CopyCat Road Safety DVD for Teachers

This CopyCat Road Safety DVD has been developed by Transport for Buckinghamshire to encourage parents to act responsibly when out with their child. You may wish to invite your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to join in by attending your presentation.

Notes before watching
The DVD shows a fictitious family with young children on a normal day: on the school run and going to after school activities. The parents are seen carrying out inappropriate driving behaviours, all too frequently witnessed on Buckinghamshire roads. These include using a mobile phone, speeding and not wearing a seat belt.

Playing the DVD
Rather than play the CopyCat DVD straight through with the class, we recommend that you stop at each pause point and discuss the rights and wrongs in that section. The notes over the page list the main points to cover plus issues that may arise. The DVD will help you to discuss correct procedures with the children before taking home a similar one to watch with their parents.

The Pupil Pack
The Pupil’s Pack contains a similar CopyCat DVD that shows poor habits filmed from a child’s perspective, i.e. as seen when sitting in the rear passenger seat. It then shows the same child ten years later, repeating the habits he learnt and copied from his parents. This version aims to encourage parents to set a good example as a driver or a pedestrian so that their children don’t grow up to become irresponsible drivers themselves.
Teachers’ Notes

Please pause the DVD whenever the pause button appears on screen to discuss these points:

On the school run

Main points to cover
• Mobile phone should be switched off before driving, otherwise the driver can’t concentrate. This is a legal requirement.
• Mum should hold steering wheel with both hands.
• Mum should check boy’s seat belt is on properly.

Main points to cover
• The law states drivers must stop for a school crossing patroller helping people to cross the road safely.

At school pick up

Main points to cover
• Dad must wear his seat belt. This is required by law.
• In a crash, a seat belt will stop you hitting the windscreen or, if you’re in the back seat, from hitting front seat passengers and seriously injuring or killing them.

Main points to cover
• Drive under 30mph in a busy area, such as (use example of area outside your own school or a local area known to the children) where pedestrians are likely to be around.
• Police are issuing a speeding ticket. This means mum or dad have to pay a £60 fine and will get three penalty points on their driving licence.

Off to the shop

Main points to cover
• Mum should wait for the green man to show before crossing the road. If you cross when the red man shows, cars may not see you and therefore may not stop.
• It’s safer for mum to walk on the outside of the pavement, by the road.

Going to football training

Main points to cover
• Dad should eat before he leaves home.
• You need to hold the steering wheel with both hands to drive safely. You can’t do this if eating a sandwich or drinking a bottle of water.

After watching

After your class has watched the DVD, please hand each pupil a CopyCat Pupil’s Pack. This contains a DVD to watch at home with their family and a simple worksheet to complete and return to school. Completed worksheets can then be discussed in a follow up lesson.