

- Your child's hearing and vision is not yet fully developed.
- They cannot judge speed or distance of traffic.
- They think vehicles can stop immediately.
- Remind them to **STOP** before crossing.
- Encourage them to LOOK and tell you exactly what they see.
- When out and about encourage them to LISTEN for different sounds, their location and direction.



 If you have any questions about the training please speak to the class teacher.

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When out and about with your child please help by reinforcing the following skills



Choosing safer places and routes to cross the road

If there isn't a safer place to cross such as a Puffin, Pelican or Zebra Crossing, follow these steps.

- Bend down to your child's height, you will be able to see exactly what they can and cannot see. If you cannot see the road clearly, move to another location.
- If you cannot see the driver, the driver cannot see you.
- When you have clear vision in each direction, ask your child; is it safe to cross?
- Encourage your child to cross the road using the shortest possible route, straight across the road.
- Always encourage your child to keep looking and listening whilst you cross.



Crossing safely between parked cars

Sometimes you have no choice and have to cross between parked cars. Here's how to do it properly.

- Cross between smaller vehicles, larger vehicles can stop drivers seeing your child.
- Do not cross between vehicles that are likely to move. Teach your child to look for clues such as running engines and indicators.
- Do not cross if there is anything in the road stopping you from reaching the other side safely.
- If it is safe, move to the outside edge of the vehicle on your left and stop. This increases your vision to the right. This is your new kerb position.
- Can you see clearly?
- Is it safe to cross?



Crossing safely at junctions

This should only be attempted where there is a clear view in all directions.

- Teach your child where to stand at junctions so they can see clearly down ALL roads.
- If there are obstructions down any of the roads move away to a place where you can see clearly.
- Teach your child to look for traffic on all the roads, starting with the road to your right.
 Don't forget to look behind you.
- Is it safe to cross?
- Remember to keep looking and listening for traffic whilst you cross.

