



Gosfield School

Prep School Road Safety Training Policy

This policy applies to all Prep School pupils, staff, volunteers and visitors involved in pupil movement on or near roads, car parks, access routes and vehicle areas, both on the school site and during educational visits. It should be read alongside the school's safeguarding, educational visits, transport, first aid, behaviour, accessibility and health and safety policies and relevant risk assessments.

Aim

Gosfield School aims to teach pupils how to behave safely and responsibly on or near roads and vehicle areas, both on and off the school site.

Road safety education will help pupils to recognise hazards, make informed decisions and develop the skills and confidence needed for increasing independence.

Responsibilities

- The Head of Prep oversees the implementation and monitoring of this policy.
- Class teachers deliver age-appropriate road safety education and reinforce safe behaviour during daily movement around the site.
- All supervising adults must model safe pedestrian behaviour and ensure that pupils follow agreed routes and instructions.
- Pupils must follow staff instructions and the expectations in Appendix A.

Road Safety Education

Road safety education will be taught through the Prep PSHE curriculum and reinforced through everyday routines.

Teaching may include discussion, demonstration, role play and practical activities in the school grounds. It will cover:

- Recognising hazards on or near roads and vehicle areas.
- Choosing and using safe crossing points.
- Applying the Green Cross Code.
- Looking and listening for traffic.
- Remaining alert and avoiding distractions.
- Following agreed routes and adult instructions.
- Behaving safely as a passenger.
- Knowing when and how to seek adult help.

Movement Around the School Site

- Pupils must use designated pedestrian routes and crossings where available.
- Children in Nursery to Year 5 must be accompanied by an authorised adult when walking between the Nursery, Prep School and Senior School areas.
- When walking as a group, pupils must remain behind the leading adult and in front of the adult at the rear.
- Year 6 pupils may move along approved routes in pairs or groups once the School is satisfied that they are ready to do so. Any pupil requiring additional support will continue to receive appropriate supervision.
- Pupils must not enter car parks or other vehicle areas unless accompanied or directed by an authorised adult.

Training for Increased Independence

Road safety training in preparation for increased independence will be delivered in Year 5 or Year 6, at the class teacher's discretion and in consultation with the Head of Prep. The timing will depend on the readiness and needs of the class.

Training will take place before pupils are permitted increased independence and will cover:

- Approved routes around the school site.
- Safe use of designated crossing points.
- Awareness of moving and parked vehicles.
- Following signs, markings and staff instructions.
- Remaining attentive and avoiding distractions.
- Responding to unexpected hazards.
- Seeking help when unsure.

The class teacher will record each pupil's participation.

Readiness for Increased Independence

The class teacher, working with the Head of Prep, will assess each pupil's readiness. Although training may be delivered to the whole class, readiness will be considered individually.

Pupils should be able to:

- Follow approved routes and instructions.
- Use designated crossing points safely.
- Stop, look and listen before crossing a vehicle route.
- Remain attentive and behave responsibly near traffic.
- Respond appropriately to an unexpected hazard.
- Seek adult help when unsure.
- Demonstrate safe behaviour consistently.

Where a pupil is not yet ready, additional teaching, practice or supervision will be provided and their readiness reviewed.

Assessment of readiness does not remove the need for appropriate supervision.

Year 6 Expectations

By the time increased independence is introduced, Year 6 pupils will have completed the relevant training in either Year 5 or Year 6.

Year 6 pupils will receive regular road safety reminders and will be expected to model safe behaviour for younger pupils. They should alert an adult if another pupil appears to be at risk and must not place themselves in danger to help someone else.

Permission for increased independence may be withdrawn if a pupil does not demonstrate safe behaviour.

Monitoring and Review

The policy will be reviewed in line with the School's policy review cycle or sooner where circumstances require.

Appendix A: Pupil Road Safety Expectations

The Green Cross Code

1. Find a safe place to cross.
2. Stop before reaching the kerb or edge of the road.
3. Look in all directions and listen for traffic.
4. Let approaching traffic pass and do not assume a driver has seen you.
5. When it is safe, walk straight across without running.
6. Keep looking and listening until safely across.

All Pupils Must

- Follow the instructions of staff and authorised adults.
- Use designated pedestrian routes and crossings.
- Walk calmly and quietly so they can remain alert.
- Stay with their class, group or partner as directed.
- Keep looking and listening while crossing.
- Avoid distractions near roads and vehicle areas.
- Enter car parks only when accompanied or directed by an authorised adult.
- Ask an adult for help when unsure.
- Report unsafe behaviour or hazards to an adult.
- Wait in the designated place until collected.
- Follow staff and driver instructions when travelling by taxi, minibuss or bus.
- Use the seatbelt or appropriate restraint provided.
- Remain seated and avoid distracting the driver.

APPENDIX A:

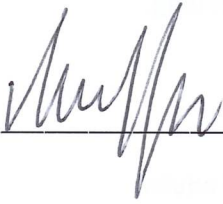
At Gosfield School we use The Green Cross Code:

- Find a safe place to cross
- Stop just before you get to the kerb
- Look all around for traffic and listen
- If traffic is coming, let it pass
- When it is safe, go straight across the road - do not run

Walk between the Senior School (Nursery – Year 5) and Nursery or Prep only when a trusted adult is present. Year 6 always walk with a partner or a group.

All pupils follow these guidelines:

- Walk quietly in our class lines, or with our partner, so we can concentrate and are aware of the road.
- Use the zebra crossing;
- Enter the car park only when a parent or teacher is present;
- Know that we wait for our parents/carers to collect us at home time and remain with them until we get in the car;
- Line up quietly and follow the teacher's and driver's instructions when leaving school by taxi or bus;
- Help our friends or younger children when they are near roads;
- Ask known adults for help as required when we are on or near roads;
- Know that the wearing of seatbelts, where available, is the safest way to travel on all school related outings whether in buses, taxis or cars;
- Always stay behind the leading teacher and in front of the adult at the rear when walking on school visits or outings.

Principal's Signature:  Date: 1/9/2026

Date of next review: September 2027