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**This matter is being dealt with by:** Road Safety Team,  
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Dear Parent or Carer

#### “LET’S DECIDE – WALK WISE” – CHILD PEDESTRIAN TRAINING PROGRAMME

Did you know that Britain's death rate for child pedestrians is one of the worst in Europe and that the most serious child pedestrian accidents happen on quiet residential roads? Statistics show that, from a class of 30 children, 2 could expect to be killed or injured in a road accident before their 16th birthday.

Your child's school intends to work on a pedestrian programme called "Walk Wise" which will take approximately 6 weeks to complete. It aims to help children to begin to make safe decisions about where and when to cross the road. The project involves training children, at the roadside, in small groups under the supervision of an adult volunteer. They will be supervised (a ratio of one adult to a **maximum** of three children). A Road Safety Child Pedestrian Trainer, who is employed by Sunderland City Council, will be present to supervise the programme.

Your child will look at the local roads and think about where and when it is safe to cross. "Walk Wise" does not aim to make children of this age independent pedestrians, but it is intended to help them to understand the safest places to cross. **They will continue to need parental or other adult support to do this.**

If you wish your child to participate you should sign the consent form overleaf and return it to the class teacher as soon as possible otherwise your child will be unable to take part in the programme.

Regards



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Child Pedestrian Training Programme

I **consent** to my child participating in the “Let’s Decide - Walk Wise” programme. I am aware that my child will be supervised at all times by Child Pedestrian Trainer or an adult volunteer. The Council will, under arrangements introduced for the protection of children, check with The Disclosure & Barring Service for the existence and content of any criminal record prior to an adult volunteer working with children. If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact the above department.

Name of School	
Name of Child (Print)	
Signed Parent or Carer	

**Please return this form promptly to your child’s school.  
Failure to do so could result in your child not participating in the  
programme.**