



26th March 2018

Dear parents/carers,

The preparations for the Pisa to Rome challenge are coming along nicely. The time has come to start training! Bike club training nights will take place on Wednesday evenings after school. The rides will take place on local roads and all routes have been ridden previously by Mr Young or Mr Gee to check suitability.

In order for students to take part in these rides, they **need** to have the following:

- If they are using their own bike it must be fit for purpose and in good working order. Please be aware this is yours and your son/daughters responsibility, if they turn up for the ride and we deem the bike unsuitable they will be unable to take part.
- A good fitting helmet in good condition, again if this is deemed unsuitable then they will be unable to take part in the ride.
- Suitable clothing for the ride and weather conditions (including gloves)
- Some food and a drink - not a buffet but a small piece of chocolate, Kendal mint cake or jelly babies and for a drink, water or cordial not a fizzy drink. This will be carried with them for the ride so a bottle to fit in a bottle cage would be best.
- Beacon Hill now has a fleet of specialized bikes that are available to use for the training rides and the Pisa to Rome challenge. If your son/daughter is interested in using one of these please see Mr Young in order to complete the appropriate paperwork; this needs to be completed at least one week prior to use.

On the day of the ride students will be required to meet in the bike room at lunchtime to perform a bike check and find out information for that evening's ride. The rides will vary in length and time but in general students should expect to finish the ride at approximately 1730.

As in all out of school activities we will be covered on our public liability insurance but parents and students need to be aware that although we have taken every precaution to prevent accidents students are responsible for their own actions and good behaviour is expected at all times. We reserve the right to withdraw any student from the activities if we are concerned about their behaviour and safety, in and out of the school environment.

Please fill in the slip attached and return to school by Thursday 29th March 2018.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Young
Bike club organiser

Bike club practice rides

Name of child: _____

I understand all of the information above and give full consent to my son/daughter taking part in the bike club practice rides. I understand that the school is not responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of my child's bike.

Whilst school is prepared to support your child's participation by transporting bikes where necessary, and every effort will be made to ensure bikes are adequately cared for at all times, however school does not accept responsibility for any personal bikes and at all times they are the responsibility of your child.

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____