

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 look for support from visiting staff who could provide specialist help, advice and materials, both as support to the teacher involved in topic work. 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. Class 4 children leave through the blue gate – a member of staff must see a parent or guardian before allowing a child to leave the site. If parents are waiting across the road staff will keep the child within the school grounds until the parent has crossed over.

We would urge all parents to come up to the gate to collect their children to ensure that all children are taken safely across the road or to their cars.

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

When appropriate we will ask all parents from KS1 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.

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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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