



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy

'Putting Others First'

"Let no-one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbour" (1 Corinthians 10:24)

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Dear Families,

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Bradford Metropolitan District Council: Bikeability Course Level 1 and 2

We are delighted to inform you that Year 6 children will have the opportunity to complete the above course.

An external provider of instructors will come to school on **Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd October 2026**.

Children will need to be dressed in outdoor, comfortable clothing with trainers. The weather may become chilly so a warm jumper and waterproof coat will be required.

The children will start the day at normal time, have lunch and end the day as normal.

For Level 1, trainees are trained in the playground so instructors can assess that they are able to progress to road cycling. Level 2 will then involve riding on the road just outside school where children will learn to come to a stop safely, indicate and turn or cross at a junction and other general road safety.

If your child already has a bike of their own that they are able to bring to school, then they will need to bring it on their 'cycling days' in the morning and leave it outside the Y5/6 door. At the end of the day, ideally bikes will be taken home again, but if necessary, school will be able to store them safely overnight and then your child can take the bike home when they have completed the course after the second day. Please ensure your child also brings their own helmet.

If any children are able to ride a bike and would like to take part but do not own their own bike (or helmet) these can be provided by the instructors.

Cycles are checked on the first day and **must be in a roadworthy condition**. There is a **bicycle guide check** that comes with this letter, including how to fit a cycle helmet properly, please go through this with your child before bringing the bike to school.

Courses are conducted by our National Standards approved instructors. They decide if trainees have attained the required level of competence by continuously assessing each child's performance during the skills exercises. If your child does not meet the standard to progress to Level 2, you will be informed by phone.

Parents can help their child by giving support beforehand. Please will you:

- adjust the cycle helmet to fit correctly and check that the cycle is roadworthy.
- check that your child can: start and stop safely and ride in a straight line.

Our instructors will also perform a safety 'M' check on the bikes at the start of the course; if they find a fault it will be mentioned to your child and teacher.

Parents and schools must understand and accept that whilst training and safety precautions are taken; cycling by its nature is not risk free. Pupils are expected to contribute to their own and others safety by listening and following instructions. Failure to follow these instructions, may prevent them from continuing on the course.

Please click on this link to complete the consent form <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/push-soda-hire> You can also find more information on these pages.

Please note that children will be assigned to specific days and not cycle all four - more details will follow next week.

Thank you for your support, if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Hahn

