



Dear family

It is important for your child to learn the safest routes to take when walking to and from school, and within their local area.

At home activities

Please talk about and help your child locate the following things on the map attached to this note:

1. their home (mark with an X)
2. the safest route you have shown your child to walk to and from school (highlight)
3. places where it is safer to cross (mark with a dot)
4. the safest route to and from other local places such as the park, a friend's house, the library or shop (highlight).



As you are completing this mapping activity, help your child decide what they should do if they ever needed help walking to school or another location in their area.

Walk together

Take a walk together along the route marked on the map. Talk about landmarks along the way to remind your child of the safest route. Identify unsafe and safe crossing places such as crossing at intersections, driveways and areas without footpaths.

Crossing the road

Use this time to practise crossing the road with your child. The steps are:

- Step 1** Choose the safest place to cross.
- Step 2** Ask an adult for help to cross the road.
- Step 3** **Stop** back from the kerb and road.
- Step 4** **Look** in all directions for traffic.
- Step 5** **Listen** for traffic.
- Step 6** **Think** about when it is safe to cross.
- Step 7** When the road is clear and all traffic has stopped, walk straight and quickly across the road, holding an adult's hand.
- Step 8** Keep checking the road by looking, listening and thinking about traffic while crossing.

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

Yours sincerely

Classroom Teacher