The Green Cross Code

The Green Cross Code is not a game but is something that should be practised regularly and the walk to school is an ideal time. Some of the main rules for your walk to school include:

Look all around for traffic. Traffic could come from all around you. Look out for motorcyclists and cyclists. Move to a space where drivers and riders can see you clearly.

Listen carefully. Sometimes you can hear traffic before you can see it.

If traffic is coming, let it pass. Look all around again and listen. Do not 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.

Find a safe place to cross. If there is a crossing nearby, use it. It is safer to cross using a zebra crossing or a traffic island if there is no zebra crossing. Otherwise choose a place where you can see clearly in both directions and there is a clear route to the pavement on the other side. Do not cross between parked cars, on a blind bend or close to the top of a hill (in particular do not cross on the comer of Bridle Way and Haynes Mead).

Stop just before you get to the kerb. Do not get too close to the traffic. If there is no pavement, keep back from the edge of the road but make sure you can still see approaching traffic.

When it is safe, go straight across the road. Do not run and do not stop in the road. Keep looking.

Keep looking and listening while you cross in case other traffic appears suddenly. Do not walk diagonally across the road. Push (do not ride) scooters and bikes across the road.