



South Manchester Crucial Crew Evaluation Report

6th July - 16th July 2009

The Manchester College, Northenden Campus

“Ensure that more children, including disabled children, have access to activities such as Crucial Crew.”

Staying Safe: Action Plan



Dear Reader,

Crucial Crew is a multi-agency safety event aimed at Year 6, (10 to 11 year olds), designed to provide children with life skills that will, in the future, help to keep themselves and others safe.

It is generally accepted that children start to become more independent at this age and are often expected to cope increasingly on their own and deal with changes in their lives - such as a move to Secondary school.

The aim of the Crucial Crew event is to raise each participants awareness of threats and dangers, in a fun and interactive way.



They learn by experience to:

- React correctly to dangerous and threatening situations.
- Avoid becoming a victim of an accident or crime.
- Understand the role that the emergency and support services play, how and when to contact them.
- Gain life skills that will help them, and others, to be safe.
- Be aware of the consequences of their own actions and how they may impact on others.

South Manchester Crucial Crew operates for nine days in each academic year. During this time more than 1,100 South Manchester school children will attend. This evaluation relates to the event which ran from Monday 6th July to Thursday 16th July 2009 inclusive. The event is co-ordinated by the Children's Safety Education Foundation (Registered Charity Numbers: 1103344 and SC037714).

The Manchester College, Northenden Campus hosted the event. This venue provided an environment that is conducive to learning. The presentations took place in areas that were clearly segregated, allowing the children to concentrate and absorb the instructions and advice that is given to them.

The agencies attending ensured that their presentations were as interactive as possible and reflect current dangers to children. We know that children learn by 'doing' rather than being 'told'.

Greater Manchester Police used the event to discuss the dangers associated with cyberbullying and personal safety. Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service recreated an escape route which the children were encouraged to use. Sadly, due to illness and staff shortages, North West Ambulance Service were unable to attend. In their place the children were shown extracts from the 'Junior Citizen DVD' and as a result learnt about the recovery position and resuscitation.

"Well organised, enjoyable. The children learnt a lot and had lots of fun! Cyberbullying very relevant."
St. John Fisher / Thomas Moore RC Primary School

All schools in 'C Division' were invited to attend Crucial Crew, including those that had not previously attended. Due to end of term commitments three schools could not attend this year's event.

To support the event, each school was presented with a copy of the Crucial Crew Handbook together with an interactive DVD and lesson plans.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported South Manchester Crucial Crew. Special thanks to the Crime and Disorder Partnership at Manchester City Council and the Manchester Occupational Health and Safety Group for funding the provision and distribution of educational resources, accommodation, transportation to and from the event and refreshments for the scenario providers.

We would also like to thank Bob Mason and Ian Stott from First Buses, together with Ian Nuttall, Eileen Edmondson, Lisa Camara and Adele Mistrey from the Manchester College for their patience and support throughout the event.



Best wishes,



Peter Boughen,
Event Co-ordinator,
Children's Safety Education Foundation.



"A great morning, thought provoking for the children and pitched at the right level. Childrens' responses showed their level of interest and excitement. Thank you." **Baguley Hall Primary School**

Pupil Questionnaire Analysis

To ascertain the level of knowledge for the children that attend, they were asked to complete a pre-event evaluation test during the week prior to the event, and a post-event test on the day of their visit. The questions and the correct answers are shown on the following pages.

Over 1,100 children representing 27 schools attended the sessions between 6th July and 16th July 2009.

The schools that provided data for this evaluation are indicated (★) below.

The schools that attended are:-

	PRE-DATA	POST-DATA
BROOKBURN COMMUNITY SCHOOL	★	★
SANDILANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
BUTTON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
BARLOW HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
NEWALL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
PEEL HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. CATHERINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
DIDSBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
CAVENDISH PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
RACK HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
THE WILLOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
BEAVER ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
RINGWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. WILFRID'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
OSWALD ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
BAGULEY HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
HAVELEY HEY PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
GREEN END PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. BERNARD'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
OLD MOAT PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
MAULDETH ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. PETER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. CUTHBERT'S RC PRIMARY	★	★
CROSSACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. ELIZABETH'S RC PRIMARY	★	★
ST. JOHN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. JOHN FISHER PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★



Please note incomplete data was received from:
 Northenden Community School
 St. Aidan's RC RC Primary School
 Ladybarn Primary School

"Wonderful experience! We had a great time, learned loads and enjoyed ourselves. Thank you. What are we doing? Crucial Crewing!" **Oswald Road Primary School**

5 Evaluation: Children's Questionnaire

Question	Correct Answer
1. How often should a household smoke alarm be tested?	Every day ✓ Every week Every month Every year
2. Why is it important to put an unconscious person in the recovery position?	To make them comfortable To roll them out of danger ✓ To keep their airway clear To stop their hair getting messy
3. When you are out should you keep your mobile phone and ipod:	In your hand for all to see? ✓ Safely out of sight in your bag? Lit up and around your neck?
4. Who should you register your mobile with?	www.bbc.co.uk ✓ www.immobilise.com www.robme.com
5. If you are out late, should you:	Walk home alone? ✓ Walk home with a group of friends? Walk home by yourself through a dark park
6. What is the minimum length of time of an ASBO?	2 weeks 2 months ✓ 2 years
7. What is the ultimate punishment for breaching an ASBO?	A police caution ✓ A prison sentence A fine
8. Where do you go to be given an ASBO?	✓ Magistrates Court Police Station The Library
9. What's the biggest cause of crashes / collisions?	✓ Inattention Speed Drink Drive
10. What's the most dangerous age to be a pedestrian?	✓ 11-15 year olds 6-11 year olds 0-5 year olds

"Thank you again for an excellent experience for our Year 6 children. All the children really enjoyed the sessions." **Peel Hall Primary School**

11. If you are using your mobile phone / ipod whilst approaching a safe place to cross, what should you do?	Keep talking / listening ✓ Turn phone off / ipod off ✓ Tell them you will phone them back
12. When you see your bus approaching, how do you signal for the driver to stop?	✓ Hold out your arm Hold out your leg Hold out your school bag
13. A young person can pay the concessionary fare on public transport until they are:	✓ 16 years old 36 years old 20 years old
14. What is GMPTE's young persons public transport website called?	✓ www.dingding.org.uk www.pingping.org.uk www.singsing.org.uk

Summary

- 1,023 children polled pre visit.
- 1,042 children polled post visit.
- Percentage refers to the number of children that answered each question correctly as a proportion of the total.

	PRE-VISIT		POST-VISIT		DIFF %
	CORRECT	%	CORRECT	%	
Q1	262	26%	978	94%	68%
Q2	776	76%	912	88%	12%
Q3	983	96%	1,026	98%	2%
Q4	557	54%	864	83%	29%
Q5	972	95%	1,027	99%	4%
Q6	175	17%	970	93%	76%
Q7	523	51%	839	81%	30%
Q8	491	48%	899	86%	38%
Q9	86	8%	772	74%	66%
Q10	294	29%	947	91%	62%
Q11	461	45%	471	45%	0%
Q12	934	91%	1,013	97%	6%
Q13	810	79%	999	96%	17%
Q14	582	57%	1,009	97%	40%
AVG		55%		87%	32%

"Thank you once again very informative, really important life skills taught in an informal way. The children were very interested as always." **Button Lane Primary School**

7 Scenario Details

ASBAT

- What is anti-social behaviour?
- What Manchester City Council do to combat anti-social behaviour.
- Consequences of anti-social behaviour to the community, the child's family and their peers.



Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service

- Raise awareness of the dangers of fire.
- Provide practical advice on fire prevention in the home.
- Highlight the need for homes to be fitted with household smoke alarms.
- Give advice on the upkeep and general maintenance of smoke alarms.
- Encourage children to devise an escape plan for their own homes to assist themselves, and other members of their families, to escape in the event of a fire.
- Highlight the dangers and possible consequences of hoax calls made to the emergency services.



Greater Manchester Police

- Personal safety – keeping children and their possessions safe.
- Preventing children from becoming a victim of crime.
- The dangers associated with cyberbullying.



GMPTE

- Teach children about general safety on public transport.
- Reading and understanding bus stops. How they can assist when the child is lost.
- How to hail a bus safely, general ticket information and ID cards.
- What is acceptable behaviour on public transport.



"Thank you for being so clear in the delivery of these safety sessions, the children will benefit from all this information. A great learning curve for all and very important issues and safety covered."

St. Catherine's Primary School

Manchester Road Safety Unit



- Provide road safety advice for children as pedestrians and cyclists – including safe places to cross the road.
- Raise awareness of traffic warning signs.
- Provide safety advice with regard to pedal cycles and reinforce the need for children to wear cycle helmets.

Highways Agency



- Highlight the dangers of playing near to or on motorways.
- Provide safety advice on what motorists and passengers should do in the event of a breakdown on the motorway network.
- Explain the procedure to summon help from emergency/breakdown services by using roadside SOS phones.
- Discuss the dangers and consequences of the placing or throwing of items onto the carriageway.
- Bring to the attention of the children the distances required to bring a vehicle travelling at various speeds to a halt safely.



*"Talks good, children engaged well. Good system of moving from one group to another!
All concepts important for children for the future."* **Old Moat Primary School**

9 Educational Resources

South Manchester Crucial Crew Handbook



Every child that attends South Manchester Crucial Crew receives a copy of the Crucial Crew Handbook. The handbook addresses a number of key topics including Safety at Home; Electricity; Water; Beaches; Building Sites; Roads; Health and Fitness; First Aid; Bullying and Drugs. The handbook is specially designed to involve parents, teachers and children in projects, activities and coursework, so it entertains whilst it educates. It also addresses key elements of personal and social education as well as meeting the requirements of Health Curriculum Guidance 5 concerning substance use and mis-use.

Curriculum Coding

The broad National Curriculum focuses of each section are shown below

CONTENTS	English	Science
1 Road Safety	✓	
2 Fire Safety	✓	
3 Water Safety	✓	
4 Railway Safety	✓	
5 Personal Safety	✓	
6 Drugs	✓	
7 Alcohol	✓	✓
8 Smoking	✓	✓
9 First Aid	✓	✓
10 Hate Crime	✓	
11 Electricity Safety	✓	✓
12 Gas Safety	✓	
Answer Pages	✓	

The materials in this publication support teaching in the following National Curriculum Key Stage 2 Programmes of Study (DfEE Curriculum 2000) *Level B-C in Scotland

“A very informative day - giving information that children previously would not have known. Well organised and lots of fun - thank you!” **Crossacres Primary School**

*“A really informative and engaging morning, thank-you!
The sessions were fast-paced, relevant and
had the right amount of information to engage
but not overwhelm the children. I really enjoyed
the whole experience and hope to bring
more classes in the future.”*

Ringway Primary School

*“Good, fast pace - children did not get a chance
to become bored or restless. All the activities were
very well presented. The instructors had obviously
put a lot of effort in to make the talks lively, interactive
and interesting. The afternoon was a good,
fun way to make 10/11 year old children aware of the
dangers they face. Thank you for a great afternoon.”*

St Bernards' Primary School