

Time for Road Safety



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The newsletter from the LRSP Education Team

Term 4 – Secondary School Parents

Schools reopening

Now schools have reopened, we expect to see heavier traffic during school run periods. Due to on-going COVID concerns we expect more parents may choose to take pupils to school themselves instead of using school transport.

Young people will have the opportunity to regain some of their missed independence after many months of being mainly stuck at home. They are likely to want to be out socialising with friends again.

There could be some drivers on the roads who are out of practice so we have put together some tips to keep young people safe.

Road safety for young people

Ways in which you can encourage them to stay safe when they go out independently.

- ✓ Discuss the possible distractions that they may encounter when they are out and about, and how to deal with them.
- ✓ Encourage young people to cross roads at safe places where they can see the road properly, even if they feel under pressure from friends.
- ✓ Ensure they leave enough time to get to their destination so they don't have to rush and take unnecessary risks.
- ✓ We always recommend wearing a cycle helmet for every bike journey.



Dangerous Habits

Most young people know how to use the roads safely. However with peer pressure it can be easy to get into dangerous habits.

- ✗ Becoming distracted by technology, music or friends instead of concentrating on crossing the road safely.
- ✗ Crossing roads on bends or between parked cars where they cannot see clearly.
- ✗ Rushing across the road when it is not clear.
- ✗ Using pedestrian crossings incorrectly or dangerously.
- ✗ Blocking peripheral vision by wearing clothes with large hoods.
- ✗ Dressing in dark clothing whilst walking the streets after dark.
- ✗ Cycling in the wrong direction down a cycle path.

Contact us

You can contact Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Education team on 01522 805800. The next newsletter will be in term 5.