

Road Safety Education - Task (Road Signs 8-11 year olds)

Dear Parent, this task is designed for you to work alongside and complete with your child/children in relation to a key road safety issue. The focus is "Road Signs". It is important for children to recognise that road signs give messages to all road users and not only to car drivers. Therefore, it is beneficial for children to be familiar with and understand what road signs mean. It will also help to remind you as an adult and road user what various signs mean.

Circular Signs nearly always give orders with those having a red circle telling us what NOT TO DO and those having a blue circle telling us what TO DO. Red triangular signs usually warn us of dangers ahead - an exception to this is the Give Way sign which is actually an order sign. Rectangular and pentagon shaped signs give directions or other information such as road names. There are also two follow up activities (road signs/put the road signs in the correct box) which can be printed out and completed by your child.



Speed Limit Sign

Shared Path Sign

Bend to Right Sign

Give Way Sign

Direction Sign

When you are out with your child/children for daily exercise or a walk to the shop, you could play a game of "I Spy a Road Sign". Who will be the road sign champion? The rules of the game are;

- A person wins 1 point if they can identify whether the sign is;
 - An Order Sign
 - A Warning Sign or
 - An Information Sign
- A person wins another 1 point if they correctly tell you what the sign means

- A person wins an extra bonus 1 point if the sign they spot is one with a vehicle, bicycle or animal on it

Have fun and if you are not sure what the road sign means, the Highway Code webpage below will help you out. Above all, stay safe and don't forget your road safety by keeping alert and being aware of what is happening around you!

For further information, why not have a look at the following resources to assist you in teaching your child how to use our roads safely and effectively as they develop:

Highway Code information on traffic signs giving orders, warning signs, direction signs, information signs and road works signs:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/highway-code-signs-and-markings>

Watch the following short video: <https://youtu.be/-HIOJqqL56U>

General road safety information for parents of 7-11 year old children:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/road-safety-seven-11-year-olds>