



## Road Safety Guidance for Staff, Parents/Carers and Visitors

At Park Road Academy Primary School, we believe that our road safety guidance provides a common understanding for staff, parents/carers and visitors.

Park Road Academy Primary School is concerned about all issues relating to road safety, both within the curriculum and day-to-day practices such as travel to and from the school site.

We feel that the main responsibility for children's safety lies with the parents/carers until their child enters the building at drop off and from handover upon pick-up.

However, the joint approach of everyone concerned with the care of children has been proven to be the most effective way of teaching road safety to children and raising awareness within the community. In addition to the children strengthening their knowledge and understanding of road safety, we must consider our own actions and set a good example. By setting a good example we can ensure children remain safe and develop sound road and traffic awareness.

With this in mind, we expect all staff, parents/carers and visitors who are **vehicle users** to:

- Drive with due care and regard for the safety of pedestrians and other road users when using the roads to and from school.
- Be mindful of speed limits
- Observe the road markings at the school gates.
- Keep school entrances and access gates clear at all times
- Ensure that children are restrained correctly in cars.
- Choose a safe place to park.
- Not restrict access for pedestrians by mounting the pavement.
- Ensure there is adequate room for emergency services to access the road and the school site.
- Pay attention to their use of mobile technology and headphones, as this can be a dangerous distraction.
- Leave driveways accessible for our neighbours to access their property safely.
- Have due care and regard when manoeuvring their vehicles and give priority to pedestrians.

With this in mind, we expect all staff, parents/carers and visitors who are **cyclists** to:

- Cycle on the road unless there is a designated cycle path.
- Watch their speed as surfaces may be slippery and it will take you longer to stop in wet weather.
- Ride positively, decisively, and well clear of the kerb.
- Pay attention to their use of mobile technology and headphones, as this can be a dangerous distraction.
- Consider wearing a helmet.
- Ride in a position where you can see and be seen.



- Use lights and consider wearing bright or reflective clothing, especially at night and in bad weather.
- Make eye contact with other road users, then you know they've seen you.
- Signal clearly at all times.
- Use their bell - not all pedestrians can see you

*Much of cyclists' guidance has been taken from Sustrans Cycle Network. There is an extensive range of guidance published for cyclists– visit their site to find out more.*

With this in mind we expect all staff, parents/carers and visitors who are **pedestrians** to:

- Hold your child's hand, where necessary for their age or stage of development - don't let them run ahead.
- Look out for and encourage children to be aware of hidden entrances or driveways crossing the pavement.
- Allow children to walk on the side of the pavement away from the traffic
- Choose a safe place to cross, do not cross where you cannot see far along the road.
- Pay attention to their use of mobile technology and headphones, as this can be a dangerous distraction.
- Not cross a road between parked cars; drivers won't be able to see you or a child very well.
- Use the Green Cross Code with children; explain that you have to stop at the kerb, then look both ways and listen for traffic before crossing
- Remind children to walk straight across the road and to keep looking and listening out for traffic
- Remind children to concentrate - they may be easily distracted, forget what they have been taught and dash out into the road

*Much of the pedestrian guidance has been taken from Think, published by the Government. There is an extensive range of guidance published for parents/carers – visit their site to find out more.*

If parents/carers or visitors are in walking distance to the school, and are able to, we advise that you strongly consider walking as an option.

We recommend that parents/carers should help their children develop road safety skills and encourage them to become independent and responsible road users, before allowing them to walk or cycle to school unaccompanied. Also ensure that anyone else looking after your child follows the same road safety rules that you do.

In order to keep our school and local community safe, we would appreciate that you follow this guidance.