

Dear family

Car parks can be dangerous places for young children. Drivers are concentrating on moving their cars in and out of parking bays and don't always think to check for pedestrians.

Because your child is small it makes them even harder to be seen.

Please read the information below and make sure that your child knows how to get in and out of the car when in a car park and other road situations.

Getting out of the car children should:

- wait for an adult to get strollers, babies or toddlers out of the car first
- wait for an adult to let them out of the car
- stand next to the car and wait for an adult's instructions
- walk through the car park holding an adult's hand or a part of their clothing, pram, trolley or shopping bag
- keep looking and listening for cars moving in and out of parking bays.

Getting into the car children should:

- wait beside the car until an adult opens the door
- be put in the car before toddlers, babies, shopping and strollers.

At home activity

The next time you and your family are in a car park talk about:

- who gets in and out of the car first
- places where it is safer for pedestrians to walk
- the people and traffic that use the car park (e.g. shoppers, trolley collectors, couriers, trucks, motorbikes, cars)
- words that describe parts of the car park (e.g. parking bay, lane, kerb, parking meter, trolley return)
- and watch how cars drive in and out of parking bays
- why drivers find it difficult to see young children walking alone.

Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's road safety education.

Yours sincerely

Classroom Teacher

