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Junior Road Safety Scheme

Teachers' Handbook



Central Bedfordshire Council

Thank you for volunteering to be a guide for the Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme

This initiative gives pupils the opportunity to lead on promoting road safety to their school in a fun way, while getting serious messages across.

This handbook includes more information about the scheme and your role. It will also give you tips on giving guidance to your JRSOs and details of where to get more help, if you need it.

Each JRSO will also get their own pack which can be downloaded from the [Central Bedfordshire Council Website](#).

By supporting your school's JRSOs, you're not only making a difference to road safety in your local community, you're also part of a project that gives pupils an active role in road safety education.

About the scheme

The JRSOs role

Schools may choose one JRSO from year six and one from year seven. Their job is to spread road safety messages to your school community by giving talks, running competitions, putting up posters and using as many other fun ideas as they can come up with.

Your role

Your role is to recruit JRSOs and then supervise them through activities and offer support and guidance. You'll need to work through the JRSO pack with them, help develop ideas and give practical support and encouragement for tasks. To get the most out of your JRSOs, meet with them regularly, to set tasks and check they have set realistic deadlines for themselves.

Recruiting your JRSOs

You may select two or more students from your senior year. You could ask pupils to complete application forms and make a selection based on their answers.

Some schools also conduct interviews.

Alternatively, you could run a road safety competition, or get students to nominate their representatives. Having an informal talk with candidates before deciding who will take on the role will check they understand the job and that they really want to do it.

The JRSO pack

The JRSO pack is designed as an easy-to-use resource to help the JRSOs promote road safety around your school.

The pack is arranged into sections and includes an introduction to becoming a JRSO, tips for talking in assemblies, ideas for competitions and fun ideas and activities to get the road safety message across.

There is advice and information on road safety and how to find helpful websites to assist. The pack is a good starting point and the scheme is flexible so your JRSOs can do the tasks that best suit your school.

As you work through the pack with the JRSOs, encourage them to use their creativity and enthusiasm to develop their own ideas.

Giving guidance

Assembly or classroom talks

The pack encourages JRSOs to give talks in both school assemblies and the classroom so encourage them to be creative.

Your JRSOs may need help picking a theme. They can use their year planner or road safety websites to come up with ideas.

Running competitions

Competitions are a great way to get people interested in road safety and they can involve the whole school.

There are a lot of competition ideas in the pack or you could encourage your JRSOs to come up with new ideas.

Remember that the activities and suggestions provided are only a guide and the JRSOs own ideas may be more relevant for your school.

Putting up posters

Why not encourage JRSOs to put posters up around the school reminding everyone to stay safe? There are many posters available online or from your Road Safety Team.

The JRSOs can also make their own road safety posters and hold poster competitions. Remind them to make sure the posters are bright and clear with a simple message to attract attention.



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Contact us...

Your road safety team can give advice and assistance to you and your JRSOs throughout the scheme. Contact the Road Safety Team on 0300 300 5340 or email road.safety@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk