

# Time for Road Safety



**Lincolnshire  
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The newsletter from the LRSP Education Team

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## **Secondary Parents Update**

Now that summer has arrived, young people may wish to head outdoors more often. Please remind them of the dangers when congregating in groups on or around the street, in car parks or anywhere near moving vehicles. Be aware that quieter residential areas will also have residents, visitors and delivery vehicles moving frequently in and out of the area, and it can be easy for drivers to miss someone in their blind spots when manoeuvring their vehicles. Remind those young people you look after to play safely and keep their eyes and ears open near vehicles.

### **E-Scooters**

E-scooters are growing in popularity, however it is illegal for privately owned e-scooters to be ridden in a public place, or a place where the public has access - supermarket car parks for example.

E-Scooters on hire, as part of a new government scheme, are allowed in public places, however there are strict rules (available from the hirer) that outline where they can be used. Despite the laws put in place to govern the use of E-scooters, they remain available to purchase, and many users have been seen riding them with little care and consideration for their own safety or other road users.

### **Drivers**

Please take care when travelling around residential areas and villages. As we approach the summer holidays, there are likely to be more children out on the roads. If you drive an electric or hybrid vehicle, don't forget that many pedestrians may not hear your approach. Reducing your speed and allowing yourself more time to observe hazards and react, will put you and those on the road in a safer position.



### **Bikes**

Always ensure that your young person wears a correctly fitted cycling helmet to stay safe when riding a bike. Cycle helmets are available from many well-known chain stores, as well as local sports specialists.

Remind them that it is dangerous and illegal to carry any additional passengers on their bike as the balance will be affected which can lead to serious incidents and injuries.

During the holiday periods it is easy to become complacent about the safety risks, and potential consequences; have fun but remain vigilant.

### **Transition to new schools or colleges**

If your child is moving to a new school or college from September, it may be useful for them to plan how they are to travel to their new site safely and without rushing. When we rush it is easy to forget about our safety.

**We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break. Look out for our Autumn edition of the road safety newsletter 2021-2022, which will be available in September. If you have any concerns or suggestions that could be included in a future edition, we would love to hear from you via our [email](#) address.**