

Driving to School

If you use your car for the school run, here is how you can help:

- Keep the school entrances clear.
- Don't cause congestion outside school, park a little further away and walk.
- Avoid stopping on/or opposite 'School Keep Clear' zig zag markings. They are there to provide a clear area for children to cross the road safely.
- Ensure children get out of the car on the pavement side.
- Always make sure everyone wears their seat belt.
- All children need a car seat or booster until they reach 135cm or 12 years old.
- Booster cushions should be avoided if possible, the use of high back boosters is recommended as they offer better protection.



Travelling by bus or taxi



- Ensure your child gets safely to the agreed pick-up point; arriving in good time.
- It is essential that your child understands the importance of good behaviour.

Park and Stride

These schemes are suitable for children who live too far away to walk to school. Parents park at an agreed location and complete the journey on foot.



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Walking to school

Good for you, good for everyone

Do you really need the car?

- Children who walk to school are more alert and more attentive than those who travel by car.
- Walking to and from school helps to keep children fit.
- The exercise will be good for you!
- The walk to school can be used to help children develop the necessary skills to stay safe when out and about.



A walking start means a healthy heart

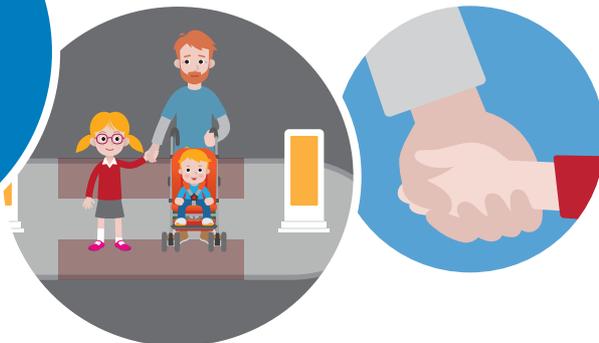


Safer places to cross

- A traffic island
- A zebra crossing
- A pelican or puffin crossing
- A school crossing patrol



Set a good example by using safer crossing places correctly with your children and always hold their hand.



The Green Cross Code

- First find a safe place to cross then **stop**.
- Stand on the pavement near the kerb.
- **Look** all around for traffic and **listen**.
- If traffic is coming, let it pass and look all around again.
- When there is no traffic near walk straight across the road.
- Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross.



Make sure your child can be seen.

Fluorescent materials are good for daytime.

Reflective materials are good in the dark.



Children should always walk on the side of the pavement furthest away from the road.



Hold your child's hand and don't allow them to run ahead or lag behind.