



# SOMERSET CRESCENT SCHOOL

## ROAD SAFETY POLICY

### **RATIONALE:**

Road Safety is an aspect of the children's education, which is shared responsibility between the school and the parents. It should ensure the safe arrival of the children at school and their safe departure after school

### **PURPOSE:**

1. To inform and educate all children on aspects of road safety pertaining to their walking and/or cycling to and from school.
2. To encourage children to take some responsibility for their own safety on the road
3. To ensure there are rules and guidelines for all methods of transport children may be using while in our care at school
4. To encourage Police visits to reinforce safety procedures

### **GUIDELINES:**

1. Children will cross at appointed crossing points. These crossings will be manned by a duty teacher or parent from 8.30 am - 8.50 am and 2.55 pm - 3.15 pm. Parents are expected to comply with this
2. Regular visits by Police Officers to classrooms and subsequent follow-up by classroom teachers
3. The priorities given to road safety for school children are reflective of issues particular to our school community

#### Walking

- children must use pedestrian crossings and school road patrol where available
- children are instructed in safety walking within their home setting

#### Cycling/Skateboarding and Scooter

- all children who ride bicycles to school must wear an approved safety helmet as they are legally required to
- students will be discouraged from riding skateboards and scooters to school. If they do they must wear an approved safety helmet as they are legally required to do
- it is hoped that all children will participate in:
  - Keeping Ourselves Safe - whole school
  - Stepping out - Year 0 – 4
  - Riding by - Year 5 and 6

### Buses

- teachers will ensure that when children are travelling on bus trips they are given regular instruction on general bus rules, emergency procedures and safe conduct after they leave the bus
- where buses are hired for school trips, a responsible teacher or parent will accompany each bus and ensure that all children are accounted for
- where buses are hired for school trips, there is at least one seat for each child being carried, as designated by bus company loading requirements
- adult-child ratio 1-6

### Motor Vehicle Transport

Where private motor vehicles are used for school trips each vehicle and drivers must have:-

- a current registration and warrant of fitness for the vehicle
- a current drivers licence
- a seatbelt for each passenger in the car
- before setting out on the school trip, all drivers will be briefed on the route to be taken and will know the final destination
- List of children's names to check off when arrive at the destination

### Carpark

When parents are dropping off or picking up children they should ensure that:

- children alight and enter the car from a footpath side door
- children and parents used the pedestrian crossing/road patrol if they cross the road
- parents picking up their children are not permitted to use the school or visitor car parks
- parents may not park and wait for their children on any yellow line or within 1m of pedestrian crossing

### School Traffic Safety Team

- Children will be trained annually by the police

### General

- should a crash or unforeseen emergency occur involving a child from the school, police will be notified only after due attention has been paid to the scene
- the priorities given to road safety are reflective of the needs of our local community
- if parents or students note an illegal or dangerous behaviour when travelling to or from school, action could involve
  - speaking directly to the person involved
  - noting number plates
  - speaking to a designated person at the school