

Schools Travel Training *Newsletter*

Employment and Community Skills (ECS)

ECS is part of the 0-25 SEND service and is made up of four services:

- ♦ **Wiltshire Employment Support Team**, assisting customers to find and sustain paid employment
- ♦ **Community Connecting**, assisting customers to find out more about their local community, supporting people to access clubs, meet friends, travel training, voluntary work and much more
- ♦ **Travel Training Service**, supporting customers to learn to travel independently in the community
- ♦ **Wiltshire Supported Internships**, a personalised study programme, giving the opportunity to increase skills for employment with the chance of gaining a job as a result

SEND have commissioned a new project within specialist schools that supports road awareness and safety

Young people will be supported in their specialist school to learn road awareness and safety before gaining practical experience which can lead on to:

- safe road crossing
- independence and travel to school or further education



How we support you

By supporting classroom sessions to learn road awareness and safety through work sheets, interactive tools and multiple choice tests before taking that knowledge out for practical sessions local to the school.

All students being supported will be registered to Employment and Community Skills, the end goal will be for the student to learn how to get to school or further education independently.

The Community Co-ordinator will spend time getting to know the customer and complete necessary paperwork. This will include discussions with support networks around the support required to begin travel training.

When ready, a plan will be created which will include; the routes, times, risks, support, fading strategies and how the training will be reviewed.

In Case of Emergency (ICE)

We will provide ICE cards if required and can identify the designated safe places within the community. We will discuss with you what to do if you have an emergency when travelling.

Safe place

There are several community organisations, often public buildings and shops.



Safe Places
I.C.E.

In Case of Emergency card



They have a safe places sticker in their window. Staff there will assist in making a phone call, take time to listen and provide a seat

How parents can help

Ask your child questions when you are out:

- ❖ Where is the best place to stand?
- ❖ When is it safe to cross?
- ❖ What does the flashing green man mean?

Be seen!

- ❖ Encourage your child to wear bright clothes in the day and fluorescent clothing at night

Identify hazards

- ❖ If you are not able to see clearly in all directions, ask your child to identify the hazards in the way and then choose a safer place to cross



Stand back

- ❖ Always remind your child to stand back away from the kerb when walking along the pavement or waiting to cross

Watch for traffic

- ❖ When using a pedestrian crossing, remind your child to check all traffic has stopped before stepping onto the crossing

Remember;
Stop, Look and Listen

Look around

- ❖ Ask your child to identify directions that traffic can come from, not forgetting behind them

What are some of the benefits of Travel Training?

- Increased independence
- Opportunity to learn a new skill
- Opens access to the local and wider communities, healthcare, education or employment
- Chance to engage with the community
- Greater diversity of people accessing public transport
- Lifelong changes in behaviour and aspirations

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