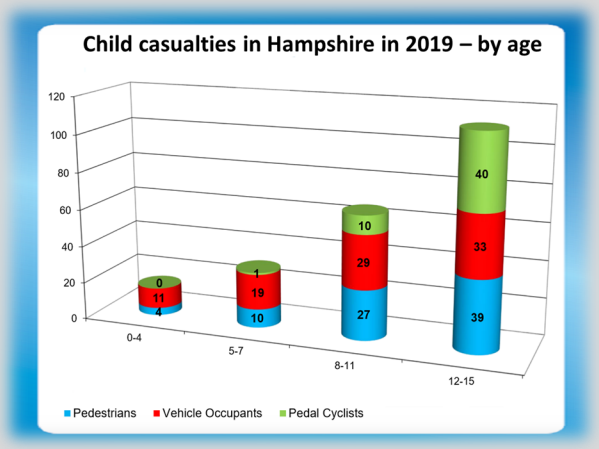
Road Safety Education in Hampshire

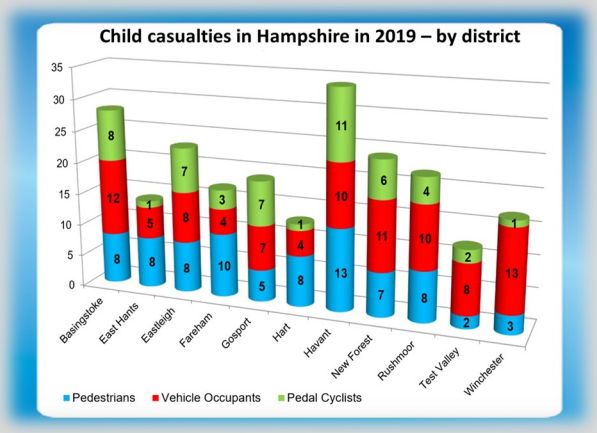
The Primary Road Safety update for parents and guardians of Hampshire pupils

Road Safety is an essential life skill which needs to be taught and reinforced from a young age. Hampshire County Council's Road Safety Team usually provide various ways of helping schools to share these messages and as this is currently not possible, we need your support to keep Hampshire's young people safe.



With 223 child casualties on Hampshire's roads in 2019, it is imperative that your child is aware of the dangers of the road, the risks and how to keep themselves and their friends safe.

As the graphs show, young people are more at risk the older they get and as they begin to travel more independently. Teaching basic road safety skills from an early age and reinforcing these during their primary school years will help us ensure casualties within this age group are reduced and pupils are aware of the dangers as they reach secondary school and beyond.



REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S FREE PLACE

See overleaf to find out about a brand new webinar the Road Safety Team are launching for children to watch and take part in at home to teach them key pedestrian and cycle safety messages.

School journey

Support and resources for sharing the Green Cross Code with your children as well as relevant pedestrian safety messages for older primary children who will soon be travelling more independently.

The school journey, once we return to it, is where most children and parents are on 'auto-pilot' whether in the car or on foot. We all need to remember - we must give the road our full attention at all times. The video links below remind parents of how they should travel safely - holding hands, not being distracted and not going ahead of parents. We must be fully aware of driveways and cars reversing and so it is essential children stay close to their parents whenever they are out walking, scooting or cycling.

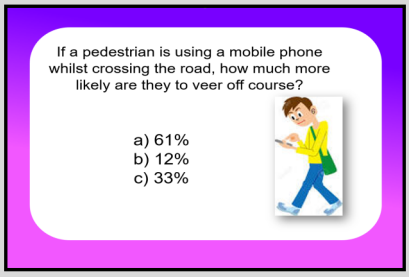


- **www.think.gov.uk/resource/first-journeys/**
- **www.think.gov.uk/resource/expect-the-unexpected/**

The Road Safety Team also have copies of a simple green cross poster which could be emailed to you. To request these as well as copies of a children's highway code, please email **road.safety@hants.gov.uk**.

Virtual lesson

FREE online lesson for Years 5 & 6 - covering pedestrian and cycle safety being offered to those learning at home. Register your interest via the email address below.



To ensure your children are not missing out on vital road safety education during this pandemic, we are offering Years 5 & 6 children a virtual session covering how and why they need to stay safe when on or near the roads whether walking or riding their bike.

This 40 minute session will provide an insight into how they should behave, what they should wear, what forward planning they should do as well as a reminder of the basic rules of the green cross code. As well as focusing on keeping themselves safe, it will also ensure they are aware of how to keep their friends and peers around them safe too.



School journeys, once we get back to them, are the time when we are all on auto pilot but the children will understand why we all need to concentrate even more on journeys which we are more familiar with.

The Road Safety Team will be offering sessions after February half term - dates and times to be confirmed. If this is something you would be interested in your child attending, please email **road.safety@hants.gov.uk.**

Road safety poster



Please ask your children to help us share our key road safety messages by producing a bright, simple, effective poster for the Road Safety Team to share on Twitter?

The poster can refer to pedestrian, cycle or in-car safety - following the green cross code, not being distracted, wearing a cycle helmet, being bright or always wearing a seatbelt. Make sure they include a clear, bold, simple slogan linked to the message so it jumps out at the reader.

Completed posters can be scanned or photographed and emailed to **road.safety@hants.gov.uk** during the Spring term.

Virtual Road World (VRW)

Going out for your daily exercise is the ideal time to discuss road safety with your children. If your own work means this isn't possible and your child has access to an Apple device, download VRW and explore the rules and strategies for staying safe in a virtual world. The application enables children to immerse themselves in a virtual environment - creating their own character and completing various quests which require them to navigate themselves around the city, crossing roads safely.



This is an opportunity for them to educate themselves with a real life problem, in the safety of their own home.