

HOW TO USE YOUR SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



For your and your children's safety could you please ensure that you cross with your School Crossing Patrol. If YOU use the safe crossing point, as your child gets older and becomes more independent, they will also use the School Crossing Patrol because it will be part of their routine.

You may think you don't need to use the patrol because you know when it is safe to cross the road but your children don't have the privilege of your learned experiences or your height.

Using the patrol with your children will give you some peace of mind and allow them to test their independence in a safe way when they reach the right age. It will teach them good road safety principles for life.



Children aged 11 – 13 are most likely to be run over as, when they start secondary school, it is often the first time they have had to encounter the road alone. Give them the tools to keep themselves safe.

The role of your School Crossing Patrol is:

To stop traffic so children and adults can cross the road safely

Please remember the following

Do not cross on the corner or away from the patrol as this is not safe for your children or yourselves. Always use the crossing point as it is a safe place to cross. Getting your children into the habit of using the patrol will mean they do this when they travel to school alone.

Walk bikes and scooters across the road so children do not fall or slide into the road.

Children should stay close to their adult who will keep them safe.

Stand back from the kerb and **WAIT** until the patrol tells you it is safe to cross.

At your crossing point there may be parked cars on both sides of the road. Your patrol has to enter the road to see around these parked cars to stop the traffic from the opposite direction.

PLEASE DO NOT enter the road until told to do so by the patrol as they are there to ensure it is safe to cross.

Always walk, not run, across the road.

Cross in front of the patrol, not behind, as they can see when you are safely across the road

Please always use the patrol to cross so that we can ensure that their presence is justifiable and they remain at the school

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Can we please respectfully remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely