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To: all Bikeability Scheme Organisers

Dear Bikeability Scheme Organiser,

### **Celebrating 2,000,000 children Bikeability trained**

I am delighted to let you know that the Bikeability programme recently reached the exciting milestone of 2 million young people trained since its launch almost 10 years ago.

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of a skilled workforce of over 5,000 instructors and the hard work of some 350 registered Bikeability schemes. I would like to thank you and your team for sharing your enthusiasm for and experience in cycling, showing children just how fun cycling is. You have all played an important part in training the next generation of cyclists to ride safely on today's roads.

Bikeability is proven to increase the road safety awareness of children taking part and over half of the children cycle more after doing Bikeability.

Earlier this year we announced the biggest ever investment in cycling training for children, over £40 million pounds. This will allow more than 1 million children to receive free cycling training in the next four years.

As the programme enters its tenth year it continues to develop, with the introduction of Bikeability Plus, designed to give children more opportunities to participate in cycling throughout their school careers.

Thank you once again for your commitment to the Bikeability programme. Please keep up the excellent work you do in providing this vital life skill and pass on my thanks to your team as well. Let's continue to share the joy of cycling with the next generation.

**ANDREW JONES**