

# Time for Road Safety



**Lincolnshire  
Road  
Safety  
Partnership**

The newsletter from the LRSP Education Team

## Term 3 –Primary Parents In-Car Safety

### Happy New Year

Seatbelts and correctly fitted child car seats should be used for every journey, even shorter ones close to home. Vehicles do not need to be travelling very fast to have a collision that could cause serious injury. If a vehicle stops suddenly, anyone unrestrained will continue to travel forwards instead of being held safely in the seat.

It is a legal requirement for **all** vehicle occupants to wear seatbelts where they are fitted, both in the front and the back. Children should use correctly fitted car seats or boosters until they are either 135 cm tall or 12 years old (whichever comes sooner).

Despite the chance of a fine of up to £500, many people are happy to break the law and take the risk.

For further advice on in-car safety and legislation on the use of seatbelts and child restraints see:

[Rospa car seat safety advice](#)

[Rospa Child car seats](#)



## Car parks and driveways

Every year people are injured or lose their lives due to being hit by a vehicle in a car park or on a driveway. Sadly the driver is often a family member or friend who has simply not seen the other person next to the car. It is best to check all blind spots around a vehicle before moving off from a stationary position.

In colder weather it is easy to avoid taking the time to clear windscreens and windows properly when you are in a rush. Any amount of snow, ice or condensation can create a blind spot.

## The school run



These zigzagged markings outside schools are to provide a clear, safe area where children can see traffic, and be seen by drivers. Drivers should never stop on them, even for picking up and dropping off children.

Always park where it is safe and legal to do so and make sure your child gets out of the car on the kerb side rather than into the traffic.

You could ask your school if they have a designated park and stride or walking bus facility. Parking further away from school and walking is better for everyone, as well as the environment around the school.

Look out for the next newsletter in term 4.

Contact Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Education team on 01522 805800.