Road Safety Education in Hampshire

Primary Road Safety update

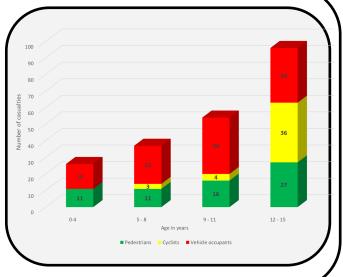
Spring 2025

Road safety is a life skill which needs to be taught and reinforced from an early age to ensure young people make the right choices and keep themselves safe.

This newsletter aims to provide your school with ways of sharing these key messages.

The graph opposite shows Hampshire's child casualties from 2023 when 213 children and young people were injured, seriously injured or killed between the age of 0 - 15 years on the County's roads.

Our schemes and campaigns are free of charge to all schools; you just need to sign up and help us educate young people.



IRSO virtual training

The Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme continues to promote peer to peer education with year 5 & 6 children sharing key road safety messages to their school through assemblies, competitions and having their own noticeboard; ensuring young people are aware of the dangers of the road from an early age.

The Road Safety Team are giving schools who didn't register and/or attend the training during the Autumn term another opportunity to sign up and start sharing our messages. **New** JRSOs are invited to attend one of the virtual training sessions this term. The workshop provides pupils with the knowledge and tools to teach their peers about road safety in a fun and interactive way. The session contains presentations as well as practical activities, such as t-shirt designing, so the children will learn and have fun at the same time.

To be part of the scheme, register your school for one of the training sessions via the link below. Once registered, your school will receive a resource pack, which the children can use during the session and will include materials to support them in their role.

All you need to do is choose your Year 5 and 6 JRSOs, arrange for them to attend a training session and support them in sharing key messages to your pupils throughout the year.

Register now for one of the dates below via the JRSO training link.

- Tuesday 25 March from 13:00 15:00
- Wednesday 26 March from 13:00 15:00



Please note, in order to receive your JRSO resource pack, you need to register before Wednesday 5 March.

Virtual lesson



FREE online lesson for Year 2 - safe places to cross

The Road Safety Team are continuing to offer free virtual sessions to Year Two pupils this year. This term, we will be offering the second of the three sessions, which recaps the basic rules of the green cross code as well as safe places to cross.

The session will be twenty minutes long and will include a short presentation, including clips, songs to sing and interactive questions for the children to answer in their classes.





The aim of the session is to remind the children of the basic rules of the green cross code as well as safer places to cross.

There will also be a recording available for session one and two if your school cannot make the live presentation or you missed the first one. To register to attend the live session or request to receive the recorded version, please visit the registration form below.

This workshop is free to all schools and will be on **Wednesday 19 March from 13:30—13:50.** All you need to do to receive the recording or attend with your Year Two pupils is register at via this link <u>Year Two virtual</u> <u>workshop</u>.

Green Cross Code competition

With the Spring term here, the Road Safety Team are starting to think about Walk to School Week and promoting the Green Cross Code message. For this, we are asking your pupils to design a new bright, eye-catching and informative poster on crossing the road safely.

What do you need to do?

To take part, register at <u>poster competition registration</u>. Once registered, you will receive a link to a pedestrian safety presentation which we ask you share with your pupils. Then set them the task of designing a poster which must include some of the following points:

• Green Cross Code

- Stop, look, listen and think
- Find a safe place to cross where you can see what is coming

• Giving the road their full attention

Don't be distracted



The winning artwork will be used on the wall planner, parent letter and certificates and will help us share our pedestrian messages with the children and their families who take part in Walk to School Week. It will also be used on social media and in presentations shared with all schools.

Please note, all entries need to be emailed to road.safety@hants.gov.uk by Friday 14 March 2024.



Take part in a Beep Beep! Day to teach young children important road safety basics and help parents, carers and the wider community understand how to protect children on roads.

The national Beep Beep! Day 2025 will take place on **Wednesday 19 March** but you can chose any day convenient to your school. See below for more details.

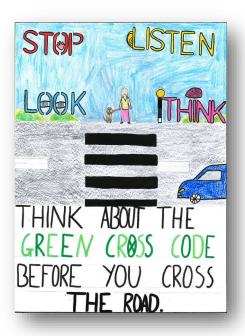
A Beep Beep! day is an opportunity to teach important road safety to young children. Teaching these important messages in your community helps young children stay safe around the roads. Register with the Brake website (Beep Beep! day registration) to receive some ideas of activities you can run on the day. Please note, Brake are promoting the date in March but you can plan a Beep! Beep! Day on any date convenient for your school.

Walk to School Week 2025

Encourage your school community to embrace active lifestyles and road safety

Would you like to foster a more active school community, create a healthier and safer environment around your school, and impart essential road safety skills on your pupils? Register now to participate in this year's Walk to School Week, taking place from 20 - 24 May 2025.

Help us promote road safety by encouraging parents to walk, scoot, or cycle to school every day for one week. This initiative provides an excellent opportunity to:



- Encourage parents to park further from the school and walk part of the way
- Promote healthy living
- Reduce congestion around the school
- Teach essential pedestrian and road safety skills

To register for the event, please complete the form Walk to School Week registration

Please note, this year, it is only online editable material which will be offered.

Also, please see overleaf information for an exciting competition where your pupils can design this year's Walk to School Week materials and help us spread this important message.