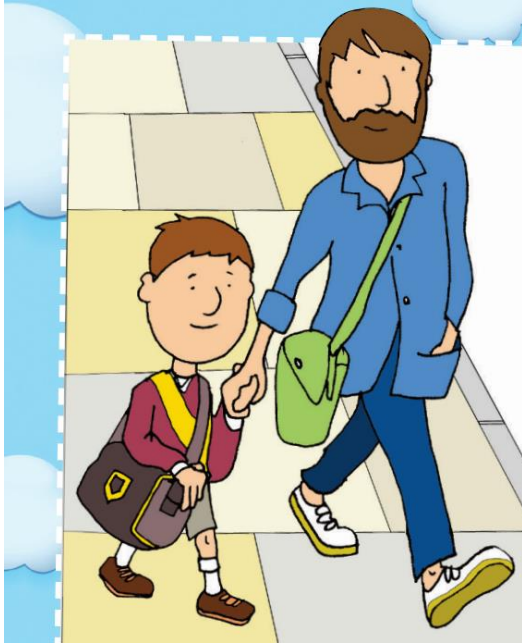


This newsletter is designed to raise awareness of the work of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) and to bring news on our ongoing campaigns

Tragically a number of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent children have died on our roads as pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and passengers in cars

## Road Safety Reminders



### Young children

- Hold your child's hand, particularly when crossing.
- Use footpaths and let your child know the pavements is for people and the road is for vehicles.
- Lead by example, show your child that you are making safe choices using safe places to cross and not taking risks.
- Start to introduce the Green Cross Code. Talk about stop, look, listen, and think before crossing the road.  
<https://www.roadwise.co.uk/schools/using-the-road/green-cross-code/>

### Learning independence

- The age that children can start to walk to school alone depends on their confidence, the environment and distance.
- Practice the route together before they walk it alone, stick to safe pavements.
- Electric cars can be very quiet at low speed
- Discuss safe places to cross
- Make sure that phones, devices, and earphones are away during the walk
- Sign your child up for cycling proficiency courses
- Wear a helmet if cycling or scootering!





## Older children and teens

- This age group will be aware of road safety, but may still need reminding of some aspects.
- Mobile phones can be a big distraction, do not use phones when walking, air pods can prevent you from hearing traffic.

- Follow correct safety advice for cycling. E-scooters are not legal to use on the road.
- Just as with driving, alcohol and drugs can impair reactions.
- Be seen in the dark, wear light or reflective clothing, choose well-lit routes when possible.
- Face oncoming traffic if you are walking on a road with no pavement, you will be able to see vehicles approach and act.

## Young drivers

- At 16 years old, you can apply for a provisional licence for certain mopeds.
- Teens can learn to drive after their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday and need to develop their road safety further.
- Young drivers are more likely to have an accident when the car is full of other young people, do not feel pressured into offering lifts or driving dangerously.
- Mobile phones can be distracting, make sure your phone is away and on silent whilst driving.
- Road conditions and visibility can be poor in the dark and bad weather
- Do not drive if you have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs.
- New drivers will have their licence cancelled if they get 6 or more points in 2 years.



All schools in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are offered free road safety education commissioned by SSRP and delivered by Staffordshire County Council's road safety education officers

## For further information visit

[Road Safety For Children | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

[Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents \(rospa.com\)](#)

[Knowledge centre | Brake](#)

Cycling proficiency is delivered through schools [Bikeability National Standard](#)

[Cycle Training - Staffordshire County Council](#)

