



September 2022 Newsletter for Primary Parents and Carers

From The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope that you and your family have had a safe and enjoyable summer holidays.

During the last academic year 2021-2022, the Lincolnshire Road Safety Education Team delivered road safety awareness to over 8000 primary aged children, promoting important knowledge and skills that will help keep young road users safe.

This year, our Road Safety Officers are back in the classroom delivering our vital education packages again. As parents/carers you too can support them to act carefully and responsibly when using the roads, especially as independent travel becomes a more regular practice.

Master The School Run

Don't forget our top tips for keeping all children safe.

For drivers, zig zag markings around schools mean no stopping during the designated times, not even to drop off or pick up. Some schools have practices in place to help manage the increased volume of traffic and associated increased hazards during drop-off and pick-up times, such as Park and Stride facilities. Check with your school to see if there is one available.



Where a Park and Stride is not available, pavement drop-off for parents and carers can sometimes be the only option. Where you must drop your children off at the side of the road, please ensure they get out of the vehicle on the pavement side to protect them from moving traffic. Make this practice a habit wherever you are – it might just save a life.



Does your child know what is and what isn't a safe crossing point? If children are walking to school encourage them to cross the road at an established crossing facility if there is one such as a Zebra Crossing or use a School Crossing Patrol point. If there isn't a crossing facility, make sure your child crosses in a place where they are clearly visible to drivers, away from parked cars (where possible) and use the Green Cross Code.



Crossings are put in place to help keep everyone safe. School Crossing Patrols can legally cross all pedestrians, not just children.



When scooting or cycling encourage children to always wear a securely fitted helmet. Helmets are the best way to protect your child from serious head injury if they are involved in a collision or fall.



School Crossing Patrols Update



Thank you to all of the School Crossing Patrol Officers for their hard work in 2021-2022! School Crossing Patrols (SCPs) play an important role in keeping children and adults safe when travelling to and from schools. Please ensure that if you walk to school and have an SCP working on your route, that you use them to help cross the street safely.

Flashback!

Were you a member of the Tufty Club? The character Tufty Fluffytail was created in 1953 by an employee of Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) to increase road safety awareness for under 5s through a series of stories.

By 1961, local clubs had been formed across the country where tales were read aloud to children and included characters such as Willy Weasel and Wise Owl the teacher. PC Badger was always on hand with useful road safety messages.

At its peak, in the early 70s, there were a reported 25,000 clubs and over 2 million child members. ROSPA brought some of the stories to life with a series of public information animations.

The animations were narrated by the late Bernard Cribbins, who passed away recently on 22nd July. Bernard Cribbins was a familiar voice on children's television and here are a couple of the fantastic Tufty adverts in tribute to him.

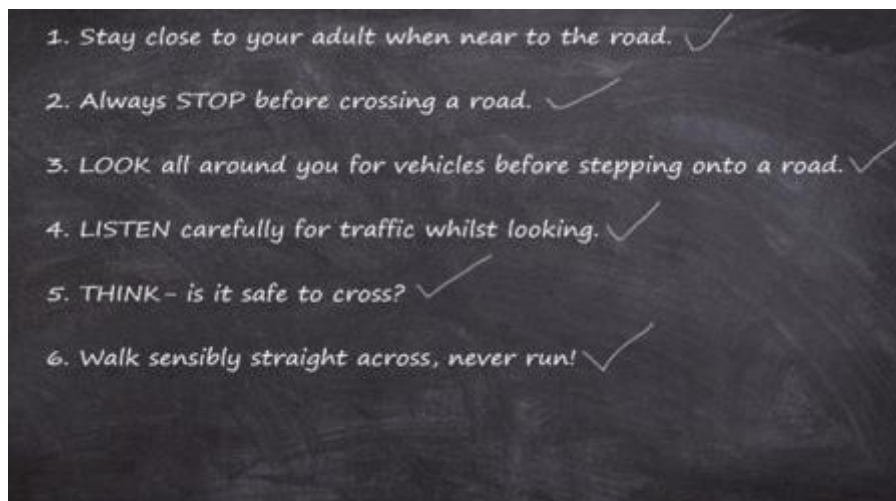


A Message From Your Local Road Safety Officer

Travelling to School

Everyday, 57,000 primary aged children travel to school within Lincolnshire. We all have a role in making sure that journeys are as safe as they can be.

Share the Rule of 6 below with your children, to ensure that they understand how to use roads safely and how to be pedestrian superstars!



If your school has any road safety issues that we might be able to help with, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Staying.alive@lincolnshire.gov.uk or telephone 01522 212313
