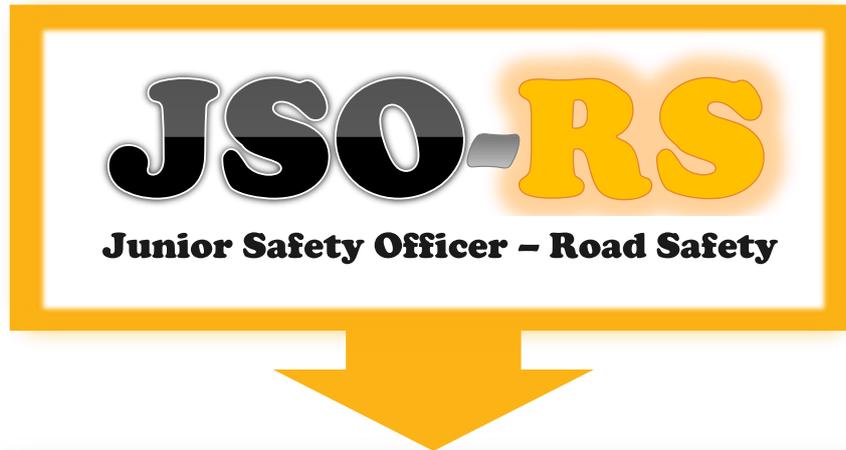




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Twilight Trails





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Dear JSO Team,

I am delighted that you have registered to undertake a Twilight Trail. There is a fair amount to organise and I hope the guidance below will help guide you through the process.

We know the children and adults taking part in the trail really enjoy them. There is a strong sense of adventure and above all the children really learn a lot. Finding out what they know about 'Be Safe, Be Seen' before and after the event will show you how worthwhile your efforts have been.

Information on walking to school can be found in the Junior Safety Officer (JSO) Manual and information on School Travel Plans is available here:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltravelplans

Good luck, if you need further advice do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully

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Twilight Trails

Twilight Trails have been developed to support schools and pupils realise the dangers of pedestrian travel during dusk and at night-time, also in bad weather. With clocks going back during the winter months often the end of the school day, it is beginning to get dark and many children are walking home.

Contained in this Toolkit is the following

- What is a Twilight Trail
- Developing your Event
- Learning Objectives
- On the day
- After the event
- Questionnaires
- Evaluations

What is a Twilight Trail

It is basically a treasure hunt in the dark, where reflective materials are hung up in a safe unlit area around the school or playground. The trails are aimed at children in Year's 3 and Year's 4 children. All participants should wear high visibility tabards and the children should be accompanied by responsible adults in line with school policy ratios. The idea of the trials is for children to learn by actual experience about how wearing something reflective enables them to be seen more clearly in the dark. From a road safety perspective they can understand then that drivers will be able to see pedestrians from a much greater distance (150 metres instead of 30 metres, five times more time for the driver to react).



Developing your Twilight Trail

- ❖ Arrange a planning meeting.
- ❖ Use the assessments provided in the pack for before and after information.
- ❖ Decide on a date and time. (December or early January when it will be dark really early).
- ❖ Decide on maximum numbers adhering to school policy ratio of adult to children.
- ❖ Inform school staff, caretaker, and cleaners of event (it maybe a muddy trail).
- ❖ Decide on your location / area of your trail.
- ❖ Make reflective treasures to display
- ❖ Complete a Risk Assessment (RA) for the area you will be using.
- ❖ Pre-learning on 'be safe, be seen' (information in JSO pack)
- ❖ Arrange for enough torches and tabards for all participants.
- ❖ Advertise the event (Posters in schools, letters to parents).
- ❖ Allow 45 – 60 minutes for your event.
- ❖ Include a briefing before the actual trail and a de-brief, maybe invite your schools JSO's to support the event.
- ❖ If you invite press don't forget to send us any clippings or coverage

Reflective resources are can be found from cyberGLOW reflective safety and a number of retailers online by entering "reflective stickers" as a search term.



Learning Objectives

- ❖ That on dark nights and in bad weather all pedestrians, and children in particular, are vulnerable on the roads because they are less visible to motorists.
- ❖ Anyone travelling near traffic, for example children walking to and from school in winter, should wear or carry something reflective in poor light.
- ❖ Without reflective clothing or items, a child pedestrian is only visible from 30 metres away in low beam headlights. By wearing something reflective, they become visible at 150 metres, giving drivers five times the distance to notice them, and more importantly, avoid them.
- ❖ Children should wear something that is bright or fluorescent during the day to make them as visible as possible and keep them safe.
- ❖ The single biggest safety issue for children in the UK is being killed or injured in a road traffic collision.



On the day

- ❖ On the evening of the event, hang reflective items around the route and check if the risk assessment needs any adjustments or additional measures.
- ❖ Organise children into pairs; one torch is needed per pair, remind the children to leave the reflectors where they are for other children to see.
- ❖ Lead children out to a suitable gathering place and explain how the Trail works.
- ❖ Let the children explore the trail / route in their pairs looking for reflective items.
- ❖ Use an arranged signal to collect all the children together.
- ❖ Discuss the numbers of items found and their favourites and which ones worked well etc. Reinforce the learning objectives.
- ❖ Collect children back in the school (check on numbers)
- ❖ Complete the post-campaign questionnaire; collect them up before the children leave.
- ❖ Send the children home with their parents/carers.
- ❖ Dismantle the trail and keep the materials for next year.



After the event

- ❖ Organise an assembly within a week of the event to share with the whole school how the Trail went and more importantly the messages regarding Being Safe and Being Seen.
- ❖ After the Trail evaluate how much the children have learnt by completing the post-campaign questionnaire. Use the data collected to see how much the children have learnt.
- ❖ Send the evaluation data to address below.

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Teacher Feedback form



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To be completed AFTER the Twilight Trial	
School	
Date	
Was the Twilight Trail successful in teaching pupils the importance of being visible as pedestrians?	
Did the Twilight Trail Toolkit include everything you needed for the organisation and delivery of the event?	
Is there anything you would do differently if using the Twilight Trail Toolkit again in the future?	



If you would like this information in another format or language, please contact:

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