



# Stanbridge Lower School

## Road Safety Policy

Reviewed September 2018

### **1. RATIONALE/AIMS**

- 1.1 We believe the Road Safety Policy should involve pupils, parents, teachers, governors and members of the local community and that everyone should play a part in keeping children safe on our roads outside school, as well as to and from school.
- 1.2 We aim to prevent accidents, and empower others to know how to deal with accidents or near misses should they occur.
- 1.3 To encourage parents to walk their children to and from school and in the process train their children about road safety training from a young age.
- 1.4 To include road safety issues in curriculum planning raising children's awareness of issues associated with road safety.
- 1.5 At Stanbridge we believe in encouraging a healthy lifestyle and reducing congestion outside school. With this in mind we encourage parents to accompany their children to school using different modes of transport. Cycling to school helps to keep children fit and healthy, as well as reducing traffic at key times outside school.

### **2. THE CURRICULUM**

- 2.1 Our curriculum teaches the children about road safety, focusing on how to be safe when crossing the road, walking, cycling or using other modes of transport on the roads.
- 2.2 Road Safety awareness is incorporated assemblies and into lesson planning delivered in PSHCE and the Geography curriculum.
- 2.3 Opportunities are included across the children's time at Stanbridge, so that children can talk about road safety. E.g. visitors to school and assembly. Assemblies are used to address specific local problems and raise awareness of local and seasonal dangers and how to deal with them.

### **3. JOURNEY TO SCHOOL**

- 3.1 Children who live in the villages of Eggington and Billington are entitled to a free bus transport to and from school.
- 3.2 Each child has a designated place where they wait with their parent for the bus in the morning and must be collected from that place in the afternoon.
- 3.3 The school ensures that all children are met each morning and signed into school by a member of staff on duty and escorted to the bus in the afternoon by the transport providers.
- 3.4 For all non-bus children it is the parent's responsibility to get their child to and from school safely. Children at lower schools should always be accompanied by an adult when journeying to and from school.
- 3.5 Stanbridge endeavours to encourage all families to walk to school rather than use the car. It is accepted that parents living out of our catchment area may find this hard. All parents are encouraged to park further from the school and therefore incorporate a longer walk each day if this is practical for their lifestyle.
- 3.6 Parents who do bring their children to school by car are encouraged to think safely about where and how they park, so as not to inconvenience the local community and put their own or other people's children at risk.
- 3.7 At all times the zig zag lines and the police coned area outside school must be kept clear. Parents should never pick up or set down in that area.

#### **4. CYCLING OR RIDING A SCOOTER TO SCHOOL**

4.1 We advise all parents to accompany their children to school when cycling or bringing a scooter to school, as they are responsible for ensuring their children are safe on the journey to school and also arrive safely at school. Following Bedfordshire's policy on cycling to school we recommend a child must be at least 10+ to cycle alone to school.

4.2 Parents are responsible for ensuring their children know and understand how to cycle/scooter sensibly and safely on roads and pathways.

4.3 We encourage all parents to provide their children with Road Safety Training.

4.4 We encourage all parents to ensure children wear cycle hats, high visibility and protective clothing when cycling to school.

4.5 We encourage all parents to ensure their child's bike/scooter is inspected for roadworthiness before allowing them to ride them to school. They should be inspected for roadworthiness on a regular basis.

4.6 Stanbridge is not responsible for the safety of bikes/scooters being brought onto the premises and stored during the daytime. We advise all parents to take bikes/scooters home with them.

4.7 However for convenience for parents and children, bikes/scooters can be stored on the field round the back of the school premises. All bikes/scooters must be chained to the railings.

#### **5. SCHOOL TRIPS**

5.1 All guidance for school trips and road safety can be found in the Visits and Journeys Handbook. Please refer to this for guidance on minibus drivers, seatbelts in minibuses and coaches and the maintenance of vehicles.

5.2 All group leaders and competent persons organising a school trip should do a detailed risk assessment, part of which should include road safety. All risk assessments should be agreed by the Visits and Journey's Co-ordinator.

#### **6. REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The schools policy will be reviewed when;

- Two years have elapsed
- There have been any significant changes
- The school wishes to renew the policy

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This policy was ratified by the full governing body.

Date of meeting:.....

Signed.....Chair of Governors