



South Manchester Crucial Crew Evaluation Report

5th July - 15th July 2010
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 almost 1,100 South Manchester school children will attend. This evaluation relates to the event which ran from Monday 5th July to Thursday 15th July 2010 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. North West Ambulance Service took the opportunity to teach children how to resuscitate someone and put them in the recovery position.

"A highly entertaining and informative morning which the children enjoyed. Thanks very much for providing the event." **Barlow Hall 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 there were a number of schools that could not attend this year's event.

To support the event, each pupil was presented with a copy of the Crucial Crew Handbook and supporting materials.

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 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 and their staff from the Manchester College for their patience and support throughout the event.



Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P Boughen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

"All sessions were great fun and educational. The children all enjoyed the sessions and couldn't wait to tell their friends from other groups what they have been doing. Excellent!" **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 1,075 children representing 34 schools attended the sessions between 5th July and 15th July 2009.

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

The schools that attended are:-

	PRE-DATA	POST-DATA
BAGULEY HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
BARLOW HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
BENCH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
BROADOAK PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
BROOKBURN COMMUNITY SCHOOL	★	★
BUTTON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
CAVENDISH PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
CHORLTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
CROSSACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
DIDSBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
GREEN END PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
HAVELEY HEY PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
LADYBARN PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
MAULDETH ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
NEWALL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
OLD MOAT PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
OSWALD ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
RACK HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
RINGWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
SANDILANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. AIDANS PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. AMBROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. BERNARD'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. CUTHBERT'S RC PRIMARY	★	★
ST. ELIZABETH'S RC PRIMARY	★	★
ST. JOHN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. PETER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
ST. WILFRID'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★
THE WILLOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL	★	★

Please note incomplete data was received from:

Northenden Community School

Peel Hall Primary School

St. Catherine's Primary School

Beaver Road Primary School



"An excellent engaging afternoon. Super interactive and informative activities. Loved the role play." **St Peter's RC 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. 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
3. 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
4. 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?
5. What is the minimum length of time of an ASBO?	2 weeks 2 months ✓ 2 years
6. What is the ultimate punishment for breaching an ASBO?	A police caution ✓ A prison sentence A fine
7. Where do you go to be given an ASBO?	✓ Magistrates Court Police Station The Library
8. What's the biggest cause of crashes / collisions?	✓ Inattention Speed Drink Drive
9. What's the most dangerous age to be a pedestrian?	✓ 11-15 year olds 6-11 year olds 0-5 year olds

"Children enjoyed the different activities. The event was well organised and the quizdom handsets were popular." **St. Cuthbert's R.C. Primary School**

10. 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
11. 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
12. A young person can pay the concessionary fare on public transport until they are:	✓ 16 years old 36 years old 20 years old
13. What is GMPTE's young persons public transport website called?	✓ www.dingding.org.uk www.pingping.org.uk www.singsing.org.uk

Summary

- 1,511 children invited to attend.
- 1,075 children polled pre and 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	498	46%	940	87%	41%
Q2	917	85%	985	92%	7%
Q3	777	72%	911	85%	13%
Q4	941	88%	996	93%	5%
Q5	334	31%	869	81%	50%
Q6	421	39%	842	78%	39%
Q7	539	50%	834	78%	28%
Q8	199	19%	734	68%	49%
Q9	459	43%	903	84%	41%
Q10	388	36%	551	51%	15%
Q11	852	79%	958	89%	10%
Q12	836	78%	904	84%	6%
Q13	624	63%	902	84%	21%
AVG		56%		81%	25%

"Very useful information appropriate for the age group - short sessions to keep children engaged." **Haveley Hey 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.



"Very well organised. Lots of short activities to keep the children interested. Good information shared with the children as they are about to start secondary school. Thank you very much for the morning!" **Didsbury C of E 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.

North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust



- Action to take in the event of finding someone in an unconscious state.
- The procedure to follow when summoning assistance from the emergency services.
- Provide information on first aid.
- The recovery position.

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.

"A great afternoon - the children have learned loads in a short time. Information given in an interesting manner." **St. Catherine's R.C. 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

"Very informative and useful activities. The children really enjoyed the practical aspect. Thanks very much!" **Ladybarn Primary School**



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Aware, Alert, Alive!

*"The sessions were all purposeful and fun for children.
Great educational fun!
I feel children learn't a lot and could put
knowledge into practice."*

Rack House Primary School

*"Excellent throughout - lots of information and guidance
to keep our pupils safe. Right age group to give this
information, these sessions will definitely make a
difference. First class!!! Please thank everyone
involved and invite us back next year."*

Broad Oak Primary School