

Safeguarding newsletter

Stranger Danger



This term we have been exploring people, places and transport. The children have been participating in a lot of offsite walks around the local community, learning how to cross roads safely. In conjunction with this we have been discussing stranger danger and what to do when approached by a stranger. Below are top tips on how you can support keeping your child safe within your local community.

Top Tips

Stranger danger:

- Discuss with your child stranger danger, make them aware that strangers can seem nice and friendly and some strangers can be mean.
- Some strangers are 'safer strangers'. Safer strangers are people who your child can talk to and they will help your child if they become lost. Safer strangers wear a uniform and a badge.
- It is okay for your child to say hello if they are with an adult, however we do not encourage your child to talk to a person they do not know or recognise.
- Explain to your child never take any type of gifts from people they do not know they just need to loudly shout NO.
- Never go anywhere with a stranger.
- If your child is on their own and they feel scared or nervous always remember the code yell, run, tell.

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, police station, school.

Dogs- We teach the children to do the following during offsite walks when a dog approaches or is near. Remember the following directions stand still and cross your arms, placing your hands on to your shoulders we recommend this top tip, because the dog is able to sense the child doesn't want to play with them.

We have been taking the children out in small groups to learn about different roads signs and crossings such as zebra and pelican crossings within our area. The children have also taken on a role of a lollipop person using the stop sign, to stop the traffic as they ushered the children along Laburnum road.

Top tips you can do at home to support keeping your child safe when crossing the road and understanding traffic within your community:

- learn about traffic lights, their colours and meaning through a physical interactive game using flashcards.
- Go on a walk and learn about road signs, you could create a checklist to see how many you find.
- Do not cross between parked cars.
- Don't use your mobile phone when crossing
- Ensure your child walks on the inside of the pavement, with you nearest to the road.

For more information regarding road safety and stranger danger please see the links provided:

<https://www.roadsafetyheroes.co.uk/early-years-under-5-lessons>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTJUBz6Rps0>

https://www.safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone_stranger-danger

Here at Holy Cross Pre School Nursery safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please contact one of our DSL team.



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