



# Road Safety

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

As your child becomes more independent; walking to school, cycling with friends, or using public transport, it's important to ensure they understand how to stay safe near and on the roads.

## Key Safety Recommendations

### Cycling Safely

Encourage your child to:  
Wear a helmet every time they cycle.  
Use front and rear bike lights when cycling in the dark.  
Wear reflective clothing or accessories.  
Understand and obey road signs and traffic rules.  
Avoid distractions (e.g. mobile phones, music while riding).

Useful Links:  
Cycling Safety Tips - Sustrans  
Bikeability Training - GOV.UK

### In Case of an Emergency

Teach your child how to:

Call 999 if there's an accident.  
Clearly explain what happened and where they are

**Passenger Safety**  
Even as a passenger, road safety matters.

Always wear a seatbelt – front or back.  
Get in and out of the car on the pavement side if possible.  
Don't distract the driver with sudden noises or behaviour.

### Working Together

Talking regularly about road safety and modelling good behaviour (e.g., not using your phone while crossing) helps children build habits for life.

If you'd like to run a bike safety session, invite a road safety officer, or have questions, please contact the school office.

### E-scooters: Know the Law

Private e-scooters are currently illegal on public roads, pavements, and cycle paths.  
Only government-approved rental e-scooters in pilot areas are legal, and riders must:  
Be over 18  
Hold a valid provisional or full driving licence

Useful Link:

Electric scooter rules - GOV.UK

### Travel to and from School

Help your child plan a safe route to school.  
Talk about bus stops, safe crossing points, and quiet roads.  
Encourage walking in pairs or groups when possible.

Useful Link:  
Travel Safe to School Toolkit - Brake

Here are 4 useful UK-based road safety websites with resources for both students and parents:

Think! Road Safety (UK Government)  
<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>  
(Resources and games for all ages about road safety, including pupils and parents.)

Brake – The Road Safety Charity  
<https://www.brake.org.uk/>  
(Advice, campaigns, and learning materials for families and schools.)

Road Safety GB  
<https://roadsafetygb.org.uk/>  
(Information and tips for all road users, including young people and parents.)

Bikeability  
<https://bikeability.org.uk/>