

## TEACHERS PACK



an interactive performance workshop for  
Years 1&2 supporting Footsteps and other KS1  
pedestrian training schemes

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**Thank you** for inviting StopWatch Theatre Company to perform Footsteps the Movie in your school. We understand that organising events like this can cause significant disruption to the school timetable, so appreciate your help in making our visit happen. These pages should tell you everything you need to know about our visit.

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### **What is it?**

Footsteps the Movie is an interactive performance workshop devised by StopWatch Theatre Company. It is designed to support Keystage 1 Pedestrian Training Programmes like Footsteps, and also contains positive messages about walking to school which tie in with School Travel Plan initiatives.

### **How does it work?**

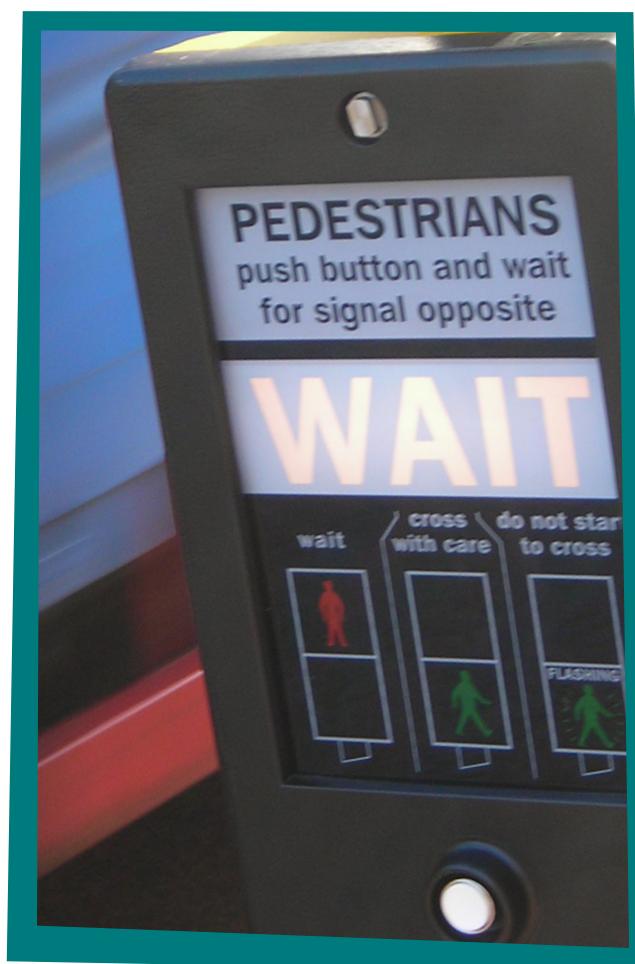
It is delivered in a single 50 minute session which contains both performance and workshop elements. It is ideal for Year 1 students, and our preferred audience size is 30 per performance. However, we are prepared to work with up to 40 per performance in larger schools. In smaller schools, we can also perform to Year 2 students.

### **What is the story?**

Danny Director and her friends Alex Actor and Sammy Star are celebrating the launch of yet another hit film. But what is their next movie going to be about?

With the help of the audience, they learn that walking is the cool way to get to school, but it's important to do it safely. Inspiration strikes for their next project – a movie about crossing the road. And as a thank-you to the children who helped them come up with the idea, they are all offered a starring role.

Every child participates in the story of a safe road-crossing which we film and then project back on a big screen as the finale. The school keeps the DVD of the movie to use as follow-up and reinforcement.



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## What will the students learn?

During the session the participants will:

- consider the benefits of walking over using the car
- identify good places to cross the road
- remember to stop, look, listen and cross safely
- create a road safety resource that can be used throughout the school.

## What do I need to do on the day?

- Don't tell the audience what it is about - the element of surprise is important!
- Do allow only Year 1 & 2 pupils to participate other age groups are not suitable and may be disruptive.
- Do clear the hall 45 minutes before the performance is due to start to allow the team to set-up and prepare. We require one 13A power point.
- Do give us 50 minutes for each session; at least 15 minutes break between each session, and 20 minutes to pack up and clear the space at the end.
- Do ask the audience to arrive promptly. Please divide the audience into 3 equal teams in the classroom, using your experience of pupils who work well together, or better apart!
- Don't ask the team to perform the session without teacher cover. There must be a teacher in attendance at all times.



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## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

We understand the child protection implications of filming within schools, and we are using technology that records straight to DVD without being routed through a computer. The original disc is left with you and so we take no images from the school with us. Schools usually have parents permission to take photographs for internal use, and offer an opt-out for images to be distributed externally. This project fits totally within the definition of internal use.

*Footsteps the Movie was originally commissioned by West Sussex County Council.*