



Welcome to this half term's Safeguarding Newsletter

Keeping children safe and well is our number one priority at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Every half term we produce a newsletter based on a safeguarding theme. This newsletter is designed to help school and parents to work together to safeguard children's well-being.

This half term's topic is:- **Road Safety**

With more of us able to get out of the house now with restrictions beginning to be lifted and the weather (hopefully!) improving, we thought it would be a good idea to discuss road safety in this half terms topic. There are lots of ways in which you can teach your child on how to stay safe when by a road or crossing it as well as making sure they are as safe as possible when travelling in a car.

Considerate parking

Please ensure that you do not park or stop on the yellow zig zag lines around the school. Not only is this a driving offence, more seriously they are there as a safety measure to protect children coming in and out of school. Parking on them poses a risk to the safety of our children



Bring your bike to school

Cycling or using your scooter is an excellent way to get to school. We have a bike shelter to store them in ready for your child's journey home. If they are coming by bike or scooter, please remember that they cannot ride them down the drive or in the playground.



THE GREEN CROSS CODE

A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children **over 7 years:**

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

STOP - LOOK - LISTEN

It is always worth reminding your child of the Green Cross Code. Please [click here](#) form more information and activities you can do with you child.

Roadwise.co.uk have also produced a helpful, child friendly video which gives the basic advice for crossing roads safely. [Please click here for the video.](#)

Walking to school

Recently we launched our 'Travel Tracker' in school and also signposted parents to alternative parking places just a short 5 minute walk to our school's gates. Thank you to all of you that have been doing this. A small act like this makes a big difference not only to our neighbours but also to help improve the safety of our children when they are coming in and out of school.

Please click on this link to find out more. [Click here.](#)





Thinking about road signs. Please talk to your child about

MODAL VERBS AND TRAFFIC SIGNS

Add in either must, can't or can to these sentences

	You turn left.		You drive slowly.
	You stop.		You turn right.
	You park here.		You turn back.
	You enter.		Cyclists enter.
	You give way.		You go ahead.
	Cyclists enter.		You park here.
	Pedestrians enter.		Trucks Enter.

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5 SAFE DRIVING TIPS

-  **Avoid distractions**
Give full attention to the road and avoid distractions such as cell phones.
-  **Don't drive impaired**
Buckle up, slow down, and don't drive impaired. If you plan on drinking, designate a driver who won't drink.
-  **Be well rested and alert**
Make frequent stops. During long trips, rotate drivers. If you're too tired to drive, stop to get some rest.
-  **Plan ahead**
Allow extra travel time. Be respectful of other motorists and don't follow another vehicle too closely.
-  **Clean your lights and windows**
Cleaning headlights and windows can help you see, especially at night and during inclement weather.



Also it is really important to think about the distance between you and the vehicle in front. Please [click here](#) for information on stopping distances which are probably further than you think!



Child Car seats

For most of our children they should have a car seat or booster seat.

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall must wear a seat belt.

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

For more information please visit

www.gov.uk

Prayer to St Christopher, patron saint of travel

O St Christopher, hear our prayer. Keep me in your loving care whatever perils of the way let me not add to them this day. So to our caution and attention we add a prayer for your protection and ask for God's blessing on us that we may travel near and far.

Amen

