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**Weight**—your child shouldn't struggle to lift and move their bike. This will also make it easier to cycle.

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**Clothing**—a waterproof coat is all that is needed. If it is a dark colour, buy a hi viz vest or something reflective for them to put on too.



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