



A short overview for  
all Year 6 pupils  
from the Wirral  
Road Safety Team

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IMPORTANT  
THINGS TO  
THINK ABOUT  
AS YOU LEAVE  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL AND  
START  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL

MORE INDEPENDENCE

SAFE DECISIONS

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY

LOOK OUT FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR FRIENDS



Let's think about the impact of Covid-19 on our  
everyday lives

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## LOCKDOWN AND ITS RESTRICTIONS!

Your skills level may be lower than before with lack of practice in lots of different things:

Imagine if you haven't played football or another ball game for a while. Do you imagine that you may be a bit rusty?

If you have become used to there being less traffic on the roads, do you think you might have become less careful?

If you can now cycle with your friends in small groups, do you think it will be harder to pay attention to the dangers on the road, take risks or encourage them to take risks?



# NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE DANGER OF ROADS

- Remember that since the Lockdown EVERYONE has become used to seeing less vehicles on the roads. As a result of this:
- Drivers may be travelling faster than the speed limit and may not be checking as carefully as they should or are not paying attention!
- Pedestrians may have got into bad habits and are not checking it's safe before they start to cross
- Cyclists may have become careless about road safety

NOW THAT SOME OF THE RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTING  
**DON'T FORGET**

*It's your responsibility to keep yourself safe*

- Keep yourself and your friends safe during the Summer holiday and when you go to Secondary school by using crossings and CHECKING that the road is clear before you cross.

Don't take risks!







## THE INCREASE IN PEOPLE OF ALL AGES CYCLING

We all need to be aware that there has been a large increase in the number of people cycling since the Covid-19 outbreak.

**To keep yourself and everyone else safe please:**

- Check your bicycle regularly to make sure it's roadworthy and safe.
- Check both your brakes are working
- Don't forget to fit lights
- Wearing a helmet is strongly advised
- Cycle sensibly and don't take risks
- Obey the laws of the road
- Be respectful of **all** road users  
e.g. Pedestrians, Drivers, Motorcyclists and other Cyclists
- Don't practice wheelies or tricks near traffic
- Be aware of the dangers of steep roads (keep your speed down)





# STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL TOP TIPS

Practice the journey that you will be taking a couple of times **before** your 1<sup>st</sup> day at your new school.

You will be more prepared if you know:

- The safest route to walk to school
- How long your journey will take by your chosen mode of transport
- Where the bus stops are and what their timetable is
- Where the school bus pick-up points are and what time is the pick-up
- How often the train runs its service to your school
- Where to safely store your bike at your new school
- Where to ask your grown-up to drop you off, so you can safely walk the last part of the journey to school and avoid traffic congestion and help to improve air quality around your school at the same time
- **N.B. Don't forget to wear a mask or similar face covering if you are travelling on public transport, until directed otherwise by the authorities**

Did you know that you can plan your journey in advance using your postcode?

**I want to travel...**

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visit: [merseytravel.gov.uk](https://merseytravel.gov.uk)



When you're out and about either alone or with your friends, always remember these important messages to stay safe and well

- **Concentrate** when you are crossing roads
- Look for a safe place to cross
- Don't underestimate the dangers of the road
- Remember to use safety crossings to avoid taking risks
- Avoid crossing between parked cars whenever possible
- Never cross by buses or large vehicles
- Don't use your mobile phone when you're crossing the road
- Cycle with care and follow the rules of the road
- Always wear your seatbelt and if you are under 12 years old or under 135cms tall use a booster seat (it's the Law)
- Remember a reckless decision made in **ONE** moment could change your life forever





# GOOD LUCK AND KEEP SAFE ON THE ROADS

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The Road Safety Team would like to wish you every happiness and success in your new school