

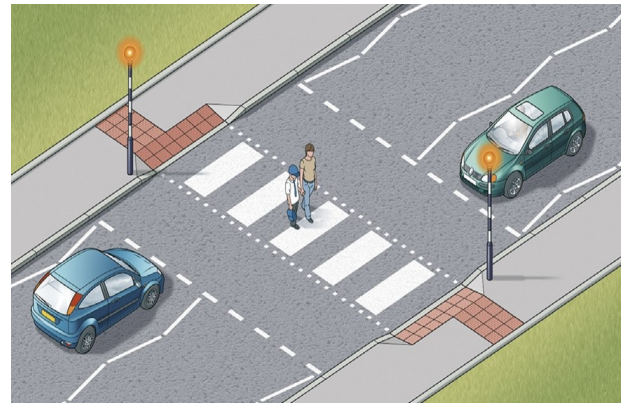


# Road Safety Awareness



## How can we keep our children safe in darker mornings and evenings?

We don't want to discourage our children from walking to and from school as it is a great way to build exercise into their daily routine, however it is vitally important that we are teaching them road safety awareness and setting good examples for being safe on our roads and pavements.



## Age 4—7 EYFS and Key Stage 1

- \* Children of this age should always be accompanied by an adult and be encouraged to hold the hand of the adult they are with.
- \* It can be difficult for motorists to see smaller children so be extra careful around driveways.
- \* Remind the children to **STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN** when they cross the road.
- \* Show them how to walk sensibly on the pavement and teach them about safe places to cross.
- \* **ALWAYS USE A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WHEN AVAILABLE** as this will teach your child, from a young age, safe habits.

### The Stop, Look, Listen and Think sequence

Children aged 5-6 can begin to learn the Stop, Look, Listen and Think sequence.

**Stop:** when you approach a crossing, **STOP** before you come to the edge of the pavement

**Look:** **LOOK** for cars, bikes, lorries and other vehicles by looking right, left and right again

**Listen:** **LISTEN** for vehicles too. You may be able to hear them before you see them

**Think:** is there enough time for you to cross the road safely?

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## Age 7–11 EYFS Key Stage 2

Children in Year 5 and 6 are permitted to walk to and from school with parental permission (please contact the school office to do this if you have not done so already).

Please be mindful that not all children will be ready to walk by themselves, there are considerations to be made before you allow them to do so;

- ♦ Do they know the route from home to school and back again?
- ♦ Are they aware of where to cross the road safely?
- ♦ Do they feel confident enough to walk alone?

If you feel this is the right decision for your child, you might want to walk a few times with them to discuss the route, places to cross and how to judge how far away the oncoming traffic is.

### The Green Cross Code

Children aged 7 can begin to learn the Green Cross Code and how to put it into practice.

#### 1) Find a safe place to cross

- Use a pedestrian crossing if there is one
- Choose a place where you can see clearly in all directions
- If an obstacle is blocking your view of the road, choose a better place to cross!

#### 2) Stop just before you get to the kerb

- Do not stand on the kerb
- If there is no pavement, stand at the edge of the road.

#### 3) Look all around for traffic and listen

- Traffic can come from any direction
- Sometimes you can hear traffic before you see it
- If you see or hear an emergency vehicle in the distance, let it pass.

#### 4) If traffic is coming, let it pass

- Never run across the road when traffic is coming, even if you think there is time. It can be difficult to judge the speed of traffic
- Be aware that traffic may speed up.

#### 5) When it is safe, go straight across the road- do not run

- Continue to look and listen as you cross
- Look out for cyclists and quieter vehicles, you may not hear them approaching
- Walk straight across the road.