

Hasland Junior School

Road Safety Policy

Rationale

Hasland Junior School is situated near two very busy roads with pedestrian footpaths that are often narrow.

Our children come to school by a variety of means: by bus, by car, on bicycles, using scooters and walking.

It is vital that they are aware of the dangers and how they can minimise them.

Very young children have difficulty judging speed and distance, and are easily distracted.

Children are inexperienced road users, do not see potential dangers and too often, make mistakes.

Teaching road safety to under-11s can prevent children being killed or injured and improves their chances of being responsible road users throughout their lives.

Road safety training will:

- look at risks
- develop knowledge and skills
- encourage children to make safe choices

Aims

To ensure that children, their parents and staff are safe on the roads.

Hasland Junior School recognises the threat of death and injuries on roads to pupils, parents and staff and has prepared this policy to reduce that threat.

Provision :

- All pupils will learn road safety through a cross-section of curriculum subjects and will be given the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make safe choices when using roads.
- Assemblies will be used to reinforce the importance of Road Safety.
- The school will take part in DCC Road safety initiatives, where relevant.
- Pupils' learning will build on their existing skills and will include roadside training, initially in the playground and eventually at the roadside.
- The school recognises the value other professional agencies in the delivery of road safety education and will utilise support from outside agencies where necessary.
- Y6 pupils will be provided with training on the safe use of bicycles, in the form of Bikeability.

Role of Crossing Patrol Officer.

- There are currently 2 Crossing Patrol Officers positioned on The Green and Storforth Lane.
- The deployment of Crossing Patrol Officers is the responsibility of DCC and not school.
- School staff are not legally covered to take on the role of Crossing patrol officers.
- Children are encouraged to cross with the support of the Crossing patrol Officers.
- When school is informed that Crossing patrol officers have not been deployed, School will contact parents by text.

Role of Parents

- It is vital for the safety of all, that parents are aware of the need to park safely and be very aware of children at collection times when parking and pulling away from the school. (see example of letter attached)
- Parents are encouraged to only bring cars onto the school premises when absolutely necessary
- Parents should help their children develop road safety skills and encourage them to become independent and responsible road users, before allowing them to walk or cycle to school unaccompanied.
- Parents are responsible themselves for ensuring that children are restrained correctly in cars

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Reviewed: March 2021 by Matthew Winson, Headteacher.