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Dear Parent / Carer

Cycle Proficiency Training : Term 6 2017/2018

We are excited to be able to offer cycling proficiency for 8 children this year. An induction session will be held on the afternoon of **Tuesday 22nd May** with the other sessions being held in the afternoons on the following dates:-

Tuesday 5th June

Tuesday 12th June

Tuesday 19th June

Tuesday 26th June

Tuesday 3rd July

Tuesday 10th July

For 2 of these dates the Year 6s moving to The Marlborough School in September have visits to their new school. There is sufficient time in the other sessions to prepare them for test. The test is on **Tuesday 17th July**. We are lucky to have two trained volunteers from the village, Pam Bass and Tina Bond, to lead this for us and are grateful to them for their time and expertise. For all the sessions children will be required to bring their bike into school in the morning, wear suitable footwear and have a suitable helmet. Priority will be given to children from Year 6, all parents will be informed by Friday 11th May if their child has a place. We hope to re-run the cycling proficiency again in the next school year when children who are unable to participate this time will be given priority.

Please see below information from Oxfordshire County Council about the course.

This course is not to teach children how to ride a bicycle, they must already have good control as they will be learning how to cycle in moving traffic, on public roads.

In order to take part children must:

- Be a minimum of 9 years old before or on the date of the first training session.
- Have a bicycle in good roadworthy condition (please see picture attached). Your child's cycle will be checked by the course tutors at the first session. If faults are found that need repairs or maintenance, these must be fixed if your child is to remain on the course.
- Have a cycle helmet of suitable size, correctly fitted throughout training. The course tutors will check helmets at the first session and make any fitting adjustments if necessary.
- Have good control of their bicycle, able to use both brakes at the same time, also able to ride one handed.

Please note: tutors will put cyclists through a series of exercises at the first session, usually held in the playground, before deciding whether your child is safe to take part in the on-road training sessions necessary.

Following assessment at the end of the course, tutors will inform us if any child has not met the required standards and this will be shared with you. Your child may be invited to take part in future courses but this cannot be guaranteed.

Children are also expected to behave sensibly, riding in a way that does not put themselves, other course participants or other road users at additional risk.

This course is being led by staff from Oxfordshire County Council, Fire & Rescue Service, Road Safety Education Team, assisted by our volunteers.

Students will be introduced to the rules of the road and helped to develop decision making skills to help keep them safer when cycling in traffic. These skills will need to be demonstrated in the test at the end of the course, which will be conducted by an independent examiner appointed and approved by Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Education Team. Feedback will be given to your child and tutors at the end of test.

Reminder: those meeting the standard set during the test will only have demonstrated they can deal with one (or possibly two) junctions near school, it does not mean they can cope with a wider traffic environment. You know your child best so we recommend that you accompany them on a few road journeys before deciding whether you allow your child to cycle unsupervised.

Please complete and return the slip below to myself or the school office no later than end of school day on **Thursday 10th May 2018**.

Please note: If we do not have the signed slip returned your child will not be permitted to start the course.

Yours sincerely

Miss Hill
Rousham Class teacher

This form must be signed and returned to school for your child to take part in the visit. Please return by Thursday 10th May 2018

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Child's Name:.....Date of Birth:...../...../.....

I agree to my child taking part in the Cycle Training course. I have read the letter and understand what is expected and that it will take part on public roads, in moving traffic.

I will ensure that my child's bicycle and helmet meet the requirements.

Signed:..... Print Name:.....

Parent/Carer Date.....