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School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety

We are continuing to receive an increased number of complaints regarding traffic issues at school pick up and drop off times.

The common factors are:

- poor driver behaviour
- lack of consideration for other road users and pedestrians
- illegal/irresponsible parking

Everyone in the community—children, parents and local residents—deserves a safe environment during school pick-up and drop-off times. When individuals take personal responsibility for their behaviour around the school gates, it helps create a safer, more respectful and secure space for all.

Finding a parking space, navigating busy traffic, and maneuvering around pedestrians can be stressful - and stress increases the risk of collisions. Even small changes can make a big difference. If driving is essential, consider parking a little further away from the school and walking the rest of the journey. This helps ease congestion and creates a safer environment for the entire school community. You may also find that, more often than not, this approach is quicker than trying to manage all the challenges right outside the school gates.

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How to create a safe environment for pick up and drop off at school

Road traffic laws are not optional they are **legal requirements** to keep all road users safe.

Drivers

School Keep Clear markings

DO NOT STOP on the yellow zig zags, not even for one second. The markings are placed outside school entrances to keep a clear space for pedestrians to cross the road without obstruction.

Letting children out of the car

Do not let children out of the car onto the carriageway. This is extremely dangerous. Always ensure children alight onto the pavement and in a suitable space that does not block pavements, driveways or contravene the road traffic laws.

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Pavement parking and double yellow lines

Driving along pavements and obstructing the pavement is against the road traffic law. Parking on the pavement obstructs the only safe space that pedestrians can walk. Park with all four wheels on the road. If there is insufficient space on the road to park then you must move until you find an appropriate space. Double yellow lines are put along the carriageway to stop vehicles obstructing the road. Parking on the double yellow lines obstructs the flow of traffic and causes frustrations for other road users

White zig zags

It is against the road traffic law to stop on the white zig zag markings even for a second. Stopping here carries an immediate three points on your licence and a £100 fine. These markings are found at controlled crossing places to ensure clear unobstructed view of the crossing for the safety of pedestrians.

Dangerous manoeuvres

Carrying out three point turns and reversing into spaces where children are trying to cross the road puts everyone in danger and creates frustrations for other road users.

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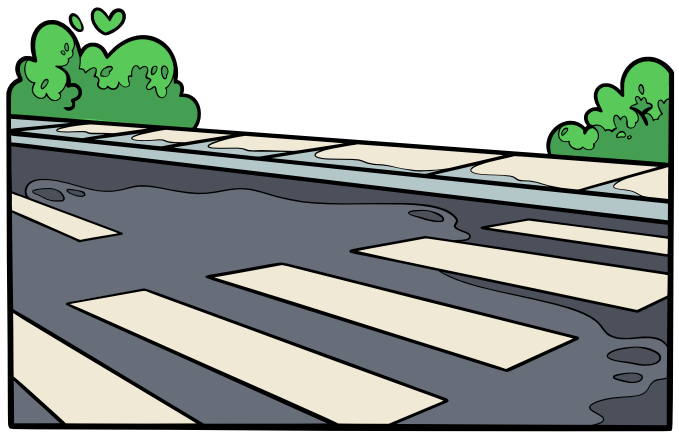
Pedestrians

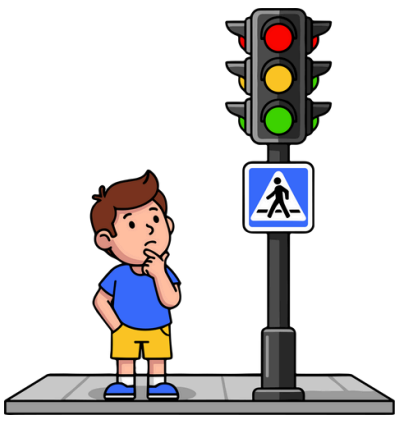
Road Safety Skills

Using the basic Green Cross Code every time you cross the road and showing your child how to look for a safe place with good observations will keep you and your child safe. Being distracted by mobile phones or choosing unsafe places to cross the road puts yourself and your child in danger. It also teaches your child unsafe practices

Safer Crossing Points

Teaching your child where and how to cross the road is essential for their safety. Use crossing facilities where possible; zebra crossing, refuge islands, traffic light controlled crossings. Where no crossing point is available find a spot where you have an unobstructed view along the road and stay patient until there is a clear gap in the traffic before stepping onto the road. The School Keep Clear markings are in place to provide a clear space to cross into school.





By complying to the road traffic laws and the highway code, a safer, calmer environment is created for everyone.

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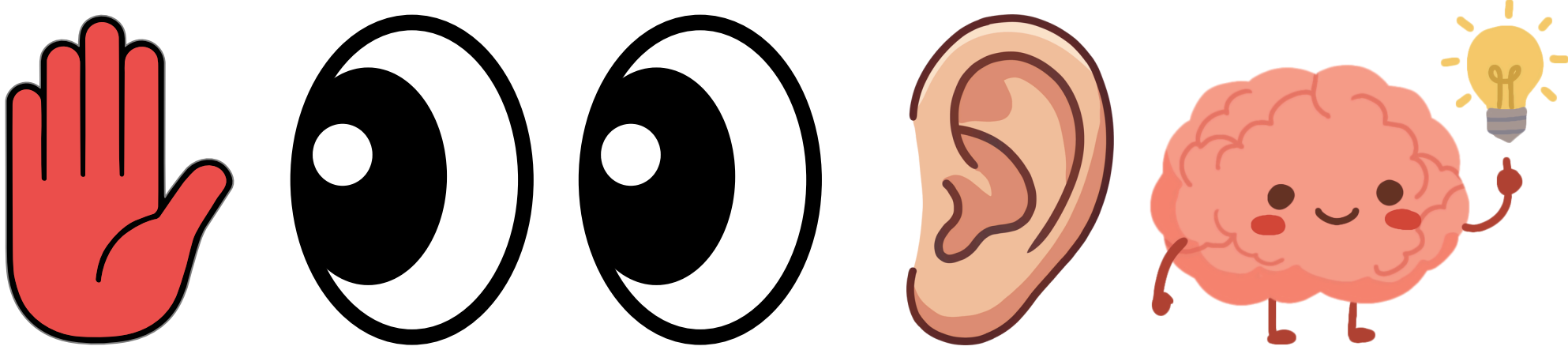
Green Cross Code

- Stop: when you approach a crossing, **STOP** before you come to the edge of the pavement
- Look: **LOOK** all around for traffic, as traffic can come from any direction
- 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, **THINK** before you do?



For more information on road safety and how to help educate your child, please visit the THINK website via the link below, where you can find further resources and interactive games

Click here ⟶ Tales of the road