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Teachers

Children are taught about Road Safety at Wendell Park, with particular emphasis on sessions for younger children.

In the Foundation Stage (Reception and Nursery) and Key Stage 1 they have a 'Road Safety Road Show' where they are reminded:

- To hold hands with an adult when crossing roads.
- Why they should use a Zebra Crossing.
- About a Pelican Crossings and what the green man means.
- Not crossing between parked cars.

PC Samm reinforces the key messages of holding hands with an adult.

In the PSHE scheme, 'Telling Tales', children look at the role of the 'Lollipop Person' in people who help us to stay safe through reading stories e.g. 'Stop' by Beverly Randell.



Key Stage 2

Year 5 Cycling Proficiency training
Year 6 Junior Citizenship, focusing on not being distracted when they are with their friends crossing roads.

In the event of an accident

- If you are first on the scene and the accident looks serious, call an ambulance.
- Where possible tell Mrs Mears or Mr Vafadari so they can ensure the ambulance is called if it is necessary.
- The trained First Aiders at work are Mrs Mears, Mr Vafadari and Mrs Sweeney.
- Your concern is understandable but please do not stay around to watch. (At both accidents the paramedics and the police said to ask people to go.)

NEWS



Road Safety

As many of you will be aware, two weeks ago there was a serious accident, in Cobbold Road, outside the main school gates, when a child was hit by a car. Unfortunately there was another accident on Monday morning. Luckily on both occasions the children concerned were not seriously hurt.

Both accidents took place at the busiest times of the school day, the start and end of school. A risk assessment has been carried out to review these times of the day, to identify issues and what could be done to avoid any further accidents.

The issues identified were from talking to parents, observations at the end and start of the school day and talking to drivers and our Community Police Officers.



The hazards are;

- Drivers who drive too fast despite the speed bumps.
- Parents/Carers dropping off children stopping on the zig-zag or yellow lines.
- Parents/carers letting children out of the car in the middle of the road.
- Driver's view as they approach the gates coming from Larden Road end of Cobbold is limited because there are cars parked in the parking bays on the right and in the bay just before the school gate.
- Drivers who have to use the area marked with zig-zag lines because of oncoming traffic and parking.
- Children running ahead of their parents.
- Children crossing the road without looking.
- People standing in front of the gates before or after they have collected their children.

WHAT CAN WE DO!

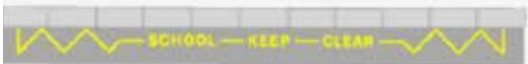
We are all responsible for ensuring children are safe.

School Governors will:

- Talk to the Hammersmith and Fulham, Borough Traffic department, traffic management procedures/options.
- Investigate the possibility of a 'Lollipop Person'.
- Write to parents/carers who persistently stop on the zig-zag lines and pass their numbers to Traffic Wardens/Police to follow up.
- Ask the Community Police Officers to regularly be outside school at the start and end of the day.
- Write to parents/carers who speak in a rude manner to others, when they are politely asked to obey the rules.



Parents

- If your drive your child to school never stop on the zigzag lines or double yellow lines – even when you are late for school.

- Always let your child/ren get out of the car using the doors on the pavement side of the car.
- Talk to your child/ren about Road Safety and how they are to walk to school with you e.g. young children holding your hands, older children stopping at the kerb
- Talk to older children about not playing with their friends on the edge of the pavement or playing ball games whilst they walk to school.
- Act in a sensible way for the safety of all children, not just their own.



Children

Stop

Always use the Green Cross Code!

1. **THINK!** Find the safest place to cross, then stop.

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

3. **USE YOUR EYES AND EARS!**
Look all around for traffic, and listen.

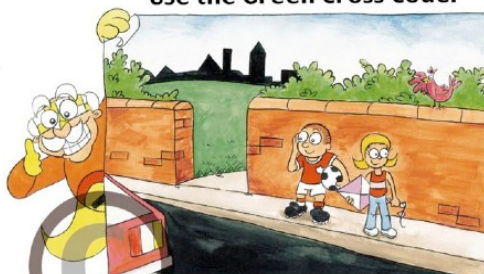
4. **WAIT UNTIL IT'S SAFE TO CROSS!**
If traffic is coming, let it pass.

5. **LOOK AND LISTEN!**
When it's safe, walk straight across the road.

6. **ARRIVE ALIVE!** Keep looking and listening

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THE GREEN CROSS CODE



Stop, Look, Listen and Think!

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Think!

Listen

LOOK