

# **LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY POLICY**

## **RATIONALE**

Road accidents are the greatest single threat of death or injury facing children. Llantwit Major 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.

Llantwit Major School is located in a rural setting, however the playing fields back onto a busy main road, and pupils need to be extremely careful if they walk to school when crossing this road, which make Road Safety an important focus for the school in policy and planning.

Our most important priority is to minimise risk and to safeguard children at all times whilst in our care. There must be joint responsibility for children's safety with parents/carers and across the entire school community. It is with this in mind that the school therefore implements this Road Safety policy.

## **AIMS**

- To ensure that children, their parents and teachers are safe on the roads on, around and approaching the school
- To ensure a safe and efficient flow of traffic to, from and around the school at all times
- To make pupils aware of the rules of the road and their responsibilities as road users
- To teach children effective strategies for keeping safe on the roads as pedestrians, cyclists or passengers

## **ROAD SAFETY PRACTICES**

### ***Walking to school***

- Where parents allow their children to walk to school, they should discuss with them an agreed safe route and how to stay safe on the road
- Pupils who walk to school should be mindful of safe road use, refrain from unsafe practices that may compromise their own or others' personal safety and where there are no footpaths always walk on the right hand side of the road, facing and remaining alert for oncoming traffic.

### ***Travelling on a school bus***

- Students need to ensure that they embark and disembark the bus in a safe way.
- The school will ensure that staff provides daily bus supervision at the 'school' end of the journey, at both ends of the school day.
- In the mornings and on return from school trips, pupils must remain on the bus until told to disembark by the teacher-in-charge
- At home time or when setting out on a school trip, pupils must wait inside the school gates until advised to board the bus by the teacher-in-charge
- Pupils are expected to observe the agreed Code of Conduct for school buses. They must remain seated throughout the journey and must never distract the driver. Any breach of this rule will be dealt with under the school's behaviour/discipline policies.

### ***Access to the school site***

- Pupils are not allowed to leave the school during school hours, unless they have written permission from their parents/carers – where they do so, they are expected to observe safe road use practices at all times.
- Teachers will park in designated spaces on the school grounds, driving at all times with due care and giving priority to pedestrians.
- Parking is available in the Leisure centre car park or at the front of the school gates, whilst collecting or waiting for children.
- Parents should park safely and appropriately, with due regard to pedestrians and other road users.
- Goods delivery traffic will not be allowed access to pupil areas of the school grounds during school hours except where absolutely necessary and will then be carefully directed to designated loading/set-down points.

### ***School Trips***

- Parents will be notified before any school trip and must give written consent for their child's attendance.
- Coaches with seat belts will be hired and safety belts worn at all times by adults and children.
- The school will ensure that adequate adult supervision is provided on trips and that adults are fully briefed on their responsibilities and duties.
- When crossing a road, safe crossing places will be used wherever possible; any accompanying adults should follow the directions of the teacher-in-charge and use the appropriate safety rules for crossing.

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

### ***Use of Bicycles***

- Children should wear helmets and other appropriate protective gear, whilst riding to school.

### **THE ROLE OF PARENTS**

In addition to procedures outlined above, parents have a pivotal role to play in helping to promote Road Safety with their children. They should help their children develop road safety skills and encourage them to become independent and responsible road users.

### **THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL**

The Head Teacher and staff will:

- Ensure appropriate adult supervision of pupils boarding and disembarking of school buses and on school trips.
- Work in partnership with pupils, parents and wider community, including the Council and DOE, on local Road Safety issues.
- Monitor and review this policy in consultation with pupils and parents, on a regular basis and in line with statutory and other guidance.

### **LEARNING AND TEACHING**

The school’s Road Safety programme will provide opportunities for pupils to examine risk and dangers on the roads, develop knowledge and skills to maintain personal safety, and encourage children to make safe and healthy choices. Information will be given to pupils, staff and parents in line with the most up-to-date, best practice advice:

- The school will, where appropriate, work in partnership with local and regional support agencies and the police agencies in the planning, delivery and review of Road Safety education.
- The school will where appropriate participate in useful awareness-raising initiatives and strategies that promote Road Safety within our wider community e.g. Road Safety Week, Safe Routes to School.

## **Transport after school hours**

Children participating in after schools clubs or sports fixtures will be safely driven to their destination, if off site, by a driver with suitable driving/minibus license. They will wear seatbelts in vehicle; they will embark and disembark the vehicle safely.

For after school clubs on site (and return to school from trips or offsite activities), children will make their own way home or be collected at the end of the club

This policy forms part of the school's overall Health Education policy. It will be monitored and reviewed regularly, in consultation with pupils, staff and parents. It will be amended if required or every 2 years..

Head: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair of Board of Governors: \_\_\_\_\_

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