

**During the next half term your child will be taking part in the road safety training scheme -
Kerbcraft Skill 1 - Choosing Safer Places & Routes to Cross the Road**

This leaflet has been designed to inform you of the things your child will be learning so you can reinforce them with your child while crossing the road.

Please remember that this training is a long-term project and is preparing children for *future safety* on the road. *We strongly recommend* that they be supervised by an adult outside school hours and be accompanied by an adult whenever crossing the road.

Aim of skill 1

- To teach children how to recognise dangerous locations where crossing should not be attempted or where a special plan is needed in order to cross the road.
- To teach children how to find safer routes that avoid such locations.

Subjects:

Crossing near Obstacles

- Aim: to get the children to appreciate their lack of vision and that they might have to move to a safe location in order to cross the road.

Training Children Not to Cross Diagonally

- Aim: to get the children to appreciate that walking diagonally across the road increases their crossing distance and time spent crossing the road.

How to Deal with Junctions

- Aim: to get the children to appreciate that at junctions traffic can come from different directions.

Once you have found a safe place to cross, these are the steps we teach the children to work through.

- Stand just behind the Kerb
- Stop, Look Right, Left & Right again
- Check again
- If traffic is approaching, step back, let the traffic pass, then step forward again to the kerb
- Stop, Look Again
- If all clear, cross in a straight line, looking and listening as you cross

Waterthorpe Nursery Infant School

Whilst out on the road these are some other issues which you could discuss with your child.

When walking along the pavement, to be aware of driveways/ entrances where cars reverse out (Scooby Doo's)

What the lights mean on the back of a car

Clues to look for when walking through a car park and there is no pavement

We hope you find this information useful.

Kerbcraft information for parents

