

An invitation...

Schools across the county are getting involved in the Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) scheme, which gives pupils the opportunity to be a 'champion' for road safety education in their school by any means they can think of, which should be fun whilst getting serious messages across to their peers. If you would like your school to be part of the scheme, read on....



The Role of the JRSO

Schools can select one or two pupils from years 5 or 6 to be their JRSO. Their role is to spread road safety messages by:

- Creating and maintaining a road safety notice board
- Running competitions
- Putting up posters
- Setting a good example of appropriate behaviour around the road
- Giving talks in class or assemblies
- Developing any other ideas they may have

Each JRSO receives a pack to get them started which will also give them suggestions for activities and resources they can use.



School Helper

A teacher, or other adult, acts as a school helper to provide support and guidance to the JRSO. In addition, support is always available from Nottinghamshire County Council's Road Safety team. The helper will not need to devote a great amount of their time to the role.

Once the JRSOs have been recruited, the school helper can work through the pack with them, encouraging them to develop ideas and giving practical support with tasks.

Ideas and activities in the pack should be used as a springboard for new ideas and activities, which might be aimed specifically at the school community.

The school helper and JRSOs should meet regularly to ensure tasks the JRSO has set for themselves are realistic and achievable.

Junior Road Safety Officer

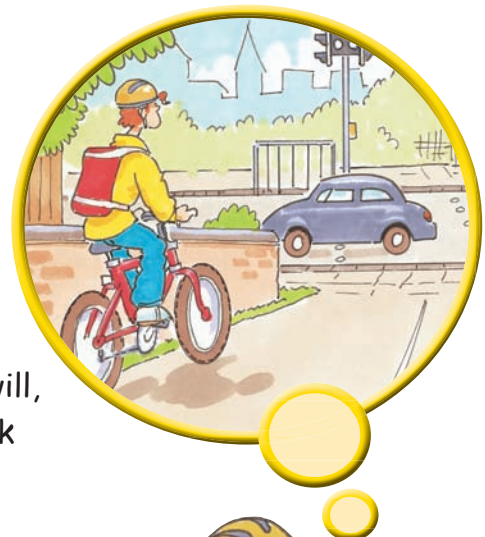
Joining the scheme is easy, please see contact details in the JRSO pack. A road safety officer will be happy to explain the scheme to you in more detail

Once your school has decided to join the scheme and your JRSOs have been recruited, road safety staff will, at your invitation, call to meet with the JRSO and talk to them about their 'job'.

Recruiting your JRSOs

You could;

- Select one or two pupils from years 5 or 6
- Ask pupils to complete application forms and make selections based on them
- Conduct interviews to discover budding JRSOs
- Ask students to nominate representatives



It will be useful to speak with prospective JRSO(s) before deciding who will take on the role to ensure they understand what is required and that they really want to do it

Help and Support

Road safety staff can give help and advice to the school helper and JRSOs throughout the scheme.

Extra copies of certificates, competitions and other useful information are downloadable from the JRSO web pages. Further guidance and resources, especially for specific projects (e.g Healthy Living Days, Safety Weeks) can be obtained from the RSO for your area.

