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Dear Parent/Carer

BIKEABILITY LEVEL 2 CYCLE TRAINING

We are delighted to be able to offer our Year 5 pupils the opportunity to complete Bikeability training week commencing **18th March 2024**. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. The scheme aims to inspire more children to cycle by equipping them with the skills and confidence to ride more. The cost of the course is funded by Lincolnshire County Council.

The course takes place in school time. It will include cycling skills practice on the playground and will be followed by basic manoeuvres / signalling on local roads for children who have reached the required standard of cycle control. Children will need a roadworthy bike, their own cycle helmet and will have to attend each day of the course to pass.

Parents/carers will be required to check the cycle to ensure it fits their child correctly and is safe to ride (working brakes, correct tyre pressures etc). Please note that the course is designed to improve cycle control and road positioning, not to teach children to ride a bike. Children should therefore be encouraged to practice beforehand, especially signalling.

If you wish your son/daughter to take part in the course, please complete the attached Bikeability consent form no later than **Thursday 19th October 2023** and return it to: <u>BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk</u>

Hard copies will also be sent home today with your child/ren.

More information about the Bikeability scheme can be found at <u>www.bikeability.org.uk</u>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Mr A Whiteway Deputy Head