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Road Safety Policy School Health and Safety Policy

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Lanesend Primary Road Safety Policy

The amount of traffic on the roads has increased dramatically over recent years. As a result, too many accidents involving children occur nationally on a daily basis. Often, these accidents concern children during their home to school journeys. By developing this policy the school community acknowledges that we have a duty to help prevent such tragedies and will ensure to meet our educational responsibility to contribute to the effective road safety education to all pupils in its care.

Aims

- To establish and maintain a school ethos that incorporates:
 - safer journeys to school
 - walking to school as the preferred means of travel
 - congestion free school gates
 - investigating and encouraging other forms of transport for school journeys
- To educate children and Families in road safety issues and make them aware of the dangers of road traffic around the school environment
- To encourage children to take the road safety issues that they have learnt from school and adopt them in other areas of their lives i.e. around their home environment etc. so they may become confident with these skills
- To ensure the road safety skills that have been taught to children at an early age can be used as building blocks that can be built on as they get older.
- To encourage a healthy attitude and walking culture amongst the school community that will lead to a healthier life style
- To link with our School Travel Plan which covers aspects of school travel and related health and environmental issues.

Walking Journeys

- We encourage families to walk to school wherever possible. This will be done by: regular reminders of the school ethos being made in the school's newsletter road safety education to illustrate importance of walking to school, whole school Active Travel challenges and regular participation in national events such as Walk To School Week etc.
- Children to learn safe walking skills and road safety in accordance with the relevant sections of the Highway Code.
- Families and children to be encouraged to either wear bright or reflective clothing or carry something of that description on their school journey especially in the winter and poor conditions

- Families to be encouraged to use the Zebra Crossing or other approved crossing sites where appropriate.

Car Journeys

If the use of the car is considered unavoidable for the journey to and from school:

- Families should be encouraged to avoid parking near the school gates and the road in front of the school and park away from the school at a sensible location that will not impede the safety of others. Families should then be encouraged to walk the final part of the journey to adhere to the school's walking ethos. We have agreed park and stride locations in close proximity to the school.
- Families of new children to the school will be provided with information about the local area highlighting the parking areas which are deemed appropriate by the school.
- Car drivers should be reminded to approach the school community with caution, drive at a sensible speed and be aware of other road users and pedestrians in accordance with the highway code
- All car passengers should be restrained by seat belts and child locks should be used if appropriate. Booster seat legislation must be adhered to.
- The school will promote car sharing amongst those who live in the same vicinity and rely on the car as their only viable means of transportation

Taxi Journeys

- Children are to be reminded that they should enter and depart from the taxi in an orderly and sensible manner with due regard for their environment and the carriageway. Children that are dropped off by a taxi have permission to enter the school grounds so that the child can be dropped off safely.
- Taxi drivers must collect and deliver children to the school office and ensure a member of the Office Team has been informed.
- Taxi drivers will be regularly advised to approach the school with caution and pay due care to other pedestrians and vehicles within the school environment

Cycling and Scooting

- Children are encouraged to cycle or scoot to school as long as they have prior consent from their Families and wear a cycling helmet and safety gear made to British Standards specifications.
- The school will annually offer Bikeability training from the Road Safety team and run Scootability courses organise these events accordingly

- The school may offer a representative qualified to run a course so that cycling can become part of the school curriculum.

Road Safety in General

- Families are encouraged to notify the school of any road safety issues within the school community that they believe has the potential of causing an accident. By the same token, feedback should be given to the parent once the matter has been investigated
- The school will attempt to make and maintain links with Island Roads, Sustrans and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Road Safety team, alongside the Community Police and work in partnership to ensure road safety best practices are upheld.
- Constant reminders of best road safety practice will be communicated to our Families.

Road Safety In The Curriculum

- Time is to be devoted within PSHE lessons for the topic of road safety and school travel.
- Road safety issues will be raised during school assemblies.
- Road safety will also be introduced to children through class work, specialist events, visiting speakers and national campaigns.
- A School Travel Champions group in Year 5 will be responsible for supporting the School Travel Plan and promote safe active school journeys.