



Safe to school

A “best of” from Flanders

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We are always looking for an answer to this question:

“How can we make young pedestrians and cyclists the most important users on the streets?”

(no “car bashing”)



All school environments are different, yet everywhere:

- AND infrastructure (schoolgate AND routes)
- AND (practical) education
- AND raising awareness
- AND enforcement
- AND (annual) consultation



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Social hub

From church-square to school-square
Create space for people instead of cars



Customized guidance

- Free
- Half a day
- School, municipality and police have to be present
- Find support and divide the “homework”
- Action plan after two months (max 10 actions on 1 paper)
- Zero-measurement at the start (e.g. picture)
- One year later: new picture, evaluate and adjust





Top 5 for municipal authorities

1. School street instead of kiss-and-ride





Top 5 for municipal authorities

2. School square like a church square: people instead of cars (tree, bench, cargo bike, colourful pedestrian crossing)





Top 5 for municipal authorities

3. School zone with “gates” (30 km/h, no trucks)





Top 5 for municipal authorities

4. "Red carpet" on weekly routes





Top 5 for municipal authorities

5. Subsidy





Top 5 for schools

1. "Traffic at School Medal" through practice-oriented traffic education





Top 5 for schools

2. Bicycle shed (covered and secure)





Top 5 for schools

3. Cyclists leave first after school





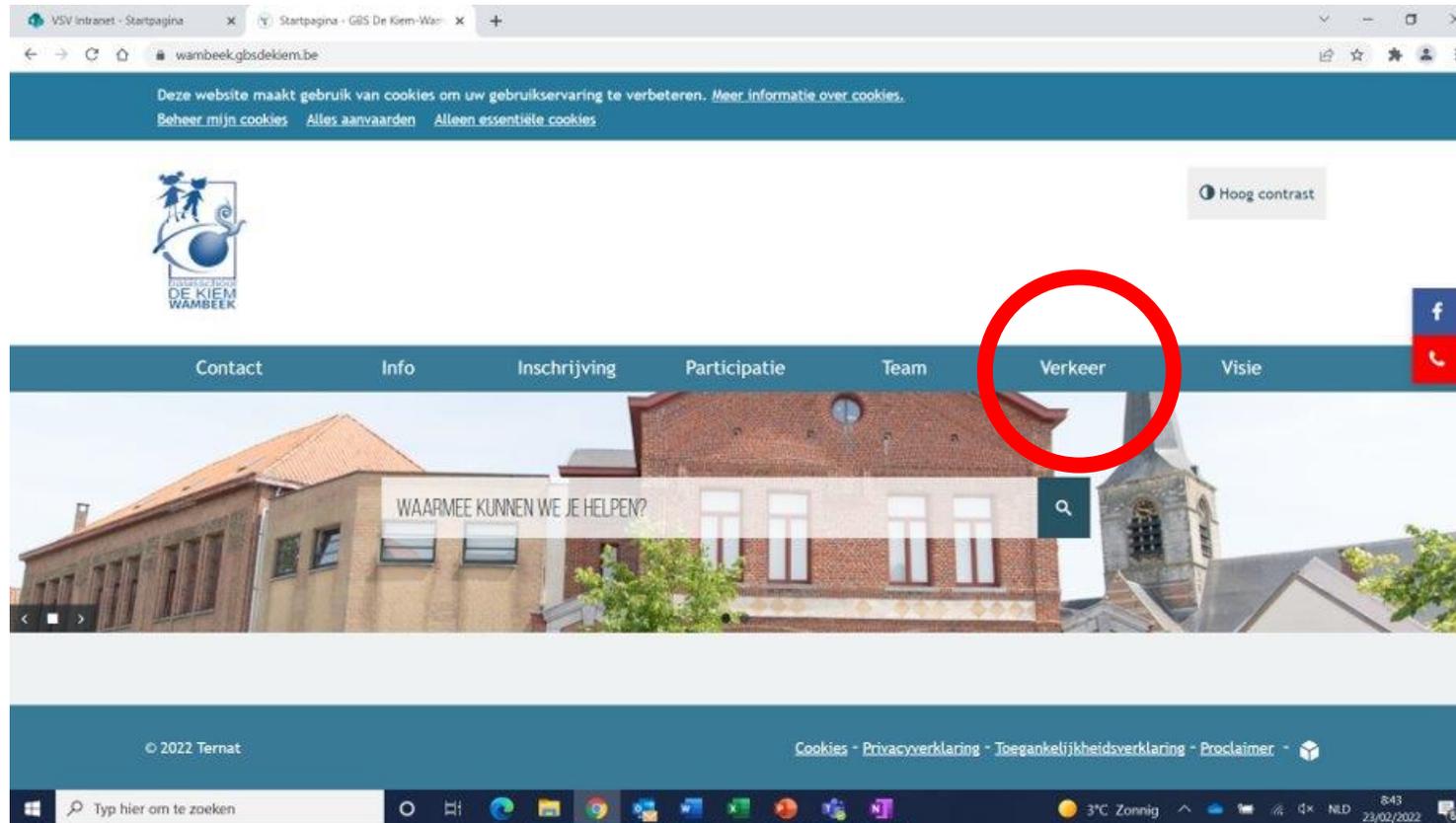
Top 5 for schools

4. "Pimping" the school building



Top 5 for schools

5. Raise awareness and be proud





Top 2 for police

1. "1-2" with the school (one week awareness raising, the next week enforcement)





Top 2 for police

2. Assist with pedestrian and bicycle training in traffic





Get the kids involved!





Some interesting links

- www.verkeeropschool.be: free practical traffic education
- www.veilignaarschool.be: ideas for your school
- www.vlaanderen.be/subsidies-aan-gemeenten-voor-het-verbeteren-van-de-verkeersveiligheid-van-schoolomgevingen: Flemish subsidy
- www.vlaanderen.be/publicaties/aanpak-voor-een-veilige-schoolomgeving-inspiratiebundel: brand new inspiration bundle



In summary

- A safe school environment is more than infrastructure.
- If a school street is possible, don't hesitate.
- Involve the children.



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Thank you for your attention!

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