

Road Safety Education in Hampshire

Primary Road Safety update

Autumn 2024

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 2022 when 199 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.



JRSO 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.

New JRSOs are invited to attend one of the virtual training sessions held during the Autumn term. The objective of the workshop is to provide the pupils with the knowledge and tools to teach their peers about road safety in the most fun and interactive way possible. 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.



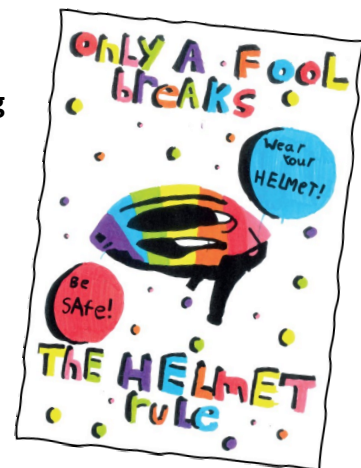
To be part of the scheme, your school needs to register for one of the training sessions via the link below. Once registered, your school will receive a resource pack, which the children can use during the session and will include materials to support them in their role.

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 registration link](#).

The Autumn terms sessions will be held on:

- **Thursday 10 October from 13:00 - 15:00**
- **Tuesday 15 October from 13:00 - 15:00**
- **Wednesday 23 October from 10:00 - 12:00**



Please note, in order to receive your JRSO resource pack, you need to register before **Wednesday 25 September**.

Virtual lesson Register now!

FREE online lesson for Year 2 - basic green cross code skills

The Road Safety Team are continuing to offer free virtual sessions to Year Two pupils this year. This term, we will be offering the first of the three sessions, which covers the basic rules of the green cross code. There will also be a recording available if your school cannot make the live presentation.



How do we cross the road safely?



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.

If you cannot make the live session, please visit the registration form below and request a copy of the recorded version.

The session will be held on **Wednesday 9 October from 13:30—13:50**. If you would like to register your Year Two pupils, please visit and complete the [registration form](#).

Your Time to Shine

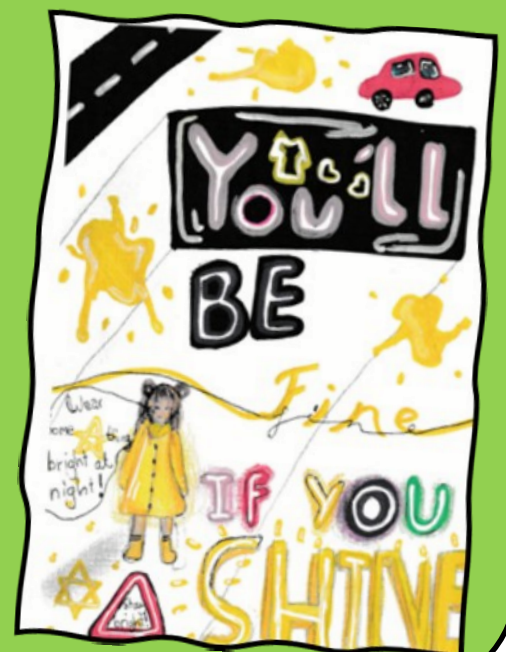
Save the date and register now: **Friday 22 November 2024**

With the clocks going back and evenings getting darker, the Autumn term is the perfect opportunity to highlight the importance of being seen to traffic. The Road Safety Team are running our Your Time to Shine day again this year, which coincides with Brake's Road Week. Schools can participate on **Friday 22 November** or choose any other day to plan a be bright be seen non-school uniform day and use our resources to share this important message.

Register your school by completing the form at:
[Your Time To Shine](#)

Teaching and activity ideas will be sent to all registered schools; if teachers are unable to use the lesson ideas, why not still invite children to school in the brightest clothes or accessories possible!

Please remember, the Your Time to Shine day can be on any day of the academic year - but please still register so we know your school are taking part.



Road Safety Week is the UK's biggest road safety event. Every year, millions of people around the UK get involved to take action for safer roads.

Brake are encouraging as many schools to register and teach road safety during this week to try and keep everyone safe when using Britain's roads.

What can you do?

Teaching road safety to children and young people is essential. Children's health and lifestyles are often influenced by their family's travel choices and local road safety. Parent's concerns about traffic influences whether young people can walk and cycle to school, to the park or to see their friends. It affects their ability to be healthy and socially active.

- Take part in the week and register for a free action resource pack from Brake at: www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week/action-pack.
- Download a free assembly song and script pack to share the message of your pupils staying safe on the road. To download the free pack, visit: [Road Safety - assembly & song download - Edgy Productions](#)



Poster competition - winning entries

The Road Safety Team were so impressed with the entries, two winners were chosen!



A huge thank you and congratulations go to pupils from **Braishfield Primary School** and **St. Mary Bourne Primary School** for their winning poster entries.

Pupils from Braishfield chose the catchy slogan of 'only a fool breaks the helmet rule.' This poster jumped out at the whole team and displays a clear message about the importance of always wearing your cycle helmet.

The second design and congratulations goes to **St. Mary Bourne Primary School**. This one also stood out as it includes so many different important cycle safety messages, which need to be shared.

Well done and thank you to each school and pupil who sent in designs; it is fantastic to know so many children are thinking about the essential cycle safety messages.



Each JRSO school will receive one copy of each but if you don't have JRSOs and would like some displayed in your school, please email road.safety@hants.gov.uk to request copies.

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Journey update

Walktober 2024

Get moving this Walktober for our wellbeing, our community and our planet.

As we head into Autumn, it is important that we all keep active and where possible, get outdoors. To encourage this, the My Journey Team at Hampshire County Council is inviting schools to celebrate International Walk to School Month by taking part in Walktober. This event is designed to inspire pupils, families and staff to travel actively and sustainably throughout October.

[Last year saw 177 Hampshire schools and settings take part, and with the amazing comments from schools about Walktober 2023, we hope even more schools sign up for 2024!](#)



'It has encouraged even more of our school community to choose active travel. It has built relationships between children and families by enabling them time to take journeys with their children and other parents and "talk more".'

'Whilst a lot of our students walk, cycle or get the bus in, our involvement in Walktober 2023 has certainly opened the discussion up with staff about how we can do our bit. More staff cycled in during Walktober and we've also started a carshare club to reduce the number of car journeys to work.'

'Walktober really helps encourage active travel at a time when families can be persuaded to bring the car as the weather is not so good.'

Open to all Hampshire early years settings and schools, there are some great prizes to be won in the pupil and school Walktober competitions. Both competitions include challenges suitable for everyone to take part, plus if you are a STARS school, you can use this as evidence towards your accreditation.

Once registered, participating settings and schools will receive all the resources needed to promote the event and information about entering the competitions.

For more details and to sign up for Walktober 2024 visit myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober.

Please register by **Friday 27th September 2024**.