



Peter's Patch  
Forest School - Day Care - After School Club

## Road Safety Policy

The safety of your children will always be our paramount concern. Our most important priority is to prevent the injury of a child while in our care. If out and about with the children on foot, we will always ensure the children are walking safely, following our safety points which are highlighted to the children each time they go out.

When out walking along roadsides for trips and to and from the forest park and play park, the children who are of Primary 1 age and below will walk using a Walkodile where there is over a ratio of 2:1 of children to adults (unless otherwise requested by their parents or guardians). The adults will have a rope boundary and will have this around themselves and the group of children.

One adult will be outside the boundary to stop traffic to allow the children to cross the road safely. Only when there is no traffic or when traffic has stopped in both directions will the children cross. Staff will cross children in a safe place that is clearly visible in both directions away from corners and bends.

Children under 2 years of age will always travel in either a pram or one of our trains where they are strapped in and safe so will not be in danger when crossing the roads. Children who are over 2 years and up to primary school age will travel in a train or pram when necessary.



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The staff members pushing prams or pulling the trains will ensure the road is clear or that the traffic has stopped to let them across before moving out onto the road at all and crossing with the children in the pram/train. Where the adult to child ratio is 1:1 the adult will always walk closer to the road, keeping the child on the inside.

When transporting children by vehicle, we will always prioritise doing so safely, in line with the latest safety advice, using booster seats which are in line with the current legislation or, for younger babies and toddlers, using their own car seats installed into our vehicle by the parent / guardian.

We will discuss road safety within the nursery with all children but reinforce it with 2 years plus, integrating the learning into activities, art work and story time, discussing all aspects of safety when out of the nursery setting.



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We aim to always take the children out at quieter times of day when there will be less traffic, therefore it will be safer for them to cross the road and there will be a reduced risk of any danger.

We always use footpaths with the children and do not walk with them anywhere that they may be at risk from being too close to the road edge.

When there are fewer children staff will always hold the hands of the children following the road safety. When there are bigger numbers the staff will use equipment provided for safe travel along footpaths. Staffing ratios, as per the Minimum Day Care Standards will always be followed and were deemed necessary, we will provide extra staff for added safety.

<http://www.brake.org.uk/educators/21-facts-a-resources/resources/313-foottrips>

<http://www.walkodile.com/product/156/walkodilesafetyweb/ef7834a5bb53fea40e5f8021cee0cf4b>

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