

## EDUCATION AUTHORITY SOUTHERN REGION

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Dear Parent,

### CYCLING PROFICIENCY SCHEME

It is our intention to commence the P7 Cycling Proficiency Scheme in school shortly and we wish to provide some information on how this will operate. You may be aware from recent media coverage that DfI funding for the scheme has been withdrawn, however it is our intention to continue the programme in Drumhillery as cycle safety is a vital life skill for our pupils. We are grateful to Mrs Bruce, who is fully trained in Cycling Proficiency, for offering her services voluntarily in order that the scheme might proceed.

Cycling is also fun and a great way to get around and stay fit, but it is important that children are trained in cycle safety and understand the associated road safety issues.

P7 Cycling Proficiency Lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays on the following dates during school hours:

May 2, 3, 9, 23, 24, 31.

June 6, 7, 14.

Each P7 child taking part in the scheme must bring a helmet and a roadworthy bicycle to each session; this is a legal requirement and is in the interest of your child's health and safety. Each bicycle should also be fitted with a bell.

P7 pupils participating in this scheme are also strongly discouraged from riding their bicycles to and from school, however this will obviously be a matter for parents to decide. **If your child is doing so, please inform us on the attached reply slip.** We would also stress that cycling inside the school grounds is strictly prohibited, unless during lessons.

If your child is interested in taking part in The National Cycling Proficiency Scheme, please fill in the attached permission slip and return to school by Friday 28 April 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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K D Campbell  
PRINCIPAL

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – CYCLING PROFICIENCY 2023**

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

(Please tick as appropriate)

I wish my child to take part in the Cycling Proficiency Scheme. \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish my child to take part in the Cycling Proficiency Scheme. \_\_\_\_\_

I give/do not give my child permission to cycle to and from school (delete as appropriate)

Name of pupil \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)