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# UFO spotted

Whoops of delight echoed across a Rotherham area playground this week as schoolchildren abandoned a cycling lesson, pointed skywards and started screaming about Martians.

Their astonished teacher couldn't believe his eyes as the children at Aston Springwood Junior School dropped their bikes and ran to a nearby field saying they had seen a UFO.

Rotherham's Road Safety Officer, Mr Graham Hill, who was teaching the class, whirled round and to his surprise, he, too, saw a silver and red spherical object hovering beneath cloud level.

One pupil ran for a pair of binoculars, but, by the time he had returned, the craft had drifted above the clouds and out of sight.

Mr Hill said the object did not strike him as being a balloon. "It moved too quickly and it rose into the clouds so if it was a balloon it must have been pretty sophisticated.

"The kids were all screaming about Martians and flying saucers. They were delighted, but I haven't reported it to anyone because people are all so sceptical about this sort of thing.

"But I saw it and it appeared to be silver on top and red underneath. I don't think it was from Mars, but someone must have put it up there and because we don't know who did, it is officially a UFO", he added.

A spokesman at Bawtry's weather station said the only balloons launched by met. offices were red and had a radar scanner and white box attached to them.

"The nearest place to Aston where these are launched is Liverpool, but the helium filled balloons rise at 1,000 ft. per minute. Even if there was a strong wind by the time it reached Sheffield it would be 80,000 feet high," he said.