



# Three Bridges Primary School

## Road Crossing

## Policy

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## **Introduction**

This policy has been developed by the Governors and Headteacher to ensure that pupils and staff are able to safely negotiate roads between the Upper and Lower sites of Three Bridges Primary School and when out on school trips.

## **Guidelines for walking groups**

- Brief children about expectations
- Encourage children to be observant – point out hazards
- Encourage children to be considerate and courteous to other pedestrians
- Be aware of – obstacles, pedestrians, uneven surfaces, lamp posts
- On narrow paths walk the children in single file.
- Adults should be positioned at the front, back and along the group, wearing fluorescent jackets.

## **Gales Drive between the two school sites**

**Under no circumstances** are pupils permitted to cross Gales Drive as part of **ANY** school related activity unless supervised and accompanied by a member of school staff or any appropriate adults as dictated by the Headteacher. Children must cross at the puffin crossing. This has been timed to allow one whole class to cross the road safely before the pedestrian light changes to red. One adult must always be in the middle of the road at the puffin crossing as the children walk over. **Additionally**, when a whole class is travelling from one site to the other there must always be:

EYFS each class – 3 adults (1:10)

KS1 and KS2 each class – 2 adults (1:15)

## **All other road crossings**

### **Adult: Pupil Ratio**

A minimum of four adults are needed to cross children safely; one adult on each side of the road and two standing in the road to stop traffic.

## **Guidance from Highway Code**

Pavements or footpaths should be used if provided. Adults should walk on the side of the pavement nearest the road so that children are well inside the pavement.

## **Crossing the road**

Make sure there is a clear crossing space – use pedestrian crossing facilities wherever possible.

If using a pelican crossing, then a class group may have to cross in more than one group. A puffin crossing should allow sufficient time for a class group to cross.

If there is not a pedestrian crossing, stop all children at the kerbside away from the edge. Deploy adults to the front, rear and middle of group and when traffic has stopped in both directions then children should cross. Pupils should cross the road in pairs.

As teachers have no legal authority to stop traffic it is important that whenever possible children cross the road when there is no traffic. Should waiting traffic begin to build up, teachers should stop the pupils crossing and wait till traffic is clear again before recommencing.

You should also consider any special educational needs (SEN) and behavioural characteristics of individual pupils participating in the walk and road crossing. A pupil with SEN or behavioural issues may need to walk at the front of the line of pupils accompanied by an additional adult.

All new staff joining the school (at any point in the year) will be instructed to adhere to the guidance in this policy and will be given training at both sites on a regular basis.

Pupils will be reminded by the Headteacher and other members of school staff, of the rules contained in this policy, on a regular basis as part of the schools' approach to Road Safety.

Pupils will also be taught about road safety through PSHE lessons and assemblies, primarily using the Think resources, provided by the government