

Petersgate News

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COVID—19

Please remember it is vital you keep us up to date with any symptoms, tests and results from anyone in your household via the school [email address](#)

Please ensure social distancing is maintained at all times and all adults wear a face covering when on the school premises—thank you

We also need to know if a pupil is required to self-isolate due to track and trace or close contact with a positive case

Thank you for helping keep everyone safe

Reminders—February

Friday 12th — Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 15th to Friday 19th — Half Term



POPS — Half Term Event
See inside for more details

Home Learning—Have a well-earned break!

Although home learning may still be set by some class teachers, we would like to let you know that there is no expectation that your child completes home learning on the Inset day next Friday 12th February or during the half term break.

Please do take these opportunities to enjoy spending time together as a family if you possibly can.

LGfI—DigiSafe

Here is a useful website to help your child stay safe online whilst undertaking home learning [click here](#).



Over the past few weeks we have received so many positive comments from parents. Did you know that you can upload your comments via Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

Thank you to those parents who have already uploaded their comments and we look forward to receiving more from you.

This is completely anonymous and it would be good for prospective parents for the next academic year to see your views on our school.

Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, suggested that parents should contact Ofsted if, after talking with schools, they were not happy with remote learning...over 5,000 parents then contacted Ofsted to tell them how wonderful their schools were!

If you would like to share your positive views more publicly, we would welcome you doing so! Please go online to answer the multiple choice questions.

Petersgate Community Celebrations

We would like to extend our celebrations from school achievements to our 'Petersgate Family' achievements! We would like to write about your achievements in our weekly newsletter to share with other family and friends.

If you would like to share with us then please email your stories to adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk with the details of all that you have achieved or taken part in. If you have any photos then we would like to add these too. We look forward to hearing your achievements.



The Clanfield Trail

During half term, PoPS have organised a trail around Clanfield (see poster attached), to look for the love hearts that spell out a word!

On Sunday 14th and Wednesday 17th February between 10 and 11am we will be outside the school selling packs which will include a map, a raffle ticket and a pack of sweets. The packs are £2.50 each and you can then complete the trail anytime over half term!

We will also sell the packs virtually for £2.00 each. Please contact me if you would rather a virtual copy and I can email it over to you.

Good Luck in completing the Clanfield Trail!!

Please share on our Facebook page how your children get on and if you have spelt out the word!

Raffle

The Raffle will be to win a 'Big Night In' Hamper and will be drawn on Friday 19th February.

Tickets are £1.00 each and can be bought separately. Payment can be made on the PoPS GoFundMe page and I can send over the tickets electronically.

Please contact me if you would like to buy tickets.

Tickets will also be available on Sunday 14th and Wednesday 17th if you wish to come down to the school just to buy the raffle tickets.

[Click here](#) for the PoPS GoFundMe page.

Thank you for your continued support

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**WALK THE MAP AND FIND
THE LETTERS TO SOLVE
OUR VALENTINES WORDS**

**COLLECT YOUR MAP PACK
AT PETERSGATE INFANT
SCHOOL SUNDAY 14TH FEB**

10AM-11AM

WEDS 17TH 10AM -11AM

**ALL MONEY RAISED
GOES TO POPS TO
HELP FUNDRAISE FOR
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES,
ESSENTIALS AND
MUCH MORE**

THE CLANFIELD TRAIL

£2.50



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INCLUDE..**

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Raffle for the big
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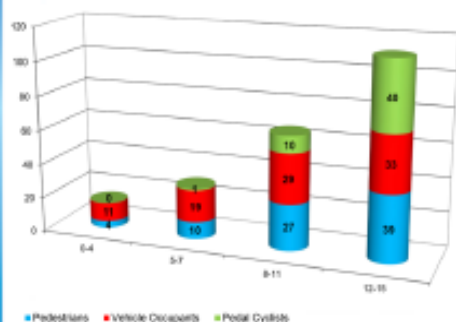
**A GREAT WAY TO PASS
THE DAY COVID SAFE**

Road Safety Education in Hampshire

The Primary Road Safety update for parents and guardians of Hampshire pupils

Road Safety is an essential life skill which needs to be taught and reinforced from a young age. Hampshire County Council's Road Safety Team usually provide various ways of helping schools to share these messages and as this is currently not possible, we need your support to keep Hampshire's young people safe.

Child casualties in Hampshire in 2019 – by age



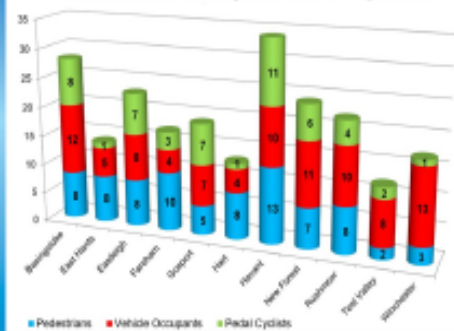
With 223 child casualties on Hampshire's roads in 2019, it is imperative that your child is aware of the dangers of the road, the risks and how to keep themselves and their friends safe.

As the graphs show, young people are more at risk the older they get and as they begin to travel more independently. Teaching basic road safety skills from an early age and reinforcing these during their primary school years will help us ensure casualties within this age group are reduced and pupils are aware of the dangers as they reach secondary school and beyond.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S FREE PLACE

See overleaf to find out about a brand new webinar the Road Safety Team are launching for children to watch and take part in at home to teach them key pedestrian and cycle safety messages.

Child casualties in Hampshire in 2019 – by district



School journey

Support and resources for sharing the Green Cross Code with your children as well as relevant pedestrian safety messages for older primary children who will soon be travelling more independently.

The school journey, once we return to it, is where most children and parents are on 'auto-pilot' whether in the car or on foot. We all need to remember - we must give the road our full attention at all times. The video links below remind parents of how they should travel safely - holding hands, not being distracted and not going ahead of parents. We must be fully aware of driveways and cars reversing and so it is essential children stay close to their parents whenever they are out walking, scooting or cycling.

- www.think.gov.uk/resource/first-journeys/
- www.think.gov.uk/resource/expect-the-unexpected/

The Road Safety Team also have copies of a simple green cross poster which could be emailed to you. To request these as well as copies of a children's highway code, please email road.safety@hants.gov.uk.



Teach their teddies



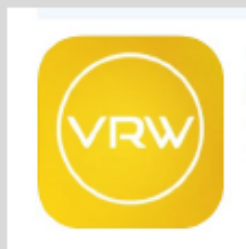
The key vocabulary when teaching younger children to cross the road safely are 'stop, look, listen and think.'

The Road Safety team would appreciate your support in getting this message across and the best way to learn this is to share the message with others - children love 'teaching' teddies and dolls, so get them to do so. Simply place a skipping rope on the floor as the 'kerb', and quickly transform a doll or teddy into a string puppet by tying a piece of string to each arm and tying the other end to a small ruler. Just listen to your child instructing their 'puppet' to 'stop at the kerb', which will drum the message in for them.



If you would like to share the video or photos with the Road Safety team, please email them to road.safety@hants.gov.uk

Virtual Road World (VRW)

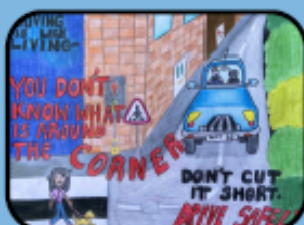


Going out for your daily exercise is the ideal time to discuss road safety with your children. If your own work means this isn't possible and your child has access to an Apple device, download VRW and explore the rules and strategies for staying safe in a virtual world. The application enables children to immerse themselves in a virtual environment - creating their own character and completing various quests which require them to navigate themselves around the city, crossing roads safely.



This is an opportunity for them to educate themselves with a real life problem, in the safety of their own home.

Road safety poster



Please ask your children to help us share our key road safety messages by producing a bright, simple, effective poster for the Road Safety Team to share on Twitter?

The poster can refer to pedestrian, cycle or in-car safety - following the green cross code, not being distracted, wearing a cycle helmet, being bright or always wearing a seatbelt. Make sure they include a clear, bold, simple slogan linked to the message so it jumps out at the reader.

Completed posters can be scanned or photographed and emailed to road.safety@hants.gov.uk during the Spring term.