# Right Start Stages 1-3 newsletter information for parents/carers

## Stage 1

This term our EYFS children have taken part in Lancashire County Councils' Stage 1 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. This programme teaches your child how to keep themselves safe when out and about in the traffic environment and to apply the rules of the Green Cross Code every time they cross a road. They have been taught how important it is that they:

* **Think** – is this the safest place to cross the road?
* **Stop** - with their feet back from the kerb, which gives them time to Look and Listen.
* **Look** - for any vehicles that might be coming on the road – remember, children of this age are unable to judge speed and distance.
* **Listen** - for vehicles. They may hear something before they can see it – remind them though, that electric cars make very little noise.
* **Think again** – have they followed the rules, and will they keep Looking and Listening the whole time they are crossing the road?

They have also been reminded to play in a safe place away from traffic and to wear or carry something bright so they can be seen at the roadside by other road users.

Please can you continue to reinforce these messages when out and about with your children.

## Stage 2

This term our year 1 children have taken part in Lancashire County Councils' Stage 2 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. The Green Cross Code Road Safety messages they learnt during Stage 1 have been reinforced and built on. They have been taught how to find a safe place to cross and to cross safely with the help of a school crossing patrol. It is very important that you keep reinforcing these messages, so they become second nature to your children:

* **Think** – is this the safest place to cross the road?
* **Stop** - with their feet back from the kerb, which gives them time to Look and Listen.
* **Look** - for any vehicles that might be coming on the road – children of this age are unable to judge speed and distance.
* **Listen** - for vehicles, they may hear something before they can see it – remind them electric cars make very little noise.
* **Think again** – have they followed the rules, and will they keep Looking and Listening the whole time they are crossing the road?

Please can you continue to reinforce these messages when out and about with your children.

## Stage 3

This term our year 2 children have taken part in Lancashire County Councils' Stage 3 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. The Green Cross Code Road Safety messages they learnt during Stage 1 and 2 have been reinforced. They should now be using, preferably without prompting:

* **Think** – is this the safest place to cross the road?
* **Stop** - with their feet back from the kerb, which gives them time to Look and Listen.
* **Look** - for any vehicles that might be coming on the road – children of this age are unable to judge speed and distance.
* **Listen** - for vehicles, they may hear something before they can see it – remind them electric cars make very little noise.
* **Think again** – have they followed the rules, and will they keep Looking and Listening the whole time they are crossing the road?

In addition to the above, they have been taught to always look for a 'safer place' to cross such as a school crossing patrol, zebra crossing, pelican crossing, traffic island, etc. Whenever possible they should cross away from parked cars. They can also now recognise the signals that cars give – indicators, brake lights, reverse lights, etc.

Please can you continue to reinforce these messages when out and about with your children.