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Dear Parent / Carer

Road Safety Education

I am a Road Safety Officer working for Central Bedfordshire Council and yesterday I had the pleasure of speaking to the young people in all year groups about various aspects of road safety.

We covered the following subjects, which we hope will open conversations between you and your family:

- We spoke about what they (the young people) thought road safety was all about and what it meant to them
- We covered the points to enable everyone to cross the road safely. (Think, Stop, Look & Listen) and spoke about walking, running, cycling and scooting along footpaths reminding the pupils to stop at driveways in case a vehicle is driving/ reversing out.
- We spoke about why you must wear a seatbelt in vehicles, what the purpose of a seat belt is and how it keeps you safe
- We had a conversation about booster seats in vehicles. All participants guessed at what age or height they legally need to be before they can stop using a booster seat.

Have you guessed the answers yet?

The law is that children weighing more than 22kg and are taller than 125cm can use a backless booster seat, it is when children reach 12 years of age or become taller than 135cm in height (whichever comes first) that a booster seat is no longer required.

Please ensure your children are using the correct booster seat for their weight /height and that they continue to use them until such times that they reach 12years of age or 135cm in height.

- A conversation was held around distractions in vehicles, what did they think a distraction was, who the distraction affected and what could happen if the driver was distracted for too long and lastly we brain stormed about what could be taken on a long car journey to keep them amused and so leaving the driver to concentrate on the task at hand.
- And lastly we spoke about being bright and being seen whilst riding bicycles and scooters and how these two form of transport are made visible to others i:e rear reflectors, reflectors on pedals, mud guards etc. and most importantly why a cycle helmet should be worn.

Please note that no graphic photographs or films were shown throughout this session.

I hope that all who participated enjoyed the session and that they stay safe when using any footpaths and roads in the future.

Yours sincerely

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