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Year 5 Cycle Training 'Bikeability'

Dear Parents,

Hertfordshire's Cycle Training team are visiting school at the beginning of May to deliver the Level 2 on-road skills course to all of our Year 5 pupils. This is a great opportunity for the children to gain confidence and develop their cycling skills ready for the summer and for the years ahead.

Stevenage is a very fortunate town as it has one of the best cycle-track networks in the country. Our children are able to cycle safely anywhere in the town and this can include them cycling both to and from school. At Roebuck, we have secure bike shelters in our school grounds available for your child to use.

As a school, we receive sport funding each year and we believe that some of this funding should provide bicycle training for the children so that they can become more competent and more road-aware. Therefore, each child in Year 5 is being given four consecutive sessions of cycle training which would usually cost £30 per child. However, this training will be at no cost to families as it is being fully funded by the school. The training takes place each day during the **week commencing Tuesday 2nd May** (the Monday is a bank holiday).

The training consists of a cycle check and a series of road skills exercises on the school playground. There is also some theory learning based on 'Tales of the Road' (the highway-code for young road users). After completing this, the children then take part in four sessions at local road junctions. Successful participants will receive a level 2 skills certificate and badge. In order for your child to take part, please ensure that they bring both a cycle and a helmet to school with them every day for the week. Your child will also need a waterproof coat and gloves if it is wet or cold. If your child does not own a bike, please try to borrow one from a friend so that they can still take part. This training is a great opportunity for all children.

If you do not wish for your child to take part in Bikeability training, please let the school office know by no later than **Friday 31st March**. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that your child will be participating. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask either one of us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Fordham and Mrs Jarman

