

## School

### What is the advantage of Car Share to the School?

- It can reduce car numbers on or near your school site.
- It can improve relations with your local community.

There are road safety presentations and courses available to young drivers and passengers, that you may like to consider for your students. You may like to make it a condition that only students that have attended one or more of these sessions may park on the school site.

**GET IN GEAR** – A course that aims to give new drivers the skills to cope with independent driving and to reduce their chances of being involved in a crash. For more info please see [www.buckscc.gov.uk/gettinggear](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/gettinggear) or phone Road Safety on 0845 230 2882.

**LEARN & LIVE** – A discussion session on the issues relating to young drivers and passengers, delivered to Sixth Formers at your school by Bucks Fire & Rescue Service. Please contact Keith Wheeler on 07767 412076, or [kwheeler@bucksfire.gov.uk](mailto:kwheeler@bucksfire.gov.uk)

**SAFE DRIVE STAY ALIVE** – An emotive presentation in which real people tell their experiences of collisions involving young people. Held in November each year at theatres and similar venues across the Thames Valley. Please see [www.safedrive.org.uk](http://www.safedrive.org.uk) for more info.



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# Sixth Form Car Share

Information for Students, Parents and Schools



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# Student Driver

## Why Car Share?



- It can save you money.
- It can reduce pollution from car emissions.
- It can reduce local congestion.
- It can reduce the use of limited fossil fuels.
- It can be good to have company, but beware of the safety implications of driver distractions
- If you breakdown or get into difficulty, you will not be alone.

## How can Car Share save me money?

You can share the cost of petrol and parking with your passenger(s). Remember that as a driver, you should not make a profit from sharing a car as this can invalidate your insurance and tax. If you have any concerns please contact your insurance company directly.

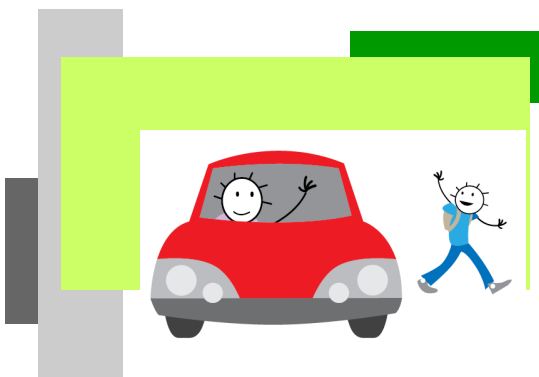
## What should I be aware of?

- I need to park in a considerate way.
- I must wear my seat belt and ensure my passengers wear their too. *(passengers of 14 and over are legally responsible for their own seatbelts, but think what damage an unrestrained passenger might do to YOU in the event of a crash).*
- I need to be sure that my passengers feel safe on the journey.
- I must not let my passengers distract me, or pressure me to drive in a way that makes me feel unsafe *(young drivers with more than 2 passengers of their own age are FIVE times more likely to crash than if they are on their own!)*

# Student Passenger

## What do I need to know as a passenger?

- I can share the cost of the journey with the driver.
- I should not pressure the driver to drive in a way that makes them feel unsafe, or not fully in control.
- I can ask the driver to slow down, or not to drive in a way that makes me feel unsafe.
- It is MY legal responsibility, NOT the drivers, to make sure that I am wearing my seatbelt, if I am 14 or over.



# Parents

## Why should I encourage my child to share the journey?

- If you are funding your child's journey, it can save you money.
- It is teaching your child to make sustainable choices.
- Car Share reduces pollution and local congestion.
- Your child will not be alone if they breakdown or get into difficulty.

## Is there anything I should be aware of?

- Your child may not make a profit from the car share as this may impact on the car insurance\*
- There are Young Driver courses that your child can attend within 12 months of passing their test. Please see details of 'Get In Gear' on the 'School' page.
- You should know who your child is getting a lift with. New young drivers are very vulnerable in the first six months after passing their tests and it might be safer if your child didn't ride with someone who has recently passed their test.

\* "Giving Lifts - All ABI motor insurers have agreed that if your passengers contribute towards your running costs your insurance cover will not be affected, as long as lifts are given in a vehicle seating eight passengers or less. This agreement does not apply if you make a profit from payments received or if carrying passengers is your business." (Source: ABI website, 2008)