

5alive-Roadwise

A comprehensive road safety education programme featuring teacher booklets and classroom resources for every year group

- Tools and resources to teach road-user education to all year groups
- Expertly written 28-page booklets containing four interactive and focused workshops
- Printed copies of all resources, Powerpoints, song CD, DVD and a bookmark for every child
- Tailored to the developmental phases of schooling

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When asked to list their top concerns regarding their child's safety, parents are most concerned about bullying, followed closely by road accidents. Britain actually has one of the best road safety records in the world, but road traffic accidents continue to be one of the main causes of death and injury to school age children. In 2017, there were over 15,000 child casualties aged 15 or under.

Teaching road safety is therefore incredibly important, yet astonishingly, traffic education isn't included in the national curriculum. It's therefore down to schools to teach it, normally within PSHE and citizenship, which is why it's worth looking at 5Alive-Roadwise – an inclusive and well-planned programme for easy implementation across your school.

The programme contains a series of year-specific project booklets, each containing four dynamic and purposeful workshops that cover awareness and knowledge of traffic; safe strategies for crossing the road; visibility; and understanding the meaning of signs and symbols. The planning, notes and photocopyables that accompany the workshops are impeccable, and richly loaded with ideas, questions, scenarios and things to do.

These are supported by author video guidance for staff and a number of informative PowerPoint presentations for class use. Also included is a 72-page

music activity book and a road crossing song CD. There are also bookmarks for every child featuring the 5alive road safety steps.

The most effective road safety programmes are ones that encourage child-centred activities which promote play, social interaction, self-awareness, personal reflection and exploration of the world. These actively engage pupils, satisfy their natural curiosity and encourage informed decision making.

This is what 5alive-Roadwise achieves. It gives children opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to help them make informed and safe decisions in traffic, and makes an important contribution to their health and wellbeing. 5alive-Roadwise will help develop pupils' understanding of the dangers of traffic so that they develop safer strategies and become more roadwise.

It's brilliant for incorporating into pupil road safety committees and supporting junior road safety officers, and will help you actively engage children in developing skills that focus on identifying and responding safely to risk situations.

We all need to be passionate about supporting children to be wiser and safer on the roads, and 5alive-Roadwise is a vital resource, offering sound counsel and inspiration.

PSM
PRIMARY SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

VERDICT

- ✓ Makes pupils aware of the importance of safety and the dangers associated with traffic
- ✓ Helps children take responsibility for their own safety and consider the needs of others
- ✓ Ideal for building into your school's road safety policy
- ✓ Encourages and promotes school-community participation and home-school links

UPGRADE IF...

You are looking for an age-appropriate, practical and cross-curricular resource to help children develop independence, responsibility and knowledge about how to use roads safely.

Schools package (based on 240 children from nursery to Y6) £240; for more information, visit 5alive-roadwise.co.uk or follow @5AliveRoadwise