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Dear Headteacher

RE: Changes to North Yorkshire Bikeability Cycle Training Scheme

I am writing to inform you of changes to the Bikeability scheme from this month.

With Department for Transport (DfT) grants, we have been able to offer fully-funded cycle training places to schools in North Yorkshire for the last seven years. During this time, more than 28,600 students have benefited from the scheme.

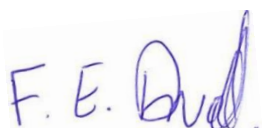
However, from April last year the Department for Transport reduced by 30 per cent the number of grant-funded training places available to the North Yorkshire Road Safety Team.

Last year we were able to secure additional funding to offer the same number of training places as previously. Unfortunately, from this month, the additional funding is no longer available and so we will only be able to offer the number of places funded by the DfT grant.

On this basis the County Council's Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services (BES) and the BES Executive Members have decided that future training will be offered to those who need it most rather than on a first-come-first-served basis. Our team of Road Safety Assistants will shortly be contacting schools in the target areas to make provisional booking arrangements.

Understandably, this may cause some disappointment for staff, children and parents. If you or your parents wish to discuss this, please contact me by email or by phone as above.

Yours sincerely



Fiona Ancell

Acting Road Safety Team leader