



7th November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 6 Bikeability
2018/2019

As you are aware, the Redlands Core Offer has changed from this year with regard to Bikeability and due to the busy schedule of our Year 6 children, we have chosen to move this learning experience to Year 5.

We have been lucky enough to secure courses through the Local Authority; however, as the courses offered have limited school availability, we have only been successful in securing a course for one year group to take part. Our Senior Leadership team are eager to ensure that we provide the best learning experiences possible to all of our children and therefore, with consideration taken that our Year 6 children will take part in cycling (including some road cycling during the residential to Redridge), the decision was made for the Local Authority course to be provided for our Year 5 children in line with the reviewed offer and with other primary schools.

The greatest consideration was taken when making this decision, which included researching the possibility of hiring a private company to support Year 6 in structured Bikeability training. However, as this would have come at a cost which the school is unable to subsidise, we asked parents to register their interest in a paid, private Bikeability course. Following the survey, we had very few responses in support of providing a Bikeability course to our Year 6 pupils - we have taken on board the comments from parents, regarding gaining donations/funding from other companies. Unfortunately, after researching these options to support in the cost of a private company, we have been unable to secure funding and have therefore made the decision that the Year 6 children will take part in cycling at Redridge only, as was the case for our Year 6 pupils last academic year.

We would like to assure you that this decision has not been taken lightly and we have considered all avenues before coming to this conclusion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Michelle Tobin
Headteacher