

# Safeguarding Section

## **Keeping children safe when trick-or-treating**

Many children love Halloween, and no doubt so many of your children are very excited about going Trick or Treating on 31st October this year. However, with the dark nights drawing in, it is important for children to stay safe whilst they enjoy the Halloween fun. Below are some helpful Halloween Safety Tips.



## **HALLOWEEN SAFETY GUIDE**

**Before you go Trick or Treating, make sure you're fully prepared and stay safe.**

### **ROAD SAFETY**

- Plan Your Route - No one wants to get lost, or find themselves far away from home on Halloween night, so make sure you plan your trick or treating route in advance.
- Cross with care - If you come to cross a road, remove your mask, and make sure the road is completely clear when you come to make your move.
- Know your curfew - If you are not trick or treating with an adult, make sure you know when you are expected home, to save your parents any unwanted worry.



### **WHERE TO KNOCK**

It is important only to trick or treat at houses which are well lit, or which are decorated with Halloween themed decorations. Some people may not want to be disturbed.



### **COSTUME**

If you are dressing up this Halloween, why not add some reflective accessories to your spooky get up, to make sure you are extra visible to cars. Small light up goodies are also a good way to make yourself visible to night time traffic.



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### **CHECK YOUR SWEETS**

Make sure you or your parents check your sweets to make sure you are not allergic to any of your Halloween treats, or that you have received any treats that aren't worth eating... nobody wants to be poorly for Bonfire Night.

### **ENJOY!**

Last but not least, enjoy your time Trick or Treating, it only comes round once a year.

**TRICK  
OR  
TREAT**

## Be Bright & Be Seen

During the Autumn and Winter months, 'Be Bright, Be Seen' is so important as the school run is often in the dark. This means you are harder to see on a dull day and the visibility is much poorer for a motorist. We want to spread awareness of road safety and ensuring your children can easily be seen when near traffic.

As a school we will teach children about road safety, but something as simple as wearing a high visibility coat instead of a dark school coat will significantly increase your children's safety on these darker mornings and evenings.

## **WEARING BRIGHT AND HIGH VISIBILITY COLOURS**

- This could be a bright coloured coat
- Wearing high visibility strips on your coat
- High visibility reflectors on your bag or a brightly coloured bag
- Another key point, if you have a dark coat: try adding fluorescent armbands that can be put over coats and clothing.

# REFLECTIVE CLOTHING AT NIGHT

- Reflective clothing is highly effective as it can be seen from car and bike headlamps from the reflection.
- Likewise, add on reflective armbands if you do not have reflective clothing as this will have the same impact.
- Reflective is important for night-time as brightly coloured clothing does not show up as well as a reflective fabric.
- Remember; if your child is a little older and refuses to wear brighter colours, they can still opt for a brighter coloured bag or simply adding reflective strips to their coats and bags. We also recommend that all adults should be wearing bright clothing and reflective strips for their own safety.

## 5 TIPS ON ROAD SAFETY:

- Firstly, stay visible - Be Seen and Safe
- Learn road safety basics (Safe Cross Code)
- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Pay extra attention to driveway safety on dark nights
- Finally, bike safely on dark nights - Use reflectors/night lights



## THE GREEN CROSS CODE

A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children **over 7 years:**

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

## STOP - LOOK - LISTEN