



Teacher's Handbook

How to help your school
stay safe on the road



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Welcome

Thank you for volunteering to be a school guide for the Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme.

This initiative gives pupils the opportunity to lead on promoting road safety to their school communities – in a fun way, while getting serious messages across.

This handbook includes more information about the scheme and your role, tips on giving guidance to your JRSOs and details of where to get more help, if you need it.

Each JRSO also gets their own pack. You'll find more details of what they receive on page 3.

By supporting your school's JRSOs, you're not only making a difference to road safety in your local community, you're also part of a project that gives pupils an active role in road safety education.

The Department for Infrastructure is committed to reducing the number of children killed or seriously injured on Northern Ireland's roads by at least 55% by the year 2020.

This scheme is just one of a range of educational resources we provide for children and young people. For more information on road safety education contact the Road Safety Team on 0300 200 7838 or email safeandaccessibletravel@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

You can access and download packs and resources when you are logged in to any C2K school device by clicking on the Fronter icon on the right of **MY-SCHOOL** screen. They are available as **Ready to Go Rooms** which are currently in the **Fronter Support and Ideas Room** to which all adult users of the Fronter platform have access. You can also log into **MY-SCHOOL** on a non C2K machine by going to www.c2kschools.net and logging in using your C2K username and password.

Information on the JRSO Scheme can also be accessed on NI Direct at: www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/junior-road-safety-officer-scheme

About the scheme

The JRSO's role

Schools may choose one JRSO from Year Six and one from Year Seven. Their job is to spread road safety messages to your school community by giving talks, running competitions, putting up posters and using as many other fun ideas as they can come up with – using tips from the JRSO pack.

Your role

Your role is to recruit JRSOs and then supervise them through activities and offer support and guidance. You'll need to work through the JRSO pack with them, help develop ideas and give practical support and encouragement for tasks. To get the most out of your JRSOs, meet with them regularly, to set tasks or check they have set realistic deadlines for themselves.

Recruiting your JRSOs

You can select one from Year Six and one from Year Seven. You could ask pupils to complete application forms – an example is included at the back of this handbook for photocopying – and make a selection based on their answers. Some schools also conduct interviews.

Alternatively, you could run a road safety competition, or get students to nominate their representatives. Having an informal talk with candidates before deciding who will take on the role will check they understand the job and they really want to do it.



"The selection process is a great experience for pupils."
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The JRSO pack

The JRSO pack is designed as an easy-to-use resource to help the JRSOs promote road safety around your school.

The JRSO pack is arranged into four sections:

My job - An introduction to being a JRSO, tips for getting the message across through assemblies, competitions, posters and other fun ideas. There's also a year planner with topic ideas for each month.

Staying Street Safe – Useful road safety advice which can be used as the basis for class talks and other activities.

Activities - Plenty of fun ideas for helping schoolmates learn about road safety, including a quiz, word searches and a crossword. These could just be used as activities, or as the basis for competitions.

Activity Solutions - Answers to the puzzles in the previous section.

While the ideas and activities in the pack provide a good starting point, the scheme is flexible so your JRSOs can do the tasks that best suit them and your school community. As you work through the pack with the JRSOs, encourage them to use their creativity and enthusiasm to develop their own ideas, and offer support to make them work for your school.



! "The scheme seems to have street cred!"
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Giving guidance

Assembly or classroom talks

The pack encourages JRSOs to give talks in both school assemblies and the classroom – perhaps once a month.

Your JRSOs may want help choosing a topic. They can get ideas from the year planner or in the staying street safe section.

Encourage them to be creative. They could ask questions, get other students to help or make up songs and plays. Offer them a chance to practise with you first.

Running competitions

Competitions are a great way to get people interested in road safety and they can involve the whole school, not just Years Six and Seven.

Your JRSOs may need help picking a theme. They can use their year planner, road safety websites or, for extra impact, you could suggest tying it in with an assembly or class talk the JRSOs are giving. You may also need to help them choose a time and decide on a format.

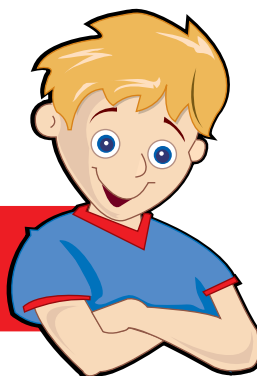
The worksheets in the Activities section could be photocopied for use as competitions. There are a lot of ideas in the pack or your JRSOs could come up with brand new ones. Remember that the activities and suggestions provided are only a guide and the JRSOs' own ideas may be more relevant for your school.

To judge entries, JRSOs should enlist the help of you, the Principal or other appropriate judges. There is a winner's certificate for you to photocopy, or you can print them from C2K. Or, if they are keen, JRSOs can make their own.

You could also help out with finding prizes. Winners can be announced in assembly and winning entries posted around school.



"Have fun and take it seriously!"
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Putting up posters

Why not encourage JRSOs to put posters up around the school reminding everyone to stay safe? There should be posters included with your JRSO packs but a selection of posters is available to download from C2K.

Alternatively, the information can be accessed on NI Direct at:

www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/junior-road-safety-officer-scheme



"It can take time to get things going so be patient"
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The JRSOs can also make their own road safety posters and hold poster competitions. Remind them to make sure the posters are bright and clear with a simple message to attract attention.

More fun ideas

The pack gives examples of other things JRSOs have been doing. You could help your JRSOs try some of these.

For example, if your JRSOs are planning an event at lunch time, you may need to



"Guide the JRSOs but let them do most of the work and come up with their own ideas."
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Help and support

Your road safety team can give advice and assistance to you and your JRSOs throughout the scheme. Contact the Road Safety Team on 0300 200 7838 or email safeandaccessibletravel@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk or check out our website www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/road-safety

You can also download extra copies of certificates , competitions and other useful pages from **C2K**. Alternatively, the JRSOs could photocopy the pages in their packs. If they plan to use them again, remind them not to write on the originals if they want to make copies.



! "Give it a go, it's worth it! Children enjoy it and it's easy to follow."
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Junior Road Safety Officer Application form

Name _____ Age _____

School _____ Class _____

Interests _____

Why do you want to be a Junior Road Safety Officer?

Why would you be a good Junior Road Safety Officer?

Sign _____

Date _____



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