

July Update

This month we have been focusing on **The Green Cross Code**

Yr2 children received some Pedestrian Training organised by Streets Ahead. This is a training scheme for Year 2 children delivered in Hampshire schools. The scheme teaches skills for dealing with road safety situations including crossing roads, using special crossing places, playing safely, and choosing the safest route.

The adults received training, then a route was organised and assessed by the Streets Ahead Team.

The children really enjoyed this valuable lesson!



The Green Cross Code

1. **THINK!** First find the safest place to cross

Where you can use: subways, footbridges, islands, zebra, puffin, pelican, toucan crossings, or where there is a crossing point controlled by a police officer, a school crossing patrol, lollipop person or a traffic warden.

Never cross between parked cars, on blind bends or close to the brow of a hill.

2. **STOP!** Stand on the pavement near the kerb

Just before you get to the kerb, stop.

Stand on the pavement near the kerb and make sure that you can see the traffic. **DO NOT** step on to the road.

If there is no pavement, keep back from the edge of the road but make sure you can still see approaching traffic.

Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.

3. **USE YOUR EYES AND EARS!** Look all around for traffic and listen. Make sure that you listen carefully for traffic that you can't see.

Look in every direction. Check to your right hand side first, then check to your left and then to your right again before you cross.

Watch out for bicycles or people on rollerblades. You often don't hear them but they travel very fast.

Beware that one way streets, have all of the traffic moving in the same direction.

4. **WAIT UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO CROSS!** If traffic is coming, let it pass.

Once the traffic has passed look around again and listen.

Look all around again and listen.

If you are waiting at a crossing then wait until the cars have stopped or, at pelican, toucan or puffin crossings, the green man shows, before you cross.

If you are not at a crossing wait until it is safe to cross.

Do not cross until there is a safe gap in the traffic and you are certain that there is plenty of time.

Remember, even if traffic is a long way off, it may be approaching very quickly.

5. **LOOK AND LISTEN!** When it is safe, go straight across the road

Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross, in case there is any traffic you did not see, or in case other traffic appears suddenly.

Look out for cyclists and motorcyclists traveling between lanes of traffic.

Do not cross diagonally.

NEVER run across the road because you might fall over and you might not get up in time.

6. **ARRIVE ALIVE!** Keep looking and listening while you cross the road.

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