

Road Safety Education and Training

Road Safety Team



About us

Making decisions about how we get from A to B is a life skill.

Young people especially benefit from training about how to stay safe in an increasingly busy and fast-paced world.

This leaflet explains the sessions, workshops, classes and talks that West Berkshire Council Road Safety Team has developed along with our partner organisations.

If you'd like to invite us to your school or college, to talk to us about training, or to ask about ways we can help with road safety for your pupils, get in touch with us by email:

Trafficandroadsafety@westberks.gov.uk

You can find further resources and information on our road safety webpage:

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Pedestrian Road Safety and Awareness

Classroom Workshops (approx 60 mins)

Our workshops involve us visiting your school to give a fun, practical, age-appropriate presentation designed to enhance road safety skills and road awareness.

The sessions are geared toward different Key Stages and focus on:

- KS1 – Green Cross Code, Stop, and holding hands
- KS2 – Green Cross Code, including pedestrian safety and the use of pedestrian crossings, child car seat safety and cycle safety
- KS3 to KS5 – covering key topics for teenagers (safety as a pedestrian, cycle safety, and in-car safety) including avoiding common distractions, route planning and drink and drugs awareness

School assemblies (approx 20 to 30 mins)

We can give a presentation in your school assembly presentation designed to raise awareness of age-related risks on our roads.

The presentation can be tailored to the needs of your pupils, and can cover a range of road safety topics or bespoke messages that are specifically relevant to the local area or school itself.

Road Rangers (school new intake)

Our Road Rangers booklet aims to give parents and guardians the opportunity to read a set of stories that pass on various road safety messages, aimed at keeping them safe when walking to and from school, and around their community or places they might visit.

We deliver this booklet to schools each year, during the summer term, in time for them to be issued as part of the parent packs that are distributed

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to parents attending the new intake meetings. We also offer to attend new intake parent meetings to support the school in raising any local road safety message. We have 10 sessions available per year so the earlier you can book this the more chance we can fit you in - please email the Road Safety Team to discuss what you need.

You can find this booklet, and other resources, on our road safety webpage.

Scooter Heroes (KS1)

The Scooter Heroes training booklet and supporting resources help children to keep safe on their scooters when travelling to and from school.

You can find this booklet, and other resources, on our road safety webpage.

Safer Steps (Year 3)

The Safer Steps booklet aims to give parents and guardians the tools to pass on road safety knowledge to children which will help to keep them safe when walking to and from school, around their community or places they might visit.

We send this booklet to schools each year around June and July.

We also offer a Safer Steps classroom session to schools. This helps to target specific issues that might be happening outside each school (for instance problems with parking and road safety in the immediate area).

We run 10 sessions per year so the earlier you can book this the more chance we can fit you in - please email the Road safety Team at trafficandroadsafety@westberks.gov.uk to discuss what you need.

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Booster Boy/Girl (KS1 & KS2)

The Booster Boy/Girl characters and supporting resources help children to understand how to keep safe as passengers in vehicles when travelling to and from school.

We offer classroom sessions to schools to help the children understand the 135cm law and correct seatbelt wearing.

You can find this booklet, and other resources, on our road safety webpage

Louis Taylor Road Safety Show – Foundation ONLY

This limited availability production is designed for foundation class. Road safety messages are cleverly introduced to this age group via a story book of characters. The first steps of our road safety programme.

We have 20 shows available, the show will help the children understand the importance of such messages like holding hands when walking to and from school. To book a show please email the Road Safety Team

Walking Bus

If your school does not have a Walking Bus, why not suggest one? We can help you and the school to start the wheels turning.

Park and Stride

A Park & Stride scheme is ideal for families living too far away from a school to be able to walk. The scheme identifies an agreed Park and Stride area reasonably nearby where parents can park away from the school gates.

It provides a simple solution to keep the area outside the school clear of traffic, and means that children at least walk some of the way to and from school.

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Cycling, Mopeds and Motorbikes

Bikes, Big Trucks & You (Year 5)

The Bikes, Big Trucks and You offers an information booklet and practical on-site activity sessions to help Year 5 children understand why extra care is needed when cycling on our roads, particularly around larger vehicles.

We have 10 sessions available to deliver to our schools each year, normally scheduled during the Spring term (May).

Bikeability Levels 1, 2 & 3 (KS2 & KS3) for children

“Bikeability” is a nationwide programme of cycle training in schools. West Berkshire Council Road Safety team run term-time sessions for children and young people, or outside of term time we offer paid-for sessions for individual children that might have missed the chance at their school.

Alternatively, to book a school training session, contact our Cycling Coordinator on 01635 503263

We are now able to offer additional Bikeability Plus modules.

Bikeability Balance is a fun programme for children in Reception. Using our fleet of balance bikes to play playground games, children will develop the balance and control skills they need to move on to pedaling a bike. This is delivered in 30 minute sessions to groups of ten children at a time and each child will have two sessions.

Bikeability Fix is for children who are due to do Bikeability levels one and two training and will teach them to check their bikes and make any adjustment needed to make them roadworthy. Led by our qualified mechanics, tools and some spare parts will be supplied. This is an hour long session for children in groups of six at a time.

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RideStart (KS4)

RideStart **www.ridestart.org** is a full day taster session for young people (15+ years) interested in moped, and twist & go style scooters.

If your pupils are using this form of transport to travel to school we'd recommend they attend RideStart before being allowed to bring this type of vehicle onto the school grounds.

The taster sessions are delivered at a suitable pre-arranged site (Greenham Business Park) and are normally a weekend or school holiday workshop. More information on owning a moped or scooter and the next available event date can be found on the RideStart website **www.ridestart.org/events/** If you require more information on the project please email the Road Safety Team at **trafficandroadsafety@westberks.gov.uk**

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