

South Area Council Meeting

Current Context

Current Educational Activity in Primary Schools,

FS2: stories read to this age group around road safety initiatives (Day out at the seaside, Walking to Nursery, Scooting to the park)

Yr1 and Yr2: Street Feet (Using a road mat in school, discussion on how we cross the road safely)

Yr3 and Yr4: Pedestrian Training (Small groups at the side of the road discussing and doing how we cross the road safely)

Yr6: Transition Presentation (Discussions around different ways we can travel to school independently and safely, walk, bike bus)

Secondary Schools

Yr8: Ghost Street (Using a video to show a series how roads, bikes, distractions can be dangerous, using question and answering throughout)

Colleges

Sixth Form and College: Drive for Life (Using a power point presentation and video clips to discuss the fatal four (Speeding, mobiles/distractions, seatbelts, drink and drugs)

In the academic year 17/18;

Road Safety was delivered to 4,690 primary pupils, 1,604 secondary students and 597 college students

In the academic year 18/19;

Road Safety was delivered to 7,270 primary pupils, this is only 41% of students, we have nearly 80 primary schools and I have delivered in 29 of these schools, I feel this could be doubled if we used different means of delivery and a targeted approach.

324 secondary students; due to primary schools already been booked in for this year before my colleague went off due to long term illness I have stuck to these bookings and booked in secondary and college where I had gaps, I have delivered to 1,151 college students. These figures cover all Barnsley Schools.

Schools that have be delivered to in your area council:

Outwood primary Darfield

Ped Training to be delivered on Thursday the 11th July (Due to illness this did not go ahead)

Upperwood

No response from e-mail, further e-mail sent due to parking issues outside school but still no response from school

Wombwell Park Street

Teddy takes a tumble FS2 40 children 27/11/18

Teddy takes a walk FS2 40 children 27/11/18

Street feet Y1 50 children 26/11/18

Street feet Y2 51 children 26/11/18

Ped Training Y3 40 children 27/11/18

Ped Training Y4 42 children 28/11/18

All Saints Darfield

E-mailed for academic year 18/19 but no response from school

St Michael and All Angels

Teddy takes a tumble FS2 21 children 14/2/19

Teddy takes a walk FS2 21 children 13/2/19

Street Feet Yr1 19 children 13/2/19

Street Feet Yr2 14 children 13/2/19

Ped Training Yr3 26 children 14/2/19

Ped Training Yr4 16 children 14/2/19

Kings Oak

E-mailed for academic year 18/19 no response from school

Highview Primary

Street Feet Yr1 60 children 12/4/19

Street Feet Yr2 60 children 12/4/19

Ped Training Yr3 60 children 1st and 2nd May 19

Ped Training Yr4 60 children 3rd and 4th May 19

Jessie's Journey Yr6 60 children 6/6/19

Jump

Teddy takes a walk FS2 30 children 10/9/18

Teddy takes a tumble FS2 30 children 11/9/18

Street Feet Yr1 30 children 11/9/18

Street Feet Yr2 30 children 11/9/18

Ped Training Yr3 37 children 12/9/18

Ped Training Yr4 40 children 13/9/18

Jessie's journey Yr6 30 children 14/6/19

St Helen's Catholic Primary

FS2 Walking to Nursery 20 children 20/3/19

Street Feet Yr1 13 children 18/3/19

Street Feet Yr2 19 children 18/3/19

Ped Training Yr3 20 children 20/3/19

Ped Training Yr4 24 children 10/6/19

Jessie's Journey Yr6 22 children 10/6/19

Hoyland Springwood

5 e-mails sent to school response from first e-mail but nothing when further e-mails have been sent

Hoyland Common

No response from e-mail sent regarding road safety, Ward Green head teacher also e-mailed regarding the service offered has they are part of the same academy, they have also worked alongside South Yorkshire Transport who I passed on an information book to and she took it to school but still not contact

Kirkbalk Academy

Are booked in for Yr8 and Yr9 for Ghost Street next academic year, due to missing this year

Elsecar Holy Trinity

Birdwell Primary

E-mailed for academic year 2018/19 no response

Greenfield Primary

First e-mail responded to, I responded then nothing further from the school

The Ellis C of E

E-mailed for academic year 2018/19 no response

West Meadows

First e-mail responded to and school happy to meet however school did not respond to further e-mail

Netherwood ALC

School have been contacted for this academic year however due to staffing they were not contacted last year

Within the academic year for 2018/19 road safety initiatives were delivered to 1,025 students within the South Area Council.

We are currently looking at the initiatives we offer to our primary schools, once the schools have reopened we will be in contact with them and work closely with the schools to see what they feel is important for their students and the area they live.

Short term plan

- Understanding current offer and exploring how public health can influence medium term. Review existing best practice. Not prior asked to do any evaluation, but are building this prior to starting.
- Priority Setting – What is the data telling us! Ages 11-16 have the biggest issues for us in Barnsley

We currently only deliver one initiative to our secondary schools which is delivered at Y8 (Ghost Street) however the data from SYRP tells us that the casualty rates are high in Barnsley for children aged 11-16 with regards to car passengers, pedestrians, bike and powered two wheelers.

We have now developed initiatives for Yr7, Yr9 and Yr10 working with Barnsley Academy and we are hoping all secondary schools will take this on board this academic year.

We have been able to do this by moving away from pedestrian training with our year 3 and 4's. Within some schools there can be up to 120 pupils we can only take them out in ratios of 1 to 6 this only allows for 4 sessions a day depending on the school day which is only 48 pupils. This takes up a lot of resource and the children are stood on the road side for around 25-30 minutes waiting for their peers to cross the road. We have found they then get restless and start to mess around not paying attention to the dangers of the road; this can also be a hazard for drivers out on our roads.

For primary schools, changing/developing further the initiatives we deliver is necessary initiatives haven't been adapted or changed for around 15 years, the roads have got busier over this time and the model was initially supported by a number of volunteers and was supposed to be passed to the schools to continue the training once the co-ordinators had trained the staff. The sustainability of this model seems to have somewhat been lost and needs careful thought. Current capacity is meaning there is some inequality in which schools have received interventions.

Longer term planning

Moving forward it would be good to re-introduce the Junior Road Safety Officers within our primary schools and offer more support within the schools on a termly basis getting the schools involved in projects which gives them some autonomy and give back capacity to the Road Safety Technician to gain a greater reach across the borough. It would engage the schools in carrying out road safety on a daily basis not just when anybody from the road safety team attends the school.

The junior road safety officers would have the:

- Ability to encourage fellow pupils to take responsibility for their safety by addressing road safety issues on a regular basis.
- Organise and promote road safety initiatives, which may include participating in assemblies, displaying information or organising competitions.
- Take ownership of the work through the assistance of your in-house teacher and JRSO Co-ordinator.
- Be confident and enthusiastic in your work.

Further long term plans

- Work with schools about what initiatives/which age groups they feel would be beneficial to coproduce some new programmes. The institutions know their students and the needs of the school surroundings.
- Streamline the offer for primary schools to ensure the offer is consistent throughout the borough
- Establish an evaluation process for new and existing interventions across the board.
- Continue to work closely with SRP
- Continue to review best practice.
- Work with Comms to produce a Comms plan about our activity which will help engage parents, communities and elected members

Issues and Barriers

I have recently moved to Public Health from Traffic in April of this year, my role so far has been to deliver road safety initiatives that were previously written some years ago into Primary, Secondary and Further Education settings throughout Barnsley.

Since moving to Public Health I have carried on delivering these initiatives to educational settings within Barnsley, however while doing this I have been reflecting on what we deliver and what the children learn/take away from the sessions. From this we feel that refreshing current training packages to make them more relevant to lifestyle changes, e.g increased traffic, mobile phone use, risk assessment, peer pressure, etc, would be beneficial also to be-spoke some of our training which will allow for better outreach to children.

The road safety education team is currently understaffed due to long term illness so looking to the future academic year 2019/20. To make sure we can have some impact on the schools within Barnsley we need to delivery differently

The issues we face getting these initiatives into schools is the schools themselves, no responses from e-mails, visiting the school and not being able to get past reception to speak with anybody from SLT or head of year. When we leave information regarding what we do we are unsure whether this is reaching the person it should be.

In some cases schools have been really helpful and sent internal e-mails through their own academies however in some cases there has still been no response from the school contacted.

Recommendations

Area council and elected members support and facilitate us access to schools within the South Area