

Junior Road Safety Officers: A guide for schools



Introduction

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO's) are nominated Year 5 or 6 pupils in primary schools who relay key Road Safety messages to the whole school community. The pupils take part in fun learning activities which they can share with others.

During their time in office, JRSO's are supported by the school and Leicestershire County Council Road Safety Education Team. There are many ways that the pupils can get involved, including:

- School assemblies
- Notice boards
- Competitions

The JRSOs are encouraged to keep a diary, scrapbook, folder or video evidence of their activities throughout the year.

Aims:

- To reduce the numbers of children injured on the roads
- To promote a sense of responsibility and positive citizenship among children
- To stop unsafe parking
- To reduce school parking problems and promote active travel
- To enhance the importance of safety among pupils, parents, and school staff
- To develop innovative ways of putting safety messages across

About the Scheme

At the start of end of each academic year, every Primary School is encouraged to appoint 2 JRSOs from Year 5 or 6.

- At present the main method of communication with the schools and JRSOs is via email.
- Information can also be found on the resources website;
<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/road-safety-education-programme>
- The scheme runs best in the schools where the JRSOs have an enthusiastic helper in school (a teacher, TA or parent).
- The JRSOs will be given a list of suggested themes on which to base their work each term, however they are strongly encouraged to come up with their own, based on the school's needs.
- The JRSOs have key areas of activity to develop. These may include putting up and maintaining a prominent notice board, running school competitions (LCC will provide prizes), giving class or assembly presentations.

Role of Leicestershire County Council

- To provide information about the JRSO scheme to schools the resource website
- To keep records of schools involved in the scheme
- To provide prizes
- To provide materials for schools to use to teach key road safety messages
- To come into schools to teach road safety messages, using our New Road Safety Education Programme.

For further help contact the: *Road Safety Education Team* – RoadSafety@leics.gov.uk