

Time for Road Safety

The newsletter from the LRSP Education Team



**Lincolnshire
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Term 6 2020/2021 Primary Parents Update

Children Playing

Now that summer has arrived, your children may wish to play outdoors with friends in the sunshine. Remind your children of the dangers when playing on or around the street, in car parks or anywhere in the vicinity of moving vehicles. Be aware that quieter residential areas will also have residents, visitors and delivery vehicles moving frequently in and out of the area, and it is very easy for drivers to miss a child in their blind spots when manoeuvring their vehicles.

Instead, use spaces for your children to enjoy their activities safely such as parks, play areas or gardens.

E-Scooters

E-scooters are growing in popularity, however is illegal for privately owned e-scooters to be ridden in a public place, or a place where the public has access - supermarket car parks for example.

E-Scooters on hire, as part of a new government scheme, are allowed in public places, however there are strict rules (available from the hirer) that outline where they can be used. Despite the laws put in place to govern the use of E-scooters, they remain available to purchase, and many users have been seen riding them with little care and consideration for their own safety or other road users.

Drivers

Please take care when travelling around residential areas and villages. As we approach the summer holidays, there are likely to be more children out on the roads. If you drive an electric or hybrid vehicle, don't forget that many pedestrians may not hear you approaching.



Bikes

Always ensure that your child wears a correctly fitted cycling helmet to stay safe when riding a bike. Remind your child that it is dangerous and illegal to carry any additional passengers or objects on their bike as the balance will be affected which can lead to serious incidents and injuries.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

Many pupils will be travelling independently for the first time when starting secondary school in September. With so many new and exciting experiences happening at once, it is easy to take road safety for granted and staying safe can easily be forgotten. You can support your year 6 child throughout this transition, by helping them to think carefully about the ways to stay safe on their journey.

Practice the route with them if they are going to be walking, cycling or using public transport. You could consider together, the best route, pointing out the safest places to cross any roads, and how to deal with potential hazards along the way. Remember, the safest route is not necessarily the shortest one.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break. Look out for our Autumn edition of the road safety newsletter 2021-2022, which will be available in September. If you have any concerns or suggestions that could be included in a future edition, we would love to hear from you via our [email](#) address.