



Safeguarding

All in this together

Keeping Safe!

This term, our safeguarding focus in school is keeping safe outside. As the weather gets nicer and the nights lighter, children will be hopefully spending an increased amount of time outside. As usual, our assemblies have a safeguarding focus which will be around the following elements: stranger awareness—when to say no! Safe strangers that can help us, road safety which is a revisit from November and Road Safety week, what to do if we get lost and bike safety. Due to the young age of our children, it is highly unlikely that they will be out and about by themselves. However, it is still very important to start the education of children at a young age on how to stay safe which will only boost their awareness.

What do I do if I get lost?

If you become lost and can't see a family member or familiar face, STOP! Right where you are, if it is safe to do so. Stay calm and look around at your surroundings. If it is not a safe place, find a spot nearby that you can wait in. Don't keep moving, your family member/friend could be close by.

Call out your family members or friends name with a big , loud voice. If you are still lost, see if you can find a safe stranger nearby. A safe stranger has a job that helps people. They wear a badge and a uniform. A safe stranger might be a police officer, doctor, nurse, firefighter, teacher or a shop assistant. It's okay to talk to a safe stranger, they will help you.

Tell as safe stranger your name and the names of the people you were with before you got lost. They will then be able to help you find your family.

Useful websites

Think! [THINK! – Road safety](#)



Safe Kid: [Safe Kids – Child safety advice and how to choose child care](#)

Safety4Kids: [Safety 4 Kids - Games, Education, Safety and More](#)

Road Safety GB: [Road Safety GB | Home](#)



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What to do if you need to send someone else to collect your child from school...

Make sure that you inform the school of the name of the person who will be collecting your child. If possible, make sure your child knows who will be collecting them. Unless we are phoned and informed in the change of the collecting person, we will not release your child to them. This is just one of the ways we help to keep our children safe.



Stranger Awareness!

A stranger can be described as someone who we don't know or someone who we don't know well and speak to children about never going with these people unless they are a **safer stranger**. A safer stranger will usually be wearing a uniform such as a police officer, firefighter, doctor etc. We also teach children about **safer buildings** such as banks, medical centres, shops etc that they can go inside to ask for help. Help your child to learn the **safer stranger, safer building code**, so that it eventually becomes 'second nature' to them. Stranger awareness isn't just teaching children who or what to avoid, but also to teach them about the positive rules so that children know how to keep themselves safe. We teach:

- Knowing who they can trust if they need help.
- Being aware of their surroundings.
- Learning to be confident and use their knowledge of stranger awareness.
- Knowing that they should tell a trusted adult if they have been approached by a stranger.

Road Safety

Your child may not be crossing the roads by themselves yet, but teaching them about road safety now is important. In school, we drip feed how to cross a road safely every time we are out and about and through assemblies and PSHE lessons. This will stand our children in good stead for when they eventually do cross the road by themselves.

We teach our children the Green Cross Code:

- **Find** a safe place to cross (not between, in front or behind parked cars).
- **Stop** on the pavement, just before the kerb.
- **Look** and **Listen** for traffic.
- Let traffic pass.
- **Walk** across when it's clear.
Do not run.



We also say to our children to always use a crossing if one is available and not to be tempted to take a short cut.



Bike Safety

Boy! Can't children be fast on their scooters and bikes. They are often so fearless and love to race ahead so it is really important to teach our children some basic safety tips to keep them safe when out riding, even if they are with you! Our first step is always bike ability. When our children join us in Reception, we teach them to ride a balance bike which helps them have the balance to ride their next stage, pedal bikes.

We also teach our children to:

- **Wear helmets** at all times when riding a bike. This will protect their developing brains. You may also want your child to wear wrist and knee pads too at first.
- **Stop, Look and Listen.** Know when to stop. We always teach our children to come to a complete stop at kerbs and walk across the road.
- **Wear high visibility** clothing to ensure other road users can see you coming.
- **Be aware!** Make sure you look before riding in front of driveway or round hedges.

