



Children

Child education resources for parents and teachers

The Department for Transport provides a range of educational materials for teaching children about road safety both in the classroom and at home. The following links provide factsheets, activity books and online games for use by both parents and teachers alike:

THINK!

The THINK! Road Safety website contains information to help keep your children safe on our roads. The three sections [Pedestrians](#), [Child Car Seats](#) and [Cycling](#) also feature current advertising campaigns that children might see on television or in the cinema.

Additional advice is also provided specifically for [parents](#) and [teachers](#) .

Hedgehogs

A site designed for children aged 8-11 containing educational games and activities teaching road safety.

Lesson plans

Road safety teaching materials for primary and secondary school teachers.

The primary schools area has lesson plans for Key Stage 1 and 2 covering Literacy, Numeracy, PSHE and Science. The secondary schools site has lesson plans in Modern Foreign Languages (MFL), Citizenship, PSHE and Media for Key Stage 3, 4 and AS/A2 level.

Sustainable travel: Teaching resource database

A comprehensive database of online resources available for encouraging walking, cycling and public transport amongst pupils, as well as road and personal safety matters.

Child road safety policy

Guidance and resources for use by individuals and organisations responsible for educating children about road safety. This section includes information about the new rules for the use of child car seats.

On the safe side

A guide to road safety education for staff at primary schools, secondary schools and for local authorities.

Information for parents on school transport

The Directgov Motorists Portal provides information on free school transport, walking and cycling safely to school and initiatives and incentives to use sustainable transport.

Safer school partnerships: Safer routes

Safer Routes to Schools projects encourage and enable students to walk and cycle to school through a package of practical and educational measures.

Developing a travel action plan for your school

School travel plans aim to reduce car dependency for school journeys by both enabling and encouraging pupils to walk, cycle or use public transport, with the involvement of teachers, parents, school governors, local authorities and neighbourhood community groups.

A safer journey to school: a guide to school travel plans

Introduction to school travel plans for parents, teachers and governors

School travel advisers toolkit

The joint DfT / DfES Travelling to School initiative aims to develop a strategic approach to school travel issues, promoting the use of walking, cycling and public transport and reducing car dependency for journeys to school.

Reference for local education authorities

The DfT encourages Local authorities to promote safe, alternative ways of getting children in their area to school, and in the process reduce dependence on the family car during the school run.

Travelling to school: a good practice guide (PDF 481 Kb)

This guide for local transport and education authorities describes what schools, local authorities and bus operators around England have been doing to promote walking, cycling and public transport to reduce car use for journeys to and from school.

Travelling to school: an action plan (PDF 397 Kb)

This action plan for sets out how DfT and DfES intend to help schools and local education authorities increase walking, cycling and use of public transport for school journeys.

School travel

Promoting safe, healthy and sustainable travel to school, a joint publication with Department for Education and Skills & Department of Health.

Guidance for local authorities

Best practice school travel information for local authorities.

For related documents, pages and internet links, see the column on the right.