



# Gosfield School

## Prep School Road Safety Training Policy

### **AIM**

The aim of road safety training and awareness at Gosfield School is that it should educate children in the proper and safe use of roads both on and off site, promoting safer behaviour and practice as well as an attitude that respects those dangers which will be encountered on or near roads. Through our teaching of road safety, we aim to equip pupils with the confidence to enable them to make informed decisions regarding road safety now and in later life.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Children are taught personal safety and road awareness through the delivery of the Prep PSHE curriculum. Adults within the Prep School will model responsible pedestrian practice on a daily basis as pupils move around the school.

This will be monitored by the Head of Prep who works alongside the class teachers to ensure that the curriculum meets the needs of the pupils and that children are prepared and identified as 'road ready' before their move to the Senior School.

### **ORGANISATION OF THE ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

Staff will use a variety of teaching strategies and approaches which incorporate the use of all of the children's senses. Teachers are encouraged to base as much Road Safety teaching as possible on existing schemes and topics and to include practical sessions in the school's grounds. However, the majority of this will be built into the Prep School's rules and procedure for moving around the school site.

### **ROAD SAFETY TRAINING SPECIFIC TO OUR SCHOOL**

In the Nursery and the Prep School there are procedures that must be followed by all staff when moving around the school (Appendix A)

Before the end of the Summer Term, the Year 5 children will receive road safety training on the school site before their move to the Senior School and independent movement around the school. The class teacher will record their attendance at this training and, working alongside the Head of Prep, will assess their 'road readiness.' If a child is found not to be at an appropriate level, a risk assessment will be put in place and interventions will be introduced to aid this transition.

In Year 6 the class will receive regular updates and reminders linked to road safety awareness and will be expected to be road safety ambassadors for the Prep School. If risk assessed, they may walk around the school in pairs or groups to their lessons.

**APPENDIX A:**

At Gosfield School we use The Green Cross Code:

- Find a safe place to cross
- Stop just before you get to the kerb
- Look all around for traffic and listen
- If traffic is coming, let it pass
- When it is safe, go straight across the road - do not run

Walk between the Senior School (Nursery – Year 5) and Nursery or Prep only when a trusted adult is present. Year 6 always walk with a partner or a group.

All pupils follow these guidelines:

- Walk quietly in our class lines, or with our partner, so we can concentrate and are aware of the road.
- Enter the car park only when a parent or teacher is present;
- Know that we wait for our parents/carers to collect us at home time and remain with them until we get in the car.
- Line up quietly and follow the teacher’s and driver’s instructions when leaving school by taxi or bus;
- Help our friends or younger children when they are near roads;
- Ask known adults for help as required when we are on or near roads;
- Know that the wearing of seatbelts, where available, is the safest way to travel on all school related outings whether in buses, taxis or cars;
- Always stay behind the leading teacher and in front of the adult at the rear when walking on school visits or outings.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Rod Jackson, Principal



Date \_\_\_\_\_

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