

Bathgate Early Years Centre



Road Safety Policy - Early Level- Curriculum for Excellence

March 2015

Background and Introduction

Road accidents are the single highest cause of death or injury facing children in Scotland. However due to much of the work done in schools figures for Scotland demonstrate that the number of children killed or seriously injured has decreased.

Road Safety learning at Early Level is a partnership between child and adult. The aim of the Nursery Road Safety Policy is to reduce this risk. The objectives are set below:

The Curriculum

- Road Safety education will be delivered at the Early Level across Curriculum for Excellence but in particular as part of Health and wellbeing - Physical wellbeing.
- Staff will utilise Go safe with Ziggy when delivering RS education and engaging children in learning about Road Safety.
- Road Safety education will be included within staff in-service training and C.P.D..
- The school will support practical training schemes linked to the curriculum such as seatbelt safety and pedestrian skills training.
- The school will take an active role in the promotion of a 'safer routes to school' policy.
- The nursery will encourage parents to take an active role in Road Safety promotion at home and in the nursery.

Parents/carers

- To minimize the risk of any car accidents with the dual campus there is a NO PARKING/DROPPING off policy for parents/carers of nursery and wraparound children. This decision was taken following a full Equality Impact Assessment in September 2009.
- Parents should identify a safer route to walk their child to nursery and reinforce the importance of this by using the safer route daily.
- Parents can make a significant contribution to children's Road Safety education at the school by assisting staff with pedestrian skills training and also by accessing Go Safe with Ziggy.(www.gosafewithziggy.com)

Journeys

- The school will encourage walking, cycling and the use of public or organised transport for the journey to school to reduce traffic congestion around the dual campus.
- The school will encourage all cyclists to wear cycle helmets, high visibility clothing and the use of lights on bicycles during poor weather and darker winter days.

Management of the Policy

- Parents will be kept informed of the progress of the Road Safety Policy in the school newsletter and are invited to contribute ideas for promoting good practice in Road Safety in the nursery.

Quality Improvement

This policy will be reviewed by staff in one year following consultation with parents and relevant W.L.C. staff and also through the annual parental survey.

Agreed by the staff at BEYC March 2015