

How well do you know your Highway Code?

Before you talk to your child you may want to check some parts of the Highway Code.

You can do this by linking to the following website:

www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelandTransport/Highwaycode/index.htm

There are also lots of tips and general advice/information about road safety issues to be found at:

www.dft.gov.uk/think

How can I educate my child about road safety when using the car?

Try talking about the following important issues and remember - **always set a good example!**

- ✓ Seatbelt wearing. (rules 99 - 100)
- ✓ Dealing with pedestrian crossings from a driver and pedestrian viewpoint. Explain why they are safe places to cross. (rules 191 -199)
- ✓ Discuss road rage by turning it into a positive learning experience for your child as to what should have happened.
- ✓ Talk about speed limits and why they are set as they are. Always stick to the correct speed limit yourself! (rules 124 - 125)
- ✓ The dangers of using mobile phones or changing CDs while driving.
- ✓ Why motorists should not park in restricted zones – often seen outside school entrances for example. (rule 243)
- ✓ The weather and how it can affect decision making for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians (e.g. snow, fog, rain, bright sunshine). Remember bad weather will affect stopping times and distances (rule 126). Try out the simulator activity at www.stoppingdistances.org.uk.
- ✓ Ask them to give directions and describe what they can see happening. This will help develop their road sense/awareness.
- ✓ If you have a rural journey you may encounter areas where there is no footpath. (rule 2)
Discuss what should happen in these situations (from the pedestrian and motorists perspective).



Zebra crossing

All this will help your child's road sense.