

# Junior Road Safety Officer Helper





## Thank you

Thank you for agreeing to be part of the Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme. The following notes should help you to understand and undertake your role of JRSO helper.

### What is the JRSO scheme?

The JRSO scheme gives the opportunity for a pupil to champion road safety in school.

### What is the JRSO role?

The job of the JRSOs is to promote road safety to everyone in school through a variety of fun assignments, activities and a notice board. You can find a full job description for the JRSOs in their folder.

### What is my role?

Your role as helper is to enable your JRSOs to undertake their roles, providing encouragement, support and by being a link to school organisation.

### What is my time commitment?

Time is always in short supply, so to give your JRSOs confidence that they can always talk to you, we recommend arranging short regular meetings with them, at a time to suit your timetable and commitments.

The JRSO scheme is flexible and should fit in with whatever you are doing at school. We have included a subject handout, with a few examples of how road safety could be incorporated into the curriculum time, which your JRSOs may wish to give out to teachers.

### What support do I need to give?

Part of the helper role is encouraging staff to take the JRSO scheme on board as it becomes established in school life and encouraging teachers to build road safety assignments into their lesson plans (the subject suggestions document will help with this). Similarly, JRSOs need encouragement to promote assignments and activities in an appropriate manner and to develop their own ideas for delivering information on how to stay safe on the roads. We also ask you to make sure that your JRSOs complete the 'What's Been Going On' form at the end of each term and return it to your local Road Safety Officer.

### How do I help the JRSOs plan activities?

We have included a termly planner for your JRSOs to use to plan in the assignments they will do. Use this to discuss the themes and options for each half term with your JRSOs. This planner is designed to be annotated by your JRSOs with their own thoughts and ideas. We will provide an assignment for each theme. Ideally we would like you to do one assignment per term. This could be with any one or a number of classes, or the whole keystage or school.

The more people that know about the JRSO scheme in your school the more effective it will be. There are lots of suggestions in the JRSO pack about how they can let everyone know about their job and some of the things they have planned. They may need a hand to decide when it is best to talk to different people.



### What resources are available?

On the JRSO website there will be assignments and activities linked to the themes on the planner. The website also includes a teachers' area suggesting how to incorporate road safety into the curriculum. We will send an email alert letting you know when anything new is on the website. We also have a limited supply of resource materials that accompany some of the assignments.

### How will we know what progress is being made?

We will provide sets of questions to be used in years 3 and 5, each year, which will form our baseline or formative assessment. We will then be able to undertake assessments at a selection of schools and year groups both: a) following the completion of an assignment; and b) at the end of a school year. This will provide our summative assessment to enable us to monitor progress at these times.

### Can we do our own thing?

You may have some specific issues relating to your school which your JRSOs would like to tackle. These may involve the whole and wider school community. Your local Road Safety Officer (RSO) will do whatever they can to support you with these activities.

Additionally, if you or the JRSOs have ideas for future themes or assignments, please let us know, so that we can ensure the appropriate key learning points are included and we can share them with other schools.

### Where can I go for support?

You can look for support on the JRSO website, other websites linked from the JRSO website, or you can contact your RSOs either through the website contact page, by email or phone.

There are lots of games, puzzles and activities that can be used in school whenever suitable, available on the JRSO website. You may want a worksheet or puzzle for wet play times or as a fill in activity. Check out the website with your JRSOs for examples.



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