

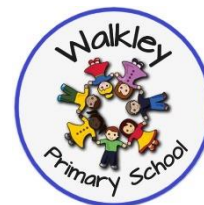
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Road Safety

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had reports that some children are not using the safer crossings around school when independently making their way home. We will be talking to pupils in class about this but would like to bring to your attention how you can help your child be more aware of the dangers of crossing the road.

How do I know my child is ready to travel independently?

Children are ready to go outside and navigate roads alone only when they are aware of the key pedestrian road safety rules, understand them fully and can put them into practice.

Your child must also be able to demonstrate that they can accurately judge traffic and interpret how far away it is and how fast it could be moving, so that they know how long they have to cross the road safely.

We recommend initially, always walk with your child to make sure that they are aware of and can put into practice the Green Cross Code.

Key road safety messages

- The Green Cross Code and how to put it into practice, recognising safe crossing places on the road
- Road signs and pedestrian crossing
- The Highway Code and the rules of the road

Practice the Green Cross Code when crossing roads

The Green Cross Code is an important aid in learning to cross roads safely. If children learn this and always follow the code when they cross the road, it will help them to be safer. Explain to them that it is important to stop at the kerb, look both ways and listen out for traffic before crossing the road. When it's safe to cross, remind your child to walk straight across the road and keep looking and listening for traffic. Do not cross diagonally.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.rospea.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Kind regards

Walkley Safeguarding Team