

Dan's Foreword

Hello everybody and welcome back to another school year. We hope you find some useful information in this newsletter. If you require any more information please **feel free to contact us** using the details at the top of the page or directly with your dedicated **Road Safety Officer, Cycling Officer or Travel Planner**, we are here to help!

360° Virtual Reality

We are lucky enough to have a number of **Virtual Reality** headsets that provide an exciting new way to deliver a Road Safety message.

The user experiences what it would be like to be involved in a serious accident as a front seat passenger and the subsequent rescue attempts by the **emergency services**. It also highlights how **speed** and **distractions** such as passengers and mobile phones can **cause collisions**.

This engrossing and impactful experience is available to schools as a supplement to our classroom sessions and intended for older students. For more details contact your Road Safety Officer or the address at the top of the page.



Road Safety Sessions



Now is the perfect time to start making arrangements for your pupils to receive a session from your **dedicated** Road Safety Officer.

We visit multiple year groups and cover vital topics as diverse as **transition** from primary school, **independent** travel, **mopeds** and **scooters**, pedestrian and driver **distractions**, **speeding** and **drink** and **drug** driving.

To arrange your sessions please us or your Road Safety Officer directly.

Be Bright be Seen

With the clocks going back on **28th October** we would like to remind all cyclists to ensure their bicycle is fitted with **reflectors** and **lights**.



When we leave school/work to return home the day is usually fading and it is **dark**. If we are not wearing something **reflective** and have **lights** on our bicycle we 'disappear' at night. Please ensure your bicycle and child's bicycle is fitted with a white reflector and light at the front, and a red reflector and light at the back.

Dr Bike Norman Park

Over the summer we have been running **Dr Bike** sessions at Norman Park on every other Saturday morning. These sessions are to encourage members of the public to bring their bicycle along for a **free check-up** by one of our in-house qualified cycle mechanics.



The events have been a huge success, with good attendance at each session from a variety of people. We have been offering a service to people taking part in **Park Run**, where they can **ride their bike to the park** and leave it with us while they take part and collect it afterwards. Look out for us next time you are in Norman Park on a Saturday or contact us for more details.

Driven by Consequences

Year 12 pupils across a number of schools were fortunate enough to take part in our **Driven by Consequences** young drivers event during 2017/2018.

The whole day event includes a variety of workshops delivered by our own Road Safety team and



members of all the **Emergency Services** who offer first hand and hard-hitting recollections of road traffic collisions.

A reconstruction of a **Coroner's Court** inquest allows pupils to experience the far reaching legal and personal impact such an event can have.

Pupils taking part are required to fill in before and after questionnaires and the responses are **evaluated** to ensure the message is always being delivered effectively.



STARS

STARS is a school travel plan accreditation scheme run in 69% of Bromley schools and aims to work with schools, pupils, their families, staff and the wider school community to reduce the number of journeys made by car. STARS offers a framework to reward schools for their achievements at three levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold). The level of **Gold** accredited secondary schools has steadily increased over the past 3 years:



Getting young London moving	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
Bronze	20%	20%	14%
Silver	20%	20%	10%
Gold	25%	30%	38%

A STARS School Travel Plan is a working document that draws upon survey data to identify ways to **promote walking, cycling and public transport** as a viable, active and sustainable alternative to using the car. Bromley School Travel Plan Advisors offer a platform of measures designed to **reduce congestion** on the school run whilst promoting road safety, healthy lifestyles, and environmental awareness.

Where required, we also support schools through the **school expansion** programme, consulting with stakeholders and engineers to create solutions tailored to the individual school needs.

DEADLINE

The deadline for 2018/2019 plans to be submitted is **21st June 2019** but now is the perfect time to get started! For more information, please contact schooltravelplans@bromley.gov.uk

Blue Badges

A reminder that **Blue Badge** holders must never allow friends or relatives to use the badge to run an errand on their behalf and should not wait in the car while a friend or relative goes shopping.

A **Blue Badge** should only be displayed if the badge holder is travelling in the vehicle as a driver or passenger, or for the badge holder to be picked up or dropped off and not be used by a visitor, unless they have parked to pick up the badge holder.

To report suspected misuse, please complete the online form: www.bromley.gov.uk/reportbluebadge or call: **020 8313 4800**



Escorted Rides

If you are interested in **cycling to work or school** remember that we offer **escorted rides** to help you find the best route and build your confidence.

One example has seen a **journey time halved** from 1hr 30 mins by train/bus, to 45 minutes by bike, door to door!

If you are interested in any cycle training please contact us.

