

Cycle Train

**How does it work?**

1. In exactly the same way as a Walking Bus but on bikes
2. A group of children cycle to school in hi-visibility tabards in a group, escorted by parents
3. The train follows a planned route and timetable, picking up passengers as it goes
4. Parents who are concerned about their child cycling to school on their own may be more willing to allow their child to cycle in a group

**What does the school need to do?**

1. Ask your parents if they would be interested in a cycle train – either in terms of letting their children be part of one, or volunteering to run one
2. If you have enough interest, decide on a route (or routes) and timetable for your train. This will be best determined by the addresses of the volunteers and participants.
3. Volunteers must be DBS checked
4. Volunteers will need to have their cycling skills assessed and receive some training from one of the council’s Bikeability Trainers. The route will need to be risk assessed by the council.
5. Parents and children taking part in the train must sign a code of conduct form.
6. Children taking part must have practice sessions in the school playground with the train leaders to learn the required techniques before setting out on the road.