



Nether Kellet Community Primary School

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Road Safety Policy

The responsibility for road safety for pupils is a joint role between teachers, governors, parents/carers and pupils. This responsibility includes setting an appropriate example. The school will identify and implement safe practices during school activities.

A structured plan of road safety education is regarded as an important and integrated part of safety and health education taught in school as part of a planned and monitored curriculum and preparation for pupils to be safer road users throughout their lives.

Curriculum

- Road safety will be used to support the general school curriculum.
- It will be reinforced whenever the children are out of school on visits.
- The children undertake planned road safety training on an annual basis as appropriate to their age to include elements of Right Start child pedestrian training
- Year 6 children receive off-road cycle training and on road for confident cyclists.
- Assembly and PSHE themes address road safety on a termly basis and more frequently where issues arise.
- Resources from the government road safety website www.think.direct.gov.uk are used in lessons on road safety.
- We use many resources and advice from the LA site www.saferschools.lancsngfl.ac.uk

School Transport

- The coach used for school swimming is fitted with seatbelts that are worn at all times. Children are supervised and guided on road safety when embarking and disembarking to and from the bus.

School Visits

- Specific requirements for outside visits away from the school grounds will comply with LA regulations as appropriate.
- Risk assessments written ahead of visits take into account procedures for managing risk near roads and traffic generally.
- Safe pupil behaviour is ensured.
- Hi-vis vests are worn when the children are going to be near to roads for any significant period of time.
- Road safety issues are highlighted at appropriate times.
- Coaches used for school trips are always fitted with seatbelts and the children are supervised in fastening these and ensuring that they remain fastened for the duration of a trip.
- Children are carefully supervised on school trips when embarking or disembarking from transport and when near to roads.

School environment

- The school gates are kept locked at all times after the start of the school day once children are outdoors (this is routinely carried out at break time or earlier if children are doing outdoor activities on the playground).
- Parents are encouraged to properly supervise their children until they are formally in the care of the school.
- School staff supervise the KS1 children as they leave the class to hand over to parents.
- School staff ensure that KS2 children are handed over to parents or have permission to go home unaccompanied.
- Any vehicles needing to access the school grounds (eg tractors to cut the grass) are carefully managed by staff ensuring that children are not in the vicinity.
- Staff ensure that they manoeuvre cars safely (usually when children are not around the gate area).
- Children and parents are asked to always access school via the pedestrian gate and not the car park gate and to walk on pavements at all times.

School Gates

- All pupils and parents are made aware of the procedures adopted by the school in regard to delivering and collecting children.
- Gates are closed across the vehicle access at the end of the day.
- Parents are requested not to park near to the school in the cul-de-sac leading to school at the beginning and end of the day to deliver or collect children.
- Parents are also requested not to park on the corners of Bridge Road obstructing the view for children crossing and Lancashire LA signs reminding them are positioned there at the beginning and end of the school day.
- Parents are requested to drive very slowly and a 20mph limit is in place throughout the village at the beginning and end of school.
- School frequently reminds parents via newsletters and leaflets to park and drive responsibly near school.
- Children are educated through lessons, assemblies and formal road safety lessons about safety as a pedestrian and as a car passenger.
- The school council frequently run poster and leaflet campaigns to remind children and parents about road safety near school.

Bicycles

- Children are not actively encouraged to cycle to school because of the very busy main road and the environs of the school but children are supported in cycling or scootering to school if parents are happy for them to do so.
- Year 5/6 children undertake cycle training in the summer term with more confident cyclists progressing onto local small roads.
- YR/1 children do learn to ride a bike training.
- All children learn Highway Code rules linked to cycling and relevant road signs.
- If parents request that their child cycles to school we request that the child wear an approved and correctly fitted cycle helmet and have passed appropriate cycle training.

Clothing

- Children are encouraged to wear clothing and accessories that make them more visible e.g. lighter coloured or fluorescent clothing for daylight and reflective clothing or badges for darker conditions.
- Children and parents are advised that a cycling helmet is essential when riding a bike and children are required to wear one at all times when undertaking cycling training.