



# Road Safety



**Some things you could do at home to help your child's learning:**

- **Talk with your child about safe places to cross the road.** Remind your child about the *Green Cross Code* - Stop, Look and Listen before you cross the road. Ask him/her why we stop, what are we looking for and what are we listening for. Ask them to tell you when they think it is safe to cross. Point out possible dangers (Remember, young children are not yet able to judge the speed of traffic, so they should never cross the road without an adult to help them).
- **Make sure you set a good example by:**
  - waiting for the *Green Man* at pelican crossings,
  - using zebra crossings, subways or footbridges where these are available,
  - choosing a place to cross the where you can clearly see traffic coming from both directions
- **Talk to your child about safe places to play.** Remind them that even pavements can be dangerous, due to cars going in and out of driveways, or cars parked on the pavement. Take your child to a park or encourage them to play in a garden, where they can run freely and chase balls etc. without the danger of traffic.
- **Always hold your child's hand** and ensure that they are walking on the side of the pavement which is away from the traffic. (When you cross the road, change hands once you reach the other side so that your child is on the inside). Does your child know which part of the pavement the kerb is?
- Help your child to **identify different road signs and signals** for example the green man at the pelican crossing.
- Always **strap your child securely** in a well-fitted approved child's car seat when travelling by car. Set a good example by wearing your own seatbelt. When you get off a bus, wait with your child on the pavement until the bus moves off before crossing the road.
- Encourage your child to wear a **cycle helmet** when riding a bike.
- Visit some road safety websites and play the games with your child.  
<http://www.gosafewithziggy.com/parents>  
<https://roadsafety.scot/learning/early/go-safe-with-ziggy/>
- **Read one of the Ziggy stories with your child.** Children receive these books free from the Scottish Government when they are 3 years old. We distributed some books before the summer and have a few copies left. Ask staff if you have not received a copy. Further copies will follow at different points in the year.