

# Helping your child to be safe on roads

Dear Parent,

TODAY WE FOUND OUT THAT

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## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

If you drive, your child must be in a child seat that is made for their height and weight. Please make sure they are! Did you know that by law they have to be 135cm tall before they no longer have to use a seat or booster cushion? Always use the right child seat and always buckle up before setting off. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK, WE HAVE BEEN TEACHING ROAD SAFETY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ROAD SAFETY CHARITY BRAKE.

We have started to teach your child that:

- they must buckle up in their child seat
- they must hold hands with you always
- traffic is dangerous and fast and they must never run into the road

**A child is hurt or killed every 18 minutes on UK roads. We are doing our bit to ensure that never happens to your child. Please help us by continuing to teach road safety to your child.**

In particular, we ask you to always cross roads safely with your child, using it as an opportunity to teach the Green Cross Code. But remember that a child should always hold an adult's hand until they are at least eight years-old.

We also ask you, if you drive, to always drive slowly around this community, with respect for other people's children, and to tell other drivers you know in this community to do the same. If a child ran out in front of you and you hit them at 20mph, it is unlikely they would be killed. But if you hit them at 30mph, there is nearly a one in two chance you will kill them.

Log on to [www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk) and click on 'Advice for Parents' for more advice about how to keep your child safe and the importance of driving slowly.

*Many thanks for reading this important safety letter.*