

# *Haresfield C of E Primary School*

## *Road Safety Policy*



*'Trusting in God, together we live, learn and grow.'*

### **Introduction**

We are aware that road accidents are a major cause of death and injury to children. As pedestrians, as cyclists and as car passengers children are vulnerable and the governors are determined to do all in their power to ensure that risks are minimised.

### **The Curriculum**

The school will continue to integrate Road Safety with other curriculum subjects wherever it is appropriate. This is particularly relevant in EYFS and KS1 where the key messages of road safety and crossing the road will be enforced regularly through play scenarios and on the playground when the children are using the bikes. A road safety awareness worship is held every year for all pupils. The children in Year 5 will visit Skills Zone to learn about keeping themselves safe.

The aims of this teaching are to ensure children:

- Achieve an appreciation of how accidents happen and of common accident situations.
- Develop responsible attitudes to the traffic environment and reduce risk taking.
- Gain knowledge and understanding of local roads and traffic conditions.

### **Support**

The school will continue to support visiting staff from the Road Safety Unit who provide specialist help, advice and materials, both as support to the teacher involved in topic work or when more general services are provided. Visits to Skills Zone for year 5 to further educate children on road safety is planned into the summer timetable.

### **The School Gates**

The school has one main entrance and children need to be taught to take great care when using this to enter or leave the school grounds.

We would urge all parents to come onto the courtyard to collect their children to ensure that all children are taken safely across the road or to their cars, and to prevent congestion outside the gate.

A member of staff will always be on duty at this gate after school.

When appropriate we will ask all parents to pick up their children from the school field gate to prevent congestion on the pavement.

Parents using a car should take great care to park sensibly to avoid causing congestion and to make it possible for the children to cross without having to negotiate parked cars. The school has purchased a notice for parents as a reminder parking with care outside school is of high importance.

During special circumstances, such as during the Covid 19 pandemic, children will be released to parents at different gates to minimise congestion and maintain social distancing for all. If parents are waiting across the road staff will keep the child within the school grounds until the parent has crossed over.

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## **Cycle Training**

Because of our sitting on a busy road with a dangerous corner we discourage cycling to school but we do offer cycle training each year to the oldest pupils.

## **Safety Wear**

The School actively encourages the children to wear appropriate safety clothing such as reflective or fluorescent garments. This is shared through a 'keep yourself safe worship' when the children can explore ideas of keeping safe when it is dark on the way or way home from school. The school will purchase reflective badges for every child in school to clip onto the children's book bags every 2 years.

If a walk is planned to the church, to the woodland classroom or around the village, staff and children will all wear high viz jacket. If it is the whole school, children in Badgers Class will buddy up with Hedgehogs class for the walk.

## **Targeting Parents**

The school will support Road Safety promotional material aimed at parents encouraging safe road safety practice to all members of the family.

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