

Welcome to this digital summer edition of Independent Travel Training Newsletter, where we will give you a snapshot of the work our team have been doing this term. It will include 60 seconds with Lorraine, a team member who is retiring this summer, a quote from a recent ITT student and an opportunity to view our new videos.

60 seconds with... Lorraine Harper

Q. Lorraine, how long have you been working for Solihull Council?

A. I have been working in various roles for 35 years!

Q. What roles have you had during that time?

A. Clerical, clinical waste operative, highway inspector, road safety lead for Bikeability and currently independent travel trainer.

Q. What does your role as a travel trainer involve?

A. My current role is to support students with additional needs to travel independently to their educational settings, encouraging lifelong skills.

Q. What is the best thing about being a travel trainer?

A. The positive lifelong skill that I can help a student with and the smile when they travel independently.

Q. What plans do you have after you retire?

A. To spoil my granddaughter even more, to get fit, this is a skill I'm yet to achieve! I am volunteering at my local special needs school in Hinckley.

Quote from parent:

X was so proud of their accomplishment and praised Lorraine to everyone, including their teachers, headmaster, parents, and family. This alone is a testament to Lorraine's impact. From a parent's perspective, our initial impression of Lorraine was spot on. Although we were sad to see her go, we are grateful for her brilliant guidance and support. Her service is invaluable to many children like X.

Lorraine is a tremendous asset to the Independent Travel Training Programme and Solihull Council.

Calling all Educational Settings

Do you have children or young people in your setting that are on Solihull Council provided transport to school?

Do they live in within Solihull Council Borough?

Would they benefit from Independent Travel Training?

If the answer is yes, please email us on:
travel.training@solihull.gov.uk

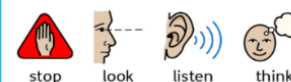
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Our team has been busy this term visiting educational settings throughout the borough, delivering workshops on road safety, personal safety and stranger awareness. We have attended events at local Family Hubs, parents' evenings and delivered workshops to Yr 6 pupils with SEN and IEPs transitioning to secondary school.



**Remember
the Rules
of Road
Safety!**

BE SURE to wait for traffic to come to a stop before crossing.



In June, Solihull hosted the ITT West Midlands Forum. This is an opportunity for travel trainers to find out what's new, listen to guest speakers and learn from each other.



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