



# Sawston Youth Group

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To: All Parents / Guardians up to year 7

## **New UK “Child Restraint” (seatbelt) Regulations**

As I'm sure you are aware, in September 2006 a new law came into effect in the UK concerning “child restraints” in vehicles, specifically in cars. At SYG, we take our duty of care towards your children very seriously, and so this letter sets out the outline of this law and how it applies to SYG.

Firstly, there are no significant changes to the law concerning travel in coaches and mini-buses, i.e. every passenger travelling on a coach or minibus must wear the fitted seatbelts. SYG leaders will continue to take responsibility for ensuring that this is carried out.

Occasionally, though, we need to transport your children in leader's cars. In these instances, we will need to take account of the changes in the law. The main point applicable to SYG being:

*“Any child from age 6 years upwards must use a booster cushion with the fitted seatbelt (or a full booster seat if they weigh less than 22kg) when travelling in cars until they reach EITHER a height of 135cm OR they turn 12 years old, after which they can just use the fitted seatbelt.”*

The full details of this new law can be seen at [www.childcarseats.org.uk](http://www.childcarseats.org.uk) in an easy to read format.

This will apply to most of the Juniors in years 3 and 4 and some in years 5 and 6 (depending on how tall they are) and possibly the odd Senior in year 7. Those of you who have children within this age / height range will no doubt be aware of this and will be acquiring an appropriate booster cushion in order to comply with this law.

It is not practical for SYG to purchase and store a large number of these booster cushions so, on the rare occasions when SYG do need to transport your child in a leader's car (which we will notify you of in advance), we would kindly ask you to send your child along with their own booster cushion.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, please feel free to contact me on 07734 277507.

**Chris Hill** (SYG Chairman)