



## **ROAD SAFETY POLICY**

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Signed by Chair of Committee: Mrs P Mylett

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*Next review due in Spring Term 1, 2026 or earlier if required*

# Greasby Infant School



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### **Mission Statement**

We aim to provide a happy, relaxed environment where children are encouraged and supported to achieve their full potential, and to develop an attitude of care and responsibility towards others and their surroundings.

We ensure that the children in this school will attain the highest standards of which they are capable. We encourage the children to be independent and self-confident and we believe that this can be achieved more readily when teachers, parents and pupils work together in partnership. Greasby Infant School is committed to promoting a positive work-life balance for all staff.

### **Introduction**

Greasby Infant School acknowledges that each child has the right to receive high quality road safety education and that it is the dual responsibility of the school and parents to ensure that appropriate education takes place.

### **Aim**

Greasby Infant School will create a safe environment and encourage children, parents and staff to develop an awareness of road safety in order to keep themselves safe.

### **Objective**

Children at Greasby Infant School will receive road safety training which is age appropriate and work in partnership with teachers, parents and outside agencies to explore road safety issues.

### **The Organisation of the Policy within School**

**The Curriculum** – Road safety training is implicit across the curriculum and every opportunity is taken to teach and remind children the importance of safe practices. The whole school takes part in regular road safety activities. Where possible the Local Authority road safety officer provides road safety literature for children and their families and regularly visits school to lead road safety talks. Road safety issues feature in PSHE and Circle Time activities.

**School Trips** – A qualified First Aider, as well as teachers, teaching assistants and parents accompany pupils on school trips and visits. For Foundation Stage trips a paediatric first aider accompanies the children. Children are taught to behave in an orderly manner at all times. They are taught how to enter and exit buses and coaches safely and how to walk sensibly on pavements. The school ensures that buses and coaches hired to transport children on school trips will have individual seatbelts fitted and children will be expected to use them. When children are out with the school, they must walk in an orderly file and not cross any roads until directed by a teacher. Parents and carers are often invited to accompany classes when walking to the library,

post office, churches etc. On all out of school trips and visits there is a pupil to adult ratio of 6:1 for KS1 and F2 and 4:1 for F1.

**Travelling to and from School** – The playground doors into school are opened at 8.40am and children are welcome to come into school from that time. The start of the school day is at 8.55am and the doors are closed at that time. Once the children are safely in school, parents and carers are requested to leave the playground before 9.05am when the school gates are locked. Pupils arriving after this time will be required to enter school via the main entrance. Parents and carers are requested not to walk children across the car park for obvious safety reasons.

At the end of the day pupils will be brought out into the playground to meet their parents and carers. Parents should not park in the school car park when taking children to and from school, as the car park is for school staff only. Where necessary a parking permit can be sought from the school office for parents requiring a parking place in the car park, e.g. disabled space.

Parents are responsible for their child's safety when travelling to and from school. Parents are encouraged to use the School Crossing Patrol, when crossing roads around school. Parking around school is very problematic and parents and carers are actively discouraged from parking close to the school gates to help improve visibility for crossing the roads. Parents are frequently reminded about safe parking procedures and the situation is monitored by the Headteacher and the Police, who occasionally patrol the roads around school at the start and end of the school day. Parents who park their cars in unsafe places can put pupil safety in danger and will be reported to the Police.

### **Health and Safety**

Greasby Infant School follows Wirral Local Authority Health & Safety guidelines and documents which can be found in the Headteacher's office. Risk assessments are carried out for all activities and can be found in the Risk Assessment File.

### **Monitoring and Reviewing**

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the Safeguarding committee of the Governing Body to ensure that it continues to meet the aims of the school.

J. Tomkinson  
February 2024