

St Mary's Primary School, Rathlin Island



Road Safety Policy

ROAD SAFETY POLICY

Introduction:

Road accidents are the greatest single threat of death or injury facing children. The aim of the School's Road Safety Policy is to reduce this risk. The objectives are set out below:

Road Safety Education will be delivered through the curriculum as part of our Health and Safety Programme and will also be seen as an integral part of the whole school curriculum.

The local police and road safety officer may be invited to work in partnership with staff to support the curriculum delivery.

School's responsibilities

The following aspects of Road Safety will be included in the curriculum:

- How to walk to and from the playground and Parochial hall safely.
- How to use a zebra crossing safely, when visiting the mainland;
- Safety at play in and round the school;
- How to cross the road safely (The Green Cross Code);
- Boarding and behaviour on school buses/taxis;
- Reinforcement of wearing of seat belts while on school transport;
- Cycle Safety and encouragement of wearing helmets;
- Rules for school journeys made by class group on foot;
- Awareness of all types of traffic – including farm traffic (relevant to our situation at school);
- Cycle training for children in Key stage 2
- Dealing with accidents – how to summon help, etc.

Although aspects of road Safety are built into our Health policy, it is important that aspects of Road Safety be discussed and reinforced regularly; particularly if there have been any incidents where a pupil's safety has been put at risk.

Parent's responsibilities

- Parents have their opportunity to influence their children's attitude and behaviour on journeys to and from school;
- Parents will be kept up to date with any Road Safety initiatives;
- Parents are to accept responsibility for parking both safely and appropriately around the school;
- Parents should be encouraged to walk their children to and from school, on the route they wish them to follow (if walking to and from school independently);
- Parents should be aware of safety issues to be taught at our school and provide positive reinforcement of same outside school hours.
- Pupils will not be allowed to leave school premises during school times, or to walk home alone unless they have written permission from their parents.

Management of the Policy

Governors and teachers will ensure delivery of the policy.

Parents will be informed of any modification to the policy.

The policy will be reviewed periodically and in light of any new regulations or incidents.