

Get Everyone Doing “The GCC!”

Can you help to write a story that can be read to the Reception Class to help them learn the **Green Cross Code?**

Continue the passage below.

The Green Cross Code is attached to help you.

Twins Amy and James are four years old and they are very excited today. It’s the first day of the new term and they are just about to walk to school with their Dad and little brother, Sam.

Amy and James have been practising the Green Cross Code over the school holidays. They practised when they were out with their Gran and Granddad, when they walked to the shops, the bus stop, the park, and their friends’ houses. They couldn’t wait to show how much they had learned about crossing the road safely.

It was raining outside, so they got their waterproof coats and wellies on and Dad put the rain cover on Sam’s buggy.

It was time to leave so they all headed out of the front door, down the path and then along their street to the road at the bottom. There were lots of puddles to jump into and Sam peered through his plastic cover and laughed at his brother and sister as they splished and splashed along in their wellies.

As they got nearer to the end of their street, Amy and James grew quiet and got ready to concentrate on crossing the road.

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The Green Cross Code

1. First find the safest place to cross

If possible, cross the road at: subways, footbridges, islands, zebra, puffin, pelican or toucan crossings, or where there is a crossing controlled by a police officer, a school crossing patrol (Lollipop man or woman) or a traffic warden.

Otherwise, choose a place where you can see clearly in all directions, and where drivers can see you.

Try to avoid crossing between parked cars and on sharp bends or close to the top of a hill. Move to a space where drivers and riders can see you clearly.

There should be space to reach the pavement on the other side.

2. Stop just before you get to the kerb

Don't get too close to the traffic. If there's no pavement, keep back from the edge of the road but make sure you can still see approaching traffic.

Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.

3. Look all around for traffic and listen

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Look in every direction.

Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.

4. If traffic is coming let it pass

Look all around again and listen.

Don't cross until there is a safe gap in the traffic and you are certain that there is plenty of time.

Remember, even if traffic is a long way off, it may be approaching very quickly.

5. When it's safe, go straight across the road – don't run

Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross, in case there is any traffic you didn't see, or in case other traffic appears suddenly.

Look out for cyclists and motorcyclists travelling between lanes of traffic.

Don't cross diagonally – walk straight across.

How you can help

Set a good example to all your friends and always use the **Green Cross Code** yourself.

Tell your friends about the **Code**.

Use pedestrian crossings even if it means walking a bit further.

Tell everyone you can about how important it is not to use your mobile phone when crossing the road (texting or speaking!).

You can also remind everyone that they can't hear traffic when listening to music through earphones, or see it properly if they are wearing a large hood!

Crossing between parked cars

Try not to cross between parked cars or vans, but if there is nowhere else to cross:

- Choose a place where there is a space between two cars and make sure that it's easy to get to the pavement on the other side of the road
- Make sure neither car is about to move off - look for drivers in the cars, lights and listen for engines
- Don't cross near large vehicles. You could be blocked from the driver's view and he/she may not realise you are there!
- Walk to the outside edge of the cars and stop. Here you can be seen by drivers and you can look all around for traffic
- Use the **Green Cross Code**. When the road is clear, cross, always still looking and listening as you go.

Remember though...

Walking is good for your health and fitness so it's great to walk as much as possible. Using the car for short journeys puts more traffic on the road and adds to the danger for pedestrians.

You and your family and friends can be safer crossing the roads when you know how!

Green Cross Code Reminder

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Are you doing ‘The GCC?’

Do you know what’s clear to see?

You have to do the GCC!

Taking care; it’s the right thing to do,

For grown ups and children and definitely you!



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Are you doing 'The GCC?'

We all do the GCC

Safe spot to cross; we need to see!

Crossing with care, we know the way,

Getting to the park safely so we can play!



Are you doing 'The CCC?'

Can you write your own rap or poem in the box below about The Green Cross Code?

