

## Bikeability Cycle Training

Bikeability cycle training is offered free to all primary schools in Portsmouth. 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, develops confidence and gives them independence. The training is being promoted by Portsmouth City Council and delivered by Pedal Power Training Ltd. Since 2009, nearly 5000 Portsmouth children have benefited from this training.

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

The training will take place in your school during the week beginning; - **Monday 5th March 2018**

Sessions will run during school hours for either 4 or 5 days. Your child will be informed of their session times before their course starts.

On day 1 an instructor will work with a group of up to 9 children on the playground for 2 hours. 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 the return the attached form to the school office by **Monday 19th February 2018** at the latest. 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.**
- **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 training and we look forward to seeing them on their course.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher

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

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like** to register the above child/children to take part in the cycle training and confirm that they will have a roadworthy bike and helmet.

OR

**I would like** to register my child and borrow **Bike Helmet Both** for my child during the course.  
*(Please circle choice)*

**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 do not want your child to take part in cycle training, please would you tell us why? Your feedback will help us improve the services and opportunities that we offer.

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Does your child have medical or other conditions which we need to be aware of: (please give details)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please return this form to: **School office by Monday 19th February at the latest.**

