

GLENCORSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'A small school building big dreams'

Road Safety Policy

Introduction

Road accidents are the single biggest threat of death or injury facing children.

The overall aim of our school's Road Safety Policy is to reduce this risk for children by helping our pupils to develop:

- knowledge and understanding of road use as pedestrians, passengers and cyclists.
- skills for road use.
- responsible attitudes, values and road use behaviours.

The achievement of this will require input from school, parents, other professionals eg police and from members of our community.

We all have a part to play.

Vision Statement

To foster a positive attitude in our pupils towards all aspects of Road Safety through a variety of approaches, developing awareness and understanding of the traffic environment in order to become responsible road users.

How will our pupils learn these safety skills?

The children will acquire knowledge, skills and informed attitudes from a variety of sources and in a variety of ways.

The Curriculum

Road Safety education will be delivered through the curriculum as part of Curriculum for Excellence and in particular as part of Health and Wellbeing. This will lay a firm foundation for safe road behaviour and will help our pupils cope safely with today's traffic.

We will work in partnership with our Road Safety Officer, who will take a key role in working with children and in staff development.

We will support practical training schemes linked to the curriculum such as the Scottish Cycle Training Scheme.

The school will support the Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme to encourage pupils to take an active role in promoting Road Safety.

Parents

Parental involvement and co-operation is crucial. One thing, which would immediately reduce risk for our pupils, would be no parking at all at our school entrance. We have requested that parents park further away and walk to school.

Parents are also encouraged to support their child's participation in the Scottish Cycle Training Scheme.

Parents can make a significant contribution to children's Road Safety Education at the school by assisting class teachers with Pedestrian Skills Training and by helping to train older pupils to cycle safely through the Scottish Cycle Training Scheme.

Journeys

When children travel by minibus, coach and private car, staff will ensure that children are wearing seatbelts.

All teachers driving Council mini-buses will have completed an assessment by the Council on the suitability to drive these vehicles. These are regularly updated. Teachers carrying children as passengers in their own cars all have appropriate insurance.

Management of the Policy

Parents will be kept informed of the progress of the Road Safety Policy and related issues in the school newsletter and are invited to contribute appropriate ideas.

The policy is a working document and will be reviewed regularly.

For further information contact the Head Teacher, Mrs Julie Barnes.