

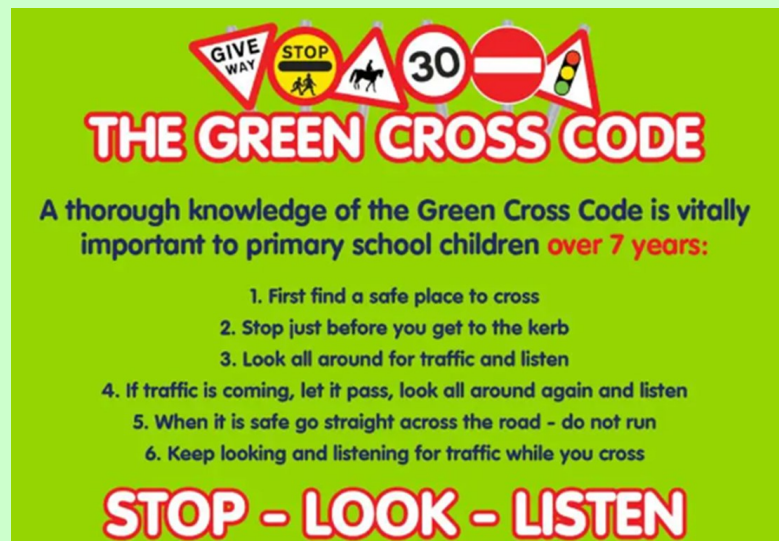
# Safeguarding Section

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the summer months, it is likely that children will be spending more time outside playing on bikes or scooters, going to the park and playing in the street. Here are some top tips for helping children stay safe:

## Road Safety

Learning to stay safe on our busy roads is a complex task. At Robert Peel, we believe it is vital to teach our children how to be safe passengers, pedestrians & cyclists. Working together with parents, children and the school community is the only way we can ensure that we are safe when we are out and about.



## Dogs

Children love dogs! However, they need to learn that they can't just approach dogs that they don't know. Teach your children that if they are approached by a dog they need to stand still and cross your arms, placing your hands on to your shoulders. This is recommended because the dog is able to sense the child doesn't want to play with them.

## Safer Buildings

If your child ever became lost within their local community, we recommend these buildings for your child to go to and ask for help: supermarket, shop, pharmacy, library or school.

## Stranger Danger

- Here are some simple steps you can share with your children to help them stay safe when outside.
- Never go off on your own with a stranger, take things from them or get in a car with them
- Never approach a stranger sitting in a car
- Make sure you tell your parents where you are at all times
- Be alert to your surroundings
- Don't believe what strangers tell you - sometimes they will say things to make you go with them
- If someone scares you, or makes you feel uncomfortable go somewhere safe, which could be your home, your school or another safe space
- If someone tries to grab you, shout loudly to get attention
- Always play where your parents can see you
- Do not answer the front door at home unless your Mum or Dad are there with you
- Never tell a stranger your name or address
- Do not make friends online with people you have never met and are friends with in real life (IRL) they are strangers too
- If you walk home alone, make sure you go straight home before going out to play or let your parents know if you are

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During the summer months it is likely that many children will be visiting the beach or swimming pools. It is essential that children are taught how to stay safe in and near water.

In school we teach the children these rules as part of our swimming lessons and it would be really helpful to talk through with your child how they can do this as well.

## Stop and think - spot the dangers

There are many dangers with water, which can include:

- It can be very cold
- There may be hidden currents
- It can be difficult to get out (steep slippery banks)
- It can be deep
- There may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- There may be no lifeguards there
- It is difficult to estimate depth
- It may be polluted and may make you ill

## Stay Together

- It is always better to go to the water with an adult.
- Never swim in rivers, ponds or canals as there are many hidden dangers and currents.
- Pay attention to warning signs and follow these.
- An adult can point out dangers or help if somebody gets into trouble

## Be Aware of:

- Slippery and unstable edges
- Calm water may have strong currents
- Dangers in the water e.g. rubbish, rocks, rusty metals, tree branches
- Safety equipment around the area
- Unknown depths of water
- Avoid water that is frozen, do not play on the ice

## Float

- If you fall into the water unexpectedly – float until you can control your breathing. Then call for help or swim to safety.

## Call 999

- You may be able to help yourself and others if you know what to do in an emergency.
- If you see someone in difficulty, tell somebody, preferably a Lifeguard if there is one nearby, or dial 999, ask for the Fire Service at inland water sites and the Coastguard at the beach.

## Water Safety Code

