



Coastal Together

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Dear Parents,

Road Safety & the Green Cross Code

This morning an incident was reported to us of a near miss with some of our children running across the main road on their way to school. This resulted in a car driver having to perform an emergency stop. No children were harmed or injured on this occasion.



We know that walking to school has a number of positive benefits for our children, not just the physical element but equally their mental health and promoting independence, readying them for their transition to High School; travelling on a bus and supporting their resilience to make every day safe decisions.

However, we also are mindful of some of the potential hazards and would like to work with you as parents to remind children of the Green Cross Code and equip them with the knowledge to keep themselves safe.

All classes in the Junior school have been spoken to today and teachers provided resources to cover in class. Green Cross Code posters will be displayed in class and on our front door. Please help us to help our children by reminding them of the Green Cross Code.

Together we can ensure that children can enjoy all the benefits of walking to school and build their skills and independence.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sophie Bugg

Interim Head of School MIJS



1. Think

Find a safe place to cross the road. If you can't see a crossing, remember to cross where you can see in all directions and where drivers will see you.

2. Stop

- Just before you get to the kerb, stop.
- Stand on the pavement near the kerb and make sure that you can see the traffic. DO NOT step on to the road.

3. Look

- Look all around you for traffic. Make sure that you listen carefully for traffic that you can't see.
- Check to your right hand side first, then check to your left and then to your right again before you cross.
- Beware that some roads, called one way streets, have all of the traffic moving in the same direction.
- Watch out for bicycles or people on rollerblades. You often don't hear them but they travel very fast.

4. Wait

- If traffic is coming, let it pass.
- If you are waiting at a crossing then wait until the cars have stopped or, at pelican, toucan, puffin or pegasus crossings, the green man shows, before you cross.
- If you are not at a crossing, wait until it is safe to cross.
- Once the traffic has passed, look around again and listen.

5. Look and listen again

When it is safe and there is no traffic, walk straight across the road.



Keep looking and listening while you cross the road. Watch out for cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders. Always walk straight across the road, DO NOT walk diagonally.

NEVER run across the road because you might fall over and you might not get up in time.

6. Arrive alive

Look and keep looking while you cross the road.