

Amesbury CE Primary School

Road Safety Policy



Adopted by Governors:

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Signed chair of Governors:

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Purpose

At Amesbury Primary School we believe that a road safety policy provides a framework of common understanding for pupils, staff, parents/carers and the community who interact with the school to provide a safe environment. The main aim of this policy is to promote safe, healthy and environmentally friendly travel to and from our school. Amesbury Primary School is concerned about all issues relating to road safety, both within the curriculum and day to day practices such as travel to the school site and organised school trips. Amesbury Primary School feels that the main responsibility for children's safety lies with the parents/carers. However, the joint approach of everyone concerned with the care of children has proved to be the most effective way of teaching road safety. Amesbury Primary School will, when necessary liaise with Wiltshire Road Safety Team and Local Police on all road safety matters.

Who was consulted?

The policy was developed through consultation with all sections of the school community, and with representatives of the wider community.

Relationship to other policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the travel plan, accessibility plan, child protection policy, the health and safety policy and the curriculum policy.

Aims

1. To establish and maintain a school ethos that incorporates:-
 - Safer journeys to school
 - Walking to school as the preferred means of transport where appropriate
 - Congestion free school gates
 - Investigate and encourage other forms of transport for school journeys and to provide parking for bicycles /shed for wet weather gear
2. To educate children and parents in road safety issues, and make them aware of the dangers of road traffic around the school environment
3. To encourage children to take the road safety issues that they have learnt from school and adopt them in other areas of their lives i.e. around their home environment etc., so they may become confident with these skills
4. To encourage a healthy attitude and walking culture amongst the school community that will lead to a healthier lifestyle.

Road Safety in General

1. Parents/carers and local community residents should be encouraged to notify the school of any road safety issues within the school community that they believe have the potential of causing an accident. By the same token, feedback should be given to the parent/resident once the matter has been investigated.

2. Regular reminders of the school's road safety policy and ethos will be provided to parents/carers via the school newsletter, the school prospectus, the school website and occasional handouts etc.
3. The school should make and maintain links with Wiltshire Road Safety Team, Community Police and Local Council and work in partnership to ensure road safety best practices are upheld.

Road Safety in the Curriculum

1. Wiltshire Road Safety team work with all children annually through workshop and/or assembly time
2. Children will be actively encouraged to attend the week long Bikeability training during Year 6
3. Time is to be devoted within PSHE sessions for the topic of road safety and school travel

Walking

The school will:

- Explore the possibility of establishing a walking bus and/or introducing other walking initiatives
- Promote Walk to School Weeks on a regular basis to raise the profile of walking

Parents and children are responsible for:

- Adopting safe walking practices in accordance with the relevant sections of the Highway Code
- Wearing bright reflective clothing, especially in winter

Cars

The school will:

- Endeavour to make the school entrance a safe, car-free zone
- Promote car sharing

Parents and children are responsible for:

- Using the car only when necessary
- Car sharing where possible
- Car drivers should approach the school community with caution, drive at sensible speed and be aware of other road users and pedestrians in accordance with the Highway Code
- Ensuring that children are restrained correctly in cars and child locks should be used, if appropriate

Cycling

The school will:

- Provide through the Bikeability scheme on and off-road cycle training to year 6 pupils
- Provide cycle storage so that children's bikes are kept safe and dry

Parents and children are responsible for:

- Using appropriate safety equipment such as a cycle helmet, high visibility clothing and bicycle lights
- Maintaining cycles in roadworthy condition

- Undertaking cycle training where available, and to cycle safely in accordance with the Highway Code

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School Trips

1. Parents will be notified before any school trip. A consent form will have been signed in relation to short excursions off school premises.
2. Adequate adult supervision will be provided (according to guidance from the DfE)
3. Adults accompanying trips will be fully briefed on their responsibilities and duties.
 - Adults should walk on the roadside of the pavement
 - One adult should be at the rear and others spaced at intervals
 - When crossing a road any accompanying adults should follow the directions of the teacher in charge

4. Pedestrian Trips

When crossing roads, safe crossing places will be used whenever possible. If zebra or pelican crossings are used, the teacher in charge will proceed to the centre of the crossing only when vehicles in both directions have stopped and the adult helpers will lead the children across the road.

5. Bus and Coach Trips

The children will wait inside the school building until advised to board by the teacher in charge. Where possible, an adult will already be on the bus to organise seating arrangements. Teachers will ensure that the children remain seated throughout the journey and do not distract the driver. A teacher or adult helper must disembark first. Coaches with seat belts will be hired and belts worn at all times by adults and children.

6. Transport of Children in Staff/Parents' cars

Parents and staff transporting children in their own vehicles must have a full driving licence. Their insurance policy must be valid and sufficient for this purpose. There must be the correct number of operational seatbelts and it is the responsibility of the driver to ensure that they are worn. The new regulations from September 2006 regarding booster seats will be adhered to.

7. In the event of an Accident

If an accident occurs, a designated adult will take responsibility for the group whilst the incident is dealt with. Wherever possible, a qualified 'First aider' will accompany the trip.

This policy will be reviewed every year