

Slimbridge Primary School Road Safety Policy

Rationale

At Slimbridge Primary School, we have a duty to help prevent accidents involving members of our community on their journeys to and from school. We also have a duty to contribute to the effective road safety education of all students in our care, throughout their school careers.

Policy Aims

1. To encourage and maintain a school ethos that promotes safer journeys to school. This incorporates:

- promotion of other (non-car) forms of transport for school journeys; with walking to school as the preferred means of travel;
- congestion-free school gates and safer parent parking.

2. To educate families about road safety issues; including increased awareness of the dangers of road traffic around the school environment.

3. To encourage children to transfer road safety lessons into other areas of their lives (e.g. around their home environment etc.).

Policy Specifics

Pedestrian journeys

1. We stress to parents that the preferred means of travel to school is walking. This is done by:

- publishing this policy on the school website;
- providing regular reminders of road safety issues in the school newsletter;
- explaining the safety, health and educational benefits of walking to school;
- participating in national events such as Walk to School Week.

2. Children are educated in pedestrian skills and road safety (in accordance with the relevant sections of the Highway Code) throughout their school careers.

3. Parents and children are encouraged to wear or carry bright or reflective items on their school journeys, especially in poor weather conditions.

4. Parents are encouraged to use approved crossing sites where appropriate.

Car journeys

For those parents and carers for whom the use of the car is unavoidable, the following measures are taken:

1. Parents are strongly encouraged to avoid parking near the school gates and to park away from the school at the British Legion. Parents are then encouraged to walk the final part of their journey as part of the school's "walking ethos". Drivers are asked to park legally and in accordance with Highway Code especially in respect of parking on verges and field entrance.
2. Drivers are reminded to drive at a sensible speed and be aware of other road users and pedestrians in accordance with the Highway Code.
3. The school promotes car sharing amongst those who rely on the car as their only viable means of transportation.

Road Safety In General

1. Parents are encouraged to notify the school of any potential road safety issues.
2. The school works in partnership with Slimbridge Parish Council, Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Council and the Community Police to ensure road safety.
3. Frequent reminders of the school's road safety policy and ethos are provided to parents via the school newsletter, letters from the Governing body, the school prospectus, the school website and handouts where necessary.
4. Parents of reception children are briefed on the school's road safety policy and ethos at the New Parents' Evening.

Road Safety In The Curriculum

1. Time is devoted to the topic of road safety and school travel in circle time.
2. Road safety issues are raised on a regular basis during school assemblies.
3. The issue of road safety and school travel is part of the school's Personal, Social and Health education curriculum.

Refer to:

Signature and date [FGB/committee chair]

Slimbridge School Policy

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Health and Safety Policy
Safeguarding Policy
Travel Plan

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