

### Road Safety Week - November 16 - November 22

How aware are your children with regards to road safety. Perhaps this week presents you with a timely reminder. Take advantage of road safety week to teach your children about the Highway Code or safety when crossing roads, cycling safety, and the importance of cycle helmets and high visibility when cycling.

1. Whist out and about talk about road signs and markings and what they mean. For younger children it provides an opportunity to talk about simple shapes and colours. For older children it provides opportunity to talk about symbols and their meanings.



Circles with a red border tell you what you must not do, such as speed limit.



Blue circles usually give a positive instruction, such as 'straight ahead'.



Triangular signs warn. Road signs in the shape of an equilateral triangle are designed to warn you about the road layout or any hazards that lie ahead, such as school crossing. They almost always have a red border.



Rectangular signs inform. **Blue** rectangular signs give information on motorways, **green** signs direct you on primary roads, while white signs give directions on minor roads. Rectangular signs can also indicate bus lanes and congestion charge zones.

2. Make road signs for around your house and garden!

See link for song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffxaO8xJ7yw> and a simple road safety tip video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTJUBz6RpsQ>

Check out Brake – road safety charity <http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/>