



Bikeability Level 1 and 2 Cycle Training

Wiltshire Council Road Safety team, is offering **cycle training** for pupils in **Year 6** at your school, designed to develop road sense, awareness of traffic and to improve your child's ability to ride safely.

School: URCHFONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates of sessions: MONDAY 17TH JUNE – WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

Pupils will be put into groups and each group session will last 2 days. Closer to the time we will confirm which dates your child will require their bike in school.

Most of the training takes place on quiet local roads, giving children confidence to cycle more often in their local environment. **Children MUST attend all sessions** – if your child is unable to attend the dates allocated, please discuss with the school.

The cost of training is currently subsidised by the Department for Transport and is offered to Wiltshire trainees for just £5 which covers approx. 10 hours cycling tuition, badges, booklets and certificates.

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

Friday 7th June

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 on the road until the faults are rectified or another suitable bike is available.

It is essential you check your child's bike before the start of the course, especially that they have two working brakes! Please use the bike check information sheet provided and visit <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/what-you-can-do/cycling/your-bike/bicycle-maintenance-made-easy/m-check-your-bike-11-steps> for further advice.

Dress Trainees should be dressed for riding a bike comfortably in all weather conditions as training will go ahead regardless of the weather, unless it becomes unsafe. Waterproof/warm coats and gloves with grip are a good idea except in the warmest of weather. Flat shoes should be worn (e.g. school shoes or PE trainers that cover the feet and stay on securely).

Cycle Helmets All trainees should wear a helmet whilst taking part in Bikeability training.

Behaviour Our first priority is the safety of **all 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. For some children this will be their first road vehicle and the first time spent cycling on road. It does not guarantee pupils are safe to cycle in traffic alone. 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 before you decide they are safe to do so **unaccompanied**.

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.



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 date shown in the letter above.

(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name of school:.....

Dates of training:.....

Full name of child:.....

Does your child have any medical conditions or additional needs which we should be aware of so that they can fully and safely participate in training and be supported to achieve the Bikeability outcomes?

Yes/No (Delete as appropriate)

If yes, please give details:.....

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Please tick statements below:

- I consent to my child undertaking cycle training, including Level 2 training** under supervision **on roads** in the selected, risk-assessed training area.
- I have checked my child's bike is safe to ride and roadworthy.
- My child will wear a cycle helmet.

Signature of parent/carers:.....

Date:.....

This form will be kept at the school office and the information given above made available to the Bikeability instructor prior to the start of the course. It will be destroyed by the school office after training is completed, in line with their usual processes. Wiltshire Council will only keep a record of your child's name and school for audit purposes in relation to Department of Transport Bikeability Grant funding.

*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.