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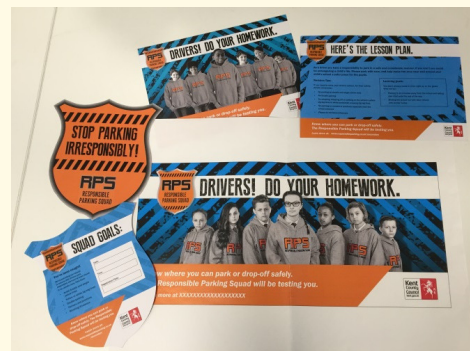
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RESPONSIBLE PARKING SQUAD

Last year Kent secondary schools used the FREE RPS resources and combined their efforts to combat unsafe parking habits with National Road Safety Awareness Week with enormous success! Your Squad can be as big (or small) as you feel appropriate for your school and getting the squad kitted up is easy – just drop me a line and I'll the hoodies / tickets/ flyers / banners out to you!



GET READY FOR NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

20th - 26th November 2017. National Road Safety Awareness Week (NRS AW); if it's not already in your diary (surrounded by stars and exclamation marks) then shame on you.

Of course I am totally joking. Alongside all of your other important dates in your academic calendar I have no doubt this is easily lost or overlooked, and I know that a huge number of you are already very aware of and engaged with the schemes that are currently available through KCC's Road Safety Team. You might decide this year that you want to take the N.R.S.A.W as your opportunity to investigate and focus on a new aspect of road safety that you haven't yet, as a school, explored. Perhaps you are starting from scratch

(or like many – on a tight budget) and are looking for a simple and free way of promoting one of the many aspects of road safety? The Responsible Parking toolkit for Primary or Secondary schools are a great way of promoting road safety immediately surrounding your school site and of course, the resources are completely FREE!

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SO WHAT'S AN ANNUAL REVIEW?

Those of you who have seen or read the last newsletter will be aware that I wrote a little piece about the School Travel Plan (STP) document; what it is, how to create one and how to maintain it. I hope that you found the brief information useful, especially if you are new to our Jambusters site and the world of school travel planning.

This month, as promised I will be recapping the purpose of the Annual Reviews and how these differ from (and in fact compliment) the STPs. In fact, this is an article that even you veterans of travel planning may even find useful! So often, when I visit schools, the staff are super surprised to find that keeping the STP up to date is so much easier than they thought! So, the School Travel Plan; This is the primary document a school would be able to present or refer to, should any person's make an enquiry about the travel issues, the actions the school is taking to overcome these and how the school promotes active and sustainable transport.

The annual review process enables schools to update key information, such as changes to facilities that encourage active travel methods and difficulties that the school is facing regarding transportation/road safety. It also offers an opportunity for schools to shout about any initiatives or ideas that have worked well to encourage modal shift away from single occupancy car journeys.

In completing a brief annual review you are maintaining the school travel plan without having to re-write an entire document each year in order to ensure its validity. In fact, when the reviews are completed annually, a school would not necessarily need to renew their STP for at least 5 years! The review can be completed easily via your school's Jambusters profile and you can even save as you go enabling you to pop in and out of it at times that suit you.

Ultimately, the Annual Reviews can save you A LOT of time and it provides a useful tool for your school to monitor its progress and efforts in ensuring you provide a safe environment that can support and encourage families to choose active and sustainable transport methods for their school run.

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FOR N.R.S.A.W**
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As well as this, the KCC Road Safety Team run a number of campaigns that schools across Kent can promote and raise awareness of all year round, such as: Young Drivers, Share the Road, Seatbelts Campaign and much, much more!

HEADS UP:
Capital Grant Funding - Monthly Progress Report

Firstly - thank you to all of you who accepted your grant funding by the 15th September deadline. At this stage moving forward I would simply like to remind everyone that a brief monthly update will need to be logged on the Jambusters website, under your "grant 2017-18" tab. Of course, if your school have already completed the works, then you will no longer have to keep completing a monthly update. Remember - if you have any questions regarding your grant funding, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Annual Review 2017

There's still time to get your annual reviews in. It is well worth doing and only takes a short while to complete. In completing an annual review you can maintain your existing travel plan without having to re-write the entire document. Bonus!



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