



Bikeability Level 1 and 2 Cycle Training

Wiltshire Council Road Safety, in partnership with the school, is offering **cycle training** for pupils. It is designed to develop road sense, awareness of traffic and to improve your child's ability to ride safely. Most of the training takes place on the road. The training is currently Government grant funded enabling approx 10 hours cycling tuition for a charge of £5.00 (to cover admin, badges, booklets and certificates).

The course is aimed at pupils aged **10 years and over** (or 9 if they are in the academic year in which they become 10 – Yr 5 upwards).

School – please enter dates/times of course:

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If you would like your child to attend please return the attached form and £5.00 fee to school not later than:.....

Cycling Ability Trainees **must** be able to ride a bike before starting the course, this includes the ability to control the bicycle and maintain balance whilst giving hand signals and being able to use gears if fitted.

Bikes Although a basic safety check is carried out during the first session, it is your responsibility to ensure that the bike is roadworthy, safe and the right size for the child. You will be notified of any faults and your child may be unable to continue on the course until the faults are rectified.

We therefore strongly recommend that bikes are checked before the start of the course.

Dress Courses will go ahead regardless of the weather (unless it becomes unsafe) therefore trainees should be dressed accordingly. Shower proof coats available in school if required and gloves with grip are a good idea except in the warmest of weather.

Cycle Helmets We strongly advise the wearing of cycle helmets. If you wish to allow your child to ride without a helmet, you must state so on the attached consent to training reply form. A child who is not wearing a helmet without parental consent will **not be able to participate in the training** and will have to observe only. **It is important that helmets are fitted and worn correctly.**

Behaviour Our first priority is the safety of the pupils. A pupil, who disrupts the course so that their safety or the safety of anyone else is put at risk, will not be allowed to continue with the course. The school will be notified of the decision and the reason for the exclusion.

The course covers the basics of safe cycling. It does not guarantee pupils are safe to cycle in traffic. Your child will need practice even after completing the course to develop their skills further and consolidate what has been taught. Before you let your child ride on the road please discuss this with them and agree areas where it is safe for them to cycle.

Further Information Please contact your **school** for course arrangement information. If the school cannot help with your enquiry please refer to the Road Safety contact details provided at the bottom of this page.

Insurance The Authority does not maintain any personal accident cover, and is only insured against its legal liability to third parties (i.e. they have to prove the negligence of the Authority) if they are injured or their property is damaged during any cycle training organised and approved by the Road Safety Team.

Parents/carers of pupils participating in cycle training are advised to make their own arrangements to insure their children against personal accident and loss or damage to their cycles or other personal effects.

Feedback We endeavour to provide the best possible training to pupils and welcome comments on the training received so that we can continue to improve the service we offer. Pupils will therefore be asked to complete a feedback form. We hope you will support us in this matter.



For more information about Bikeability visit: www.bikeability.org.uk

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Bikeability Parent/Carer Consent Form

Please complete this section and return it to the school, along with your course fee of **£5.00***.

A completed consent form must be provided in order for your child to participate on the course. Please return this form to the school **before** the start date.

(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name of school:.....

Dates (to be arranged, and will be confirmed by your school):.....

Full name and age of child:.....

School Year (delete as appropriate): Year 5/Year 6

Does your child have any conditions or health problems which may affect him/her on the course?

Yes/No (Delete as appropriate)

If yes, please give details we should be aware of:.....

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Emergency contact name and phone no:.....

My child will be wearing a cycle helmet.

I consent to my child undertaking cycle training without a helmet.

I would like my child to attend the Level 1 and 2 Bikeability course and understand that Level 2 will involve cycling under supervision **on roads** in the selected risk assessed training area.

I have read the information supplied. My child meets the cycling ability outlined and their bike is safe and roadworthy.

My child is fit to undertake the course.

Signature of parent/carers:.....

Date:.....

How your information may be used

We work with partners to provide you with public services. To do this, we may need to share your information. We will do this in away that protects your privacy. Please let us know when any of your contact details change. You have the right to know what information we hold about you and we try to make sure it is correct. We will not keep your information longer than necessary. If you would like further information; visit our website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk or contact our Customer Service Centre on 03004 560100.

*The fee is non-refundable.

Financial hardship. Wiltshire Council does not wish any child to be prevented from attending the course for financial reasons. If you have difficulty paying the fee please discuss this with the school.