

TK/GB

4th May 2007

Dear Parents

In previous years we have run courses for year Six pupils on cycle safety. We follow a course called 'Right Track' organised by ROSPA and monitored by the Road Safety unit of the county council.

We should like to offer this course to our current Year Six pupils. To complete the course successfully, pupils need to undertake ten hours of training which we intend to run as an intensive two day block, during the school day, in June. The training is led by Mr Hamilton, known to the children as a supply teacher but also a cycle safety trainer. He will be supported by Mrs Kaunhoven and myself. We have both taken the cycle trainers' course.

Pupils will need their own bicycle for the sessions and it must be in a road worthy condition. We complete standard safety checks before we start and children are taught how to do this but there isn't time to complete any repairs needed. Children will be asked to bring bicycles and helmets into school for a 1 hour after-school safety check session, approximately 1 week before the training check. Pupils are also expected to wear a safety helmet. This is a condition insisted on by the school.

The sessions take place whatever the weather and pupils may wear old clothes if they wish but must attend and leave school in uniform. A change of clothing is useful if it rains.

The course costs £5.00 to pupils. This fee covers the pack of materials given to each participant and the cost of the monitoring visit by the county council. The school will cover the cost of tuition, using School Travel Plan funds.

It will be possible to store bicycles in school overnight.

We believe that the course is a good way of helping children realise the importance of road safety and pupils will be judged on their ability to make safe decisions.

This letter is inviting an expression of interest. If we have sufficient numbers to run a group I shall write again giving details of dates and requesting payment of the course fee.

I hope this is something of interest to your child.

Yours sincerely

Roger Whitewick

Right Track Cycle Training

Name of child

I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Right Track Cycle Safety Training course.

Signed

Please return this form by Friday 18th May so that a decision about running the course can be made.