

Road Safety Newsletter 1

October 2020

Welcome to our 1st newsletter of the school year. We are very excited to be Kings Worthy Primary School Junior Road Safety Officers for 2020/2021. Our role is to educate about the importance of road safety and promote this through competitions, activities, events, and online/class assemblies. We are looking forward to help teach road safety to keep everyone safe. Keep an eye out for our half termly newsletters to which we hope you may share with your families!

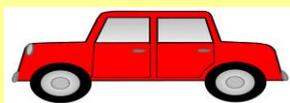
Oscar (6C) & Gabriel (5R)

58% of child casualties occur between 3 and 6:59pm

13% of child casualties occur between 8 and 8:59am

28% of child casualties occur during other times of the day

Children under the age of 16, are one of the most vulnerable road users. In particular, child pedestrians which account for the majority of child casualties across all road user types



How You Can Help Your Child and Other Children

Set a good example by using the Green Cross Code yourself.

Keep showing your child how to use the Code to cross the road when you are out and about.

Let your child demonstrate to you that they know how to cross the road safely, practise on quiet roads first.

When out with your child point out both safe and dangerous places to cross.

Some places may be safer at sometimes of the day than at others.

Use pedestrian crossings even if it involves a small detour.

Talk about the importance of not using a mobile phone or texting while crossing the road.

Remind your child that they cannot hear traffic if listening to music through earphones or see the road properly if wearing a large hood.



The Green Cross Code

1. **Think!** First find the safest place to cross



2. **Stop!** Stand on the pavement near the kerb



3. **Use your eyes and ears!** Look all around for traffic and listen



4. **Wait until it's safe to cross!** If traffic is coming, let it pass



5. **Look and listen!** When it is safe, go straight across the road – do not run

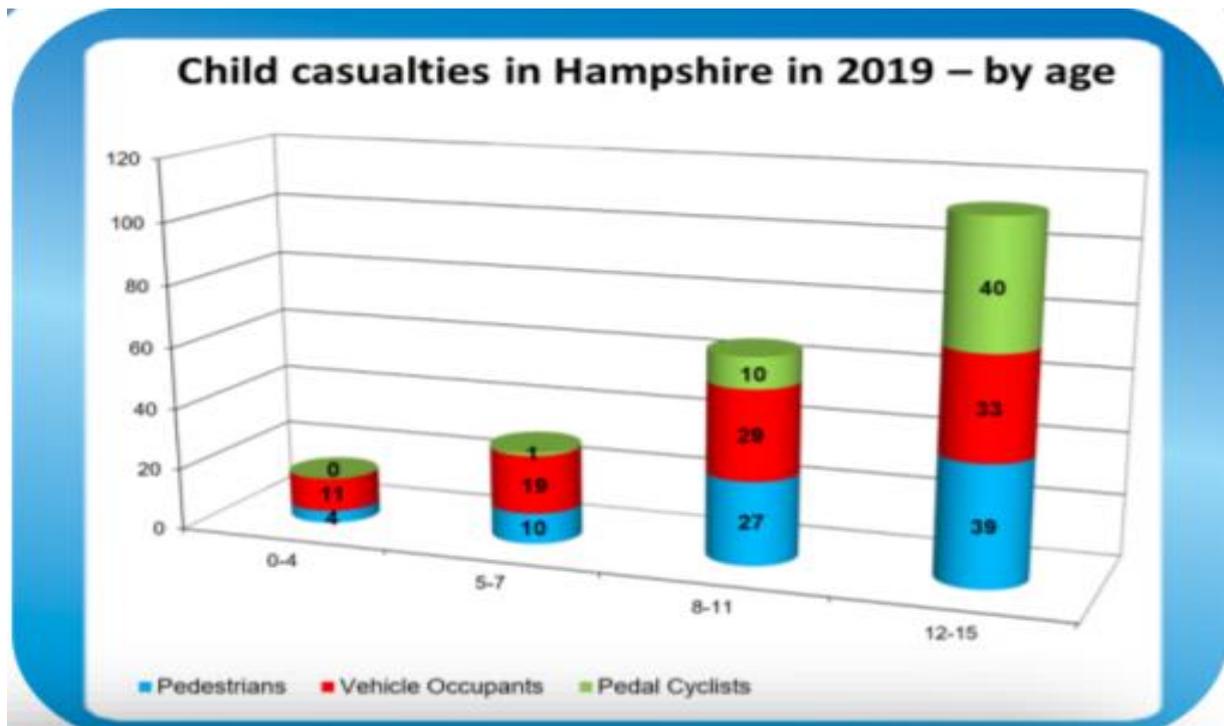


6. **Arrive alive!** Keep looking and listening

BE BRIGHT BE SEEN

As the evenings are beginning to get dark earlier, it is very important that you can be seen when walking by the road or cycling. Wear bright clothing, hi-vis accessories such as jackets, snap bands on the wrist, arm or legs, light up accessories or other accessories such as fluorescent zip pulls or key rings. The brighter the better to be able to be spotted by vehicles!





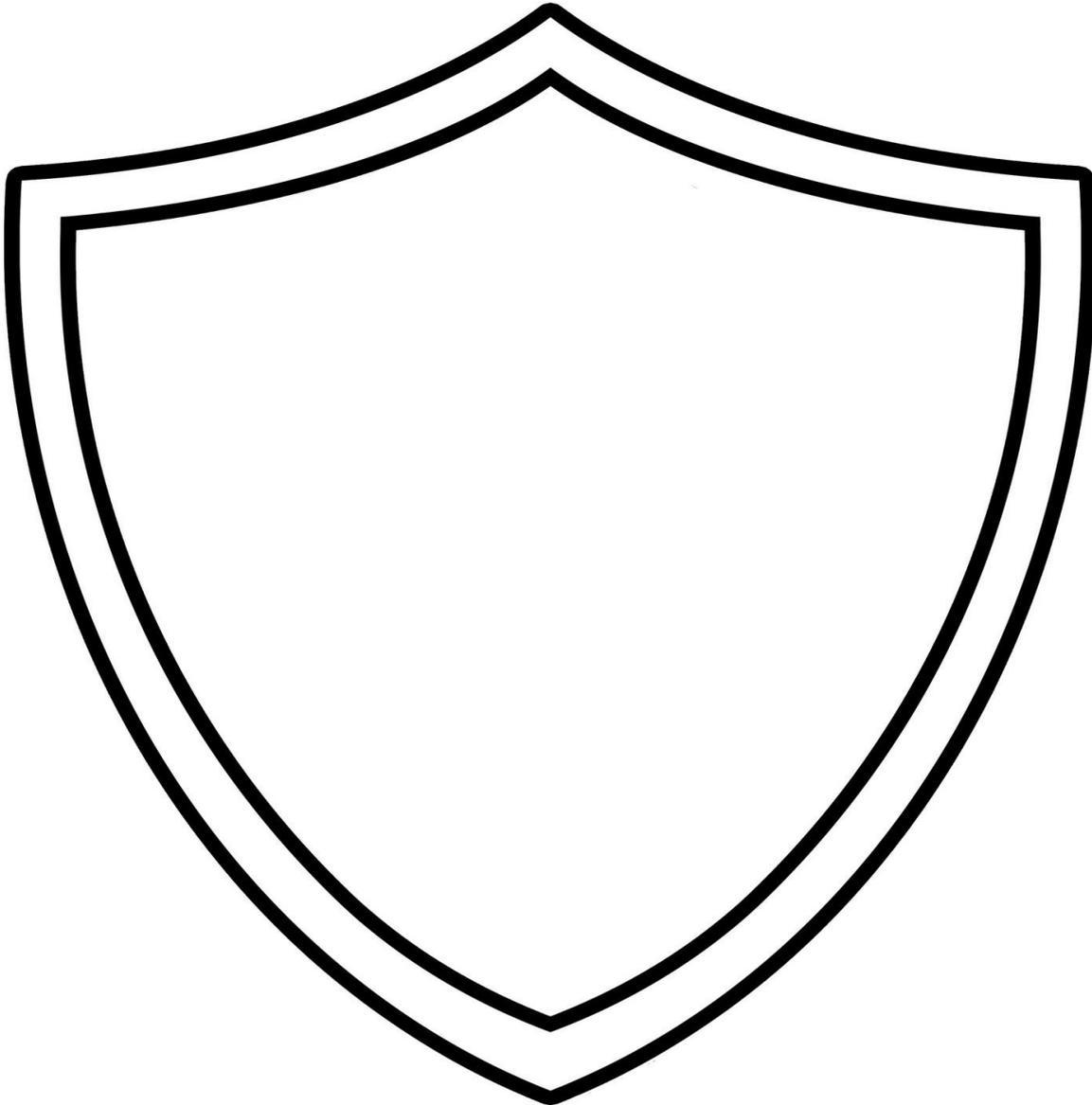
This graph from Hampshire County Council shows the importance of teaching road safety. As you can see, casualties rise the older the age group. Therefore, teaching road safety from an early age is vital.

Competition

We would like you to design your own road safety badge on the following sheet. The brighter the better! Give your design to your teacher by Wed 23rd October! Prizes for the winners from each year group!!

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We would like you design your own road safety badge. This may show one specific element of road safety or you may like to include more! The brighter the better. Give your picture to your teacher by Wed 23rd October. Prizes for the best in each year group.



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Class: