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## **Year 3 Pedestrian Training - January 2025**

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. Training for year 3 will commence from 13th January on a Monday and Tuesday, for 3 weeks.

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 of 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 3 children will be taken out for 40 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 hold an instructor's hand at all times 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. Please complete the consent form below and return to school by 9th December 2024.

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 Officer

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I agree to my child taking part in the above pedestrian training starting on Monday 13th/ Tuesday 14th January for 3 weeks.
Yes
☐ No
Telephone number
Please list any medical, special needs information or any other information which you think is necessary for the health and safety of your child during training
In the event of an emergency, if I cannot be contacted at any number given below, I consent to this child receiving any medication or treatment deemed necessary, from the appropriate authorities present.
Yes
□ No