



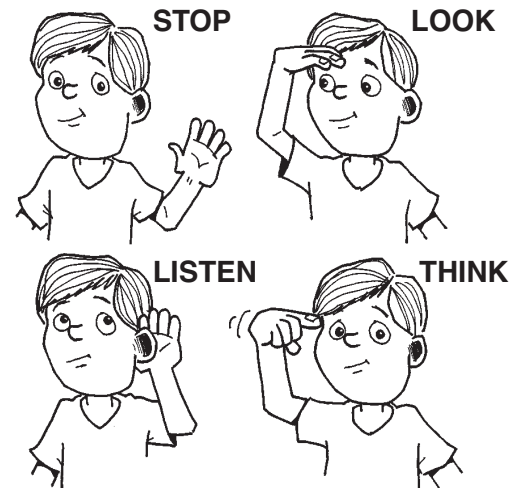
Dear family

Children are not always able to be responsible for their own safety when crossing roads.

Systematic search strategy (road crossing)

There are eight steps that are important for your child to remember when crossing the road. Please read and talk about these with your child.

- Step 1** Choose the safest place to stop and 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, 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.



At home activity

When walking to school or around your local area, use the walk to help teach your child how to cross the road using the eight steps. Show your child how to do each step and explain why. This will help your child to understand the importance of each step. An example is given below:

- *Where do you think we should cross the road? Why?*
- *Let's stop right back from the kerb so we won't accidentally step onto the road.*
- *Can you see any traffic coming? Keep looking both ways.*
- *Now let's listen. Can you hear any traffic?*
- *Do you think it is safe to cross?*
- *Let's walk straight across the road. Remember to keep looking, listening and thinking.*

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

Yours sincerely

Classroom Teacher