



Dear Parent/Guardian

Pedestrian Training

Your child's school has agreed to participate in a pedestrian training scheme run by the Road Safety Team of Darlington Borough Council. This training will be commencing during the January 2023 half term onwards.

This scheme will involve our trained instructors taking small groups of children out of school into the local area. Safety will be paramount, and all instructors and children will be required to wear high visibility waistcoats, which we will provide. All our training areas have been risk assessed and all of our trainers have had appropriate checks by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Our training delivery has been revised in conjunction with the Public Health Officer and health and safety to be covid compliant.

Training sessions will be spread over a period of 3 weeks. Year 1 and 2 children will be taken out for 30 minutes once a week. Year 3 children will be taken out for 40-45 minutes once a week. During this time, we will cover basic traffic education, crossing roads and sensible pedestrian behaviour. Until they reach year 3, children will not be asked to make any independent decisions about crossing roads. Years 1 and 2 children must always hold an instructor's hand when they are out of the school grounds.

Please could we ask you to ensure your child is dressed appropriately for all weather conditions on pedestrian training days?

Also, it must be pointed out that our training will only be a foundation, which we hope you will continue, to enable your child to be safe on the road. As a parent only you have the right to decide when it will be safe to let your child have unsupervised travel in future.

Unfortunately, we cannot start your child's training unless you give us permission to do so. Therefore, would you kindly go online using one of the links below and complete the online consent form no later than 4th November **2022**.

Instructors are allocated to schools based on the number of participants; a training space cannot be guaranteed to you child if the consent form is received after this date.

Yours faithfully

Liz Hart

Road Safety Support Officer

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To sign your child up for pedestrian training go to either:

The information page with link to the consent form at the bottom:

<https://www.letsgeteesvalley.co.uk/pedestrian-training/>

or go direct to the consent form at:

<https://www.letsgeteesvalley.co.uk/pedestrian-training/darlington-pedestrian-training-consent-form/>

Paper consent forms are available at school reception if not able to sign up online. Please see staff and complete as soon as possible. Thank you.