



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Road Safety Policy



1. Statement of Intent

At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils. We recognise that road safety is a critical life skill. In line with the Department for Transport's [think.gov.uk](https://www.think.gov.uk), we aim to embed road safety awareness into our school culture, empowering children to navigate their environment safely and confidently.

2. Aims

- To equip pupils with the knowledge, skills, and understanding required to travel safely to and from school.
- To encourage active travel (walking, cycling, scooting) while promoting safe behaviours.
- To foster a partnership with parents and the wider community to support road safety.
- To integrate road safety education into the curriculum.

3. Curriculum and Education

We utilise official [think.gov.uk](https://www.think.gov.uk) to deliver age-appropriate road safety education.

- **EYFS and Key Stage 1:** Focus on core skills such as "Stop, Look, Listen, Think," holding hands with adults, and understanding why we wear bright clothing.
- **Key Stage 2:** Focus on decision-making, understanding speed and distance, navigating junctions, and the importance of being visible to other road users, particularly during darker months.

These resources are delivered through PSHE, assemblies, and cross-curricular activities to ensure consistent reinforcement of safety messages.

4. School Travel Planning

To ensure safety on the school run, we promote the following:

- **Safe Walking:** Encouraging the "Stop, Look, Listen, Think" mantra.
- **Visibility:** Promoting the use of reflective materials, especially during winter months, to ensure children are seen by drivers.
- **Cycling/Scooting:** Promoting the wearing of helmets and the importance of understanding road signs and signals.

- **Parking:** We urge parents/carers to adhere to safe parking guidelines near the school gates to prevent dangerous congestion and obstruction of visibility for young pedestrians

5. Roles and Responsibilities

- **The School Leadership Team:** Responsible for reviewing this policy and ensuring road safety is prioritised.
- **Teachers:** Responsible for delivering high-quality road safety education using approved think.gov.uk.
- **Parents/Carers:** Essential partners in reinforcing safe road behaviours outside of school hours. We encourage parents to actively model safe crossing behaviours.
- **Pupils:** Encouraged to take responsibility for their own safety by applying the lessons learned in school to their journeys.

6. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years to ensure it remains current and aligned with the latest think.gov.uk. Progress will be monitored through feedback from staff, parents, and school travel data.

Date of policy: September 2026

To be reviewed: September 2028