



Bessemer Grange Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of our *Bike Week* we have planned a cycling challenge day in Dulwich Park for children in KS1. *Cycle Confident* and our school cycling team will be running 'ditch the stabiliser' and more advanced cycling skills workshops during the day so that all children will get a chance to develop their confidence as a cyclist. The day will finish with a celebration lap of the park.

The challenge day will take place on **Thursday 24th May**. We will be leaving school promptly at 9.00am and travelling on foot. We will return to school by 3.30pm

If you are bringing your own bike:

We have arranged for a team of mechanics to be in school on Wednesday 23rd May. Please bring your child's bike to school from **8.30am** on **Wednesday 23rd** to be safety checked before the ride. Children attending breakfast club can leave their bikes in the racks by the main red gate from 8.00am. Please do not lock the bikes up as they will need to be moved during the day. Rebecca Benjamins will be at the school entrance and will tell you where to take your bike to be checked. **Your class teacher will give you a label to be attached to your child's bike on the day so that it can be easily identified.**

The bike checks are for KS1 children only and are free of charge. They are to ensure all children can take part as safely as possible in the ride. Your child's bike must be checked and labelled before it can be used in the KS1 cycle challenge. We can keep your child's bike in their classroom courtyards overnight so that they can be loaded into the van on Thursday morning, ready to be taken to the park. If you prefer to take your child's bike home overnight, please return it to school by 8.30am on Thursday.

If you are not bringing your own bike:

If your child does not have a bike, or cannot ride a bike yet, please do not worry! Your child can still take part in the KS1 cycle challenge. We will be offering all children without bikes one of our school bikes to use. We have both pedal bikes and balance bikes, depending on your child's skill and confidence levels. We will also be offering training throughout the day to help your child to learn to ride a bike. This means we will not be taking scooters to the park. The children will be outside throughout the day so need to be dressed appropriately for the weather. We recommend long sleeves and trousers to minimise the risk of injury.

You will need to provide your child with a packed lunch for the day unless you selected your preference to be for the school to provide one. We kindly ask that you do not include any sweets, grapes, nuts or glass bottles.

We would really appreciate any help we could get from parents during the day; either supporting in the skills sessions, helping the rides or running activities in the park between the sessions. Please let Rebecca Benjamins know if you can attend and also if you can help.

Please complete the permission slip on ParentMail by **Friday 18th May**. If you have any questions, please come and see Rebecca Benjamins.

Best wishes,

Amy Foster