructor will work with a group of children on the playground. Children are taught to do bike, helmet and clothing checks. This is followed by a range of fun exercises to check and develop their bike control skills. These skills are the Level 1 skills as laid out in the National Standards.

Children must pass Level 1 in order to start the Level 2 training that takes place on local roads. Riders must be able to demonstrate that they are safe enough to progress to on-road training; not all riders will reach this level. If the instructor feels a child is not quite ready to progress, the child will be given advice on where they need improve in order to start the level 2 next time training is delivered in school.

Level 3 training is offered through secondary schools and covers more complex roads and junctions; helping your child to make more independent journeys on busier roads. For more information on Bikeability and the three different levels go to [www.dft.gov.uk/bikeability](http://www.dft.gov.uk/bikeability).

If you would like more details on National Standard Cycle Training, please refer to the **frequently asked questions** - the school office will have a copy. If you would like information on the on-road training area to be used, please contact the school office at the end of the first day of training where all risk assessments will be available.

### How to book and what to bring

There are a limited number of places available, so please complete and return the attached form to the school office as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019** because places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like your child to take up cycle training but need to arrange for use of a bike and/or helmet, it may be possible to borrow these from Pedal Power Training, or you could arrange for your child to share with a friend – please inform the school. The minimum seat height of Pedal Power bikes is 750mm.

Your child will need the following for all their course sessions:

- **A bike which is roadworthy and the correct size for them** - a bike check will be carried out on the day 1 and any bike which is not roadworthy will have to be fixed for your child to continue on the course (or a loan bike can be used). **A roadworthy bike must have the following as a minimum – 2 fully inflated tyres, with good tread, 2 working brakes, secure handle bars, with correctly fitting secure grips.**
- Bikeability participants can now get a free bike check and 10% off bikes and accessories at Halfords. To take advantage of this offer please log on to <https://bikeability.org.uk/participants-hub/> and register.
- **A cycle helmet** - this needs to be the right size and a good fit
- **Warm clothing** including **gloves** (sessions are between 1 and 2 hours and are outside). High visibility jackets are provided.
- **Some wet weather clothing** e.g. a minimum of a shower or waterproof jacket, preferably some over-trousers too. The training will continue in light to moderate rain but will be suspended if there is a heavy downpour.

We do hope you will register your child for this opportunity, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We are all looking forward to seeing the children on their course and supporting their cycle safety understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jo Redman  
Headteacher

**PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**  
**for On Road Level 2 Bikeability Training**

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print)

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Child's/Children's Names (please print)

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Class \_\_\_\_\_ Year 5

- I would like to register the above child/children and confirm that they will have a roadworthy bike and a helmet.
- I would like to register the above child/children and borrow a Bike and Helmet
- I would like to register the above child/children and borrow a Bike
- I would like to register the above child/children and borrow a Helmet

**PLEASE TICK ONE OF THE ABOVE BOXES**

**To take part in this course, your child should be able to confidently ride a bike. Unfortunately, we are not able to teach children who cannot yet ride a bike on this course. By completing this consent form, you are confirming your child can ride a bike unassisted, as well as signalling left and right without loss of control.**

**If it becomes apparent on the level 1 course that you child cannot complete the above outcomes, then they will not be able to proceed to the level 2 road training. The instructor will explain the reasons why your child did not progress on the certificate and letter that is sent home.**

If you are declining the offer of cycle training, can you tell us why? Your feedback will help us improve the services and opportunities that we offer.

**Any Medical Conditions:**

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: School Office

**School Office by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at the latest.**

**GDPR (GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION)**

By completing this consent form, you are authorising Pedal Power Training Ltd (PPT) to note on registers and certificates used, your child's full name, as well as any relevant medical conditions, disclosed on this form.

As a processor of this information, PPT will only store a hard copy of the Bikeability register for this course, for a maximum of 1 year. At the end of 1 year this register will be destroyed.

PPT will not give any data on this consent form to any 3<sup>rd</sup> party and will ensure that any data does not leave the EU.