

# Staying Safe on the Roads – information for parents/carers

## Road Safety

South Gloucestershire Council has a Road Safety Team that regularly visits schools and colleges, offering free presentations. If you are concerned about your child's road safety education please speak to the school who can arrange for us to deliver lessons covering cycling, passengers, young drivers, drink/drug driving and pedestrians. We offer education to students who walk/cycle to school, to young drivers and young passengers.

## Be Safe, Be Seen

Delivered as a whole school assembly we encourage children to wear something bright and take extra care when out and about near roads, especially as it gets darker outside.

Think about the following:

- Being bright (so that they can be seen easily)
- The difference between fluorescent (something e.g. clothing that looks bright) and reflective (something which reflects the light)
- Weather (it is more difficult to be seen in the dark or when the weather is bad e.g heavy rain)
- Safe places to cross (e.g. pedestrian crossing)

## Helmets

The Road Safety team sell helmets which are available in various colours for both adults and children, at a cost of £8 each. Helmets can be collected from our Badminton Road Office or delivered to a school or place of work within South Glos, cash on delivery.

## Pedestrian Training

Our year 5 training is aimed at encouraging independent journeys.

Delivered by the Road Safety Team and consists of an interactive classroom session, learning safe strategies for crossing the road at junctions and between parked cars, through group discussion and work sheets. Pupils then get the opportunity to put these skills into practice in a practical session out on the road side in small groups.

For Secondary School age students Years 8/9, we offer an award winning presentation called Ghost Street. A short film precedes a discussion about how to stay safe when travelling to school.

## Resource Box

Teaching children Road Safety at a young age is vital to them staying safe, as they are now out and about in car seats, buggies, balance bikes and holding hands. The Resource Box introduces children to key Road Safety messages through play and activities. Learning will be more effective when parents/carers are involved in promoting the same messages, especially if they model safe behaviour. The resource box is full of puzzles, books, games and activities for children to use, and suggested games, with teaching notes to plan your activity. The box is free on a loan basis to all nursery, preschool groups and childminders in South Gloucestershire and will be left with you for a period of one week.

## Road safety Workshop

Delivered to year 3 and year 6 children separately covering the following 3 topics:

- Pedestrian safety, covering the 'Green Cross Code' using our working Puffin crossing and roll-out road.
- Cycle safety with our folding bike and using our egg helmet.
- In-car safety bringing our ramp and car with its road test crash dummies, covering seat belts, car seats, sharing seat belts and pet transporting.

The presentations are visual and interactive, encouraging all pupils to participate in discussions.

## Scooter training

Aimed at year 2 pupils training is for the entire year group, regardless as whether or not they currently use a scooter. The training consists of an interactive classroom session, covering: looking after your scooter, where and how to scoot and for those with a scooter and helmet a practical session in the playground, where all children get the opportunity to develop their scooter skills learning through fun and games.

## Uniform packs

A Road Safety Pack which was put together with the Brownie and or Cub Scout Road Safety Activity Badge in mind. This brightly coloured pack covers many road safety aspects including; Safer Crossing Places, Green Cross Code, Design to be Seen, Road Signs, route planning plus keeping yourself safe when out and about and comes with leaders notes. The pack is great for working in small groups full of ready-made games and activities to engage all your Brownies and Cub Scouts.

## Way to go

An informative magazine covering route planning and getting around safely as young people make the transition between primary and secondary school and become more independent when making journey choices. Sent out in terms 5 and 6 to all Year 6 pupils.

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## Passenger Safety and Passenger Safety Virtual Reality

Delivered to either a Year 10 Assembly or classroom, this session looks at peer pressures and distractions for a young driver, and consequences and responsibilities for the passenger

## Wrecked

A session using a variety of short video clips as a guide for discussion targeting Years 11 / 12. Various topics are available including pedestrian safety, peer pressure, tired driving, getting a lift with a friend's friend, being drunk as a passenger and others

## Collision Reconstruction

Working in partnership with Avon Fire & Rescue the road safety team offers students the opportunity to see first-hand the consequences of being involved in a car crash.

## Drink / Drug Driving

For young drivers and those near to driving age we use a Driver Simulator to show the effects of driving whilst under the influence. We also talk about the law and give information about drink and drugs

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