

Dear Governors,

We, the Merseyside Road Safety Partnership, are writing to you to request that fresh consideration be given to your school uniform policy in order to help keep pupils safe on the roads.

Child pedestrians in Merseyside are most likely to be involved in collisions on their way to and from school. Sadly, the number of child pedestrians killed or seriously injured in Merseyside is higher than the national average.

We know that redesigning school uniform can be expensive and complicated, but when it comes time for a change, please consider the three safety points below.

THREE WAYS SCHOOL UNIFORM CAN HELP TO KEEP PUPILS SAFE – OR PUT THEM AT GREATER RISK!

- **DO NOT** insist that pupils wear black/dark coats: these are much harder for drivers to see, and increase pupils' risk of being involved in a collision.
- **DO** add reflective fabrics onto the school blazer (on the logo, around cuffs etc), and onto any bespoke school bags.
 - **DO** choose bright colours for school jumpers and blazers when a colour palette is being considered.

If you have any questions, or would like to show off your uniform best-practice on our website, www.merseysideroadsafety.org/, please get in touch: MRSP@merseyside.police.uk

THANK YOU

