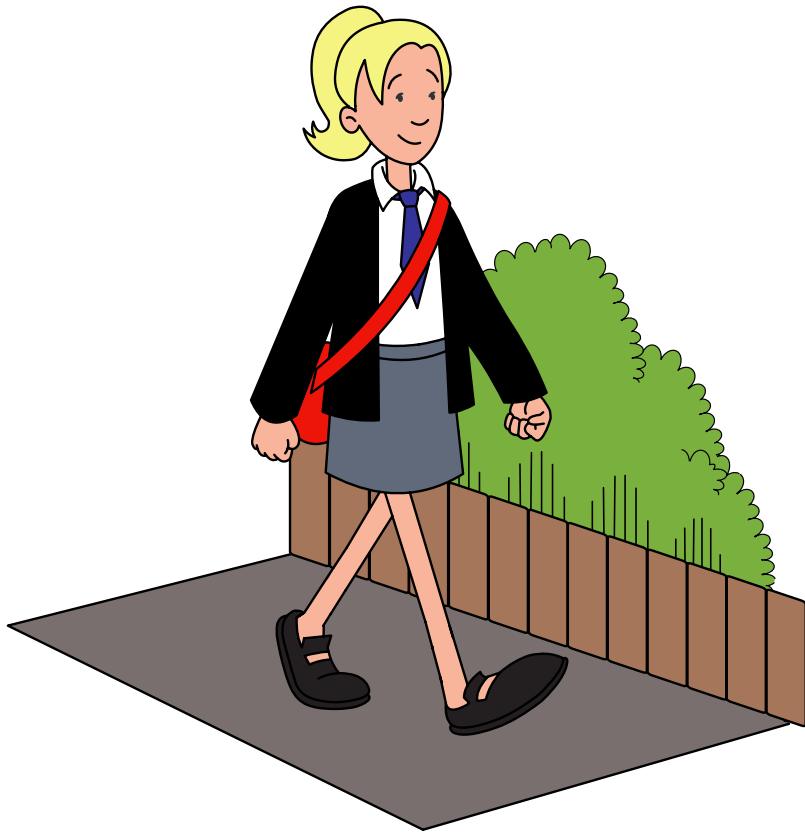


# Jessie's Journey



## So, you are moving on...

...no more Y6 and primary, say “hello” to Y7 and secondary.



But let's take a moment to think how things are going to change for you.

New school, new lessons, new teachers, new friends but also new journeys and new independence.

This could be your first journey on your own – so make sure you do everything you can to keep yourself safe.

Plan your route if you are using unfamiliar roads and streets and remember the roads may be busier than you are used to. Find out if there are any crossings you could use.

You might be faced with distractions from friends, phones, listening to music, thinking about that homework that you haven't quite finished...

The new journey to school may take you longer – so give yourself plenty of time. Rushing and taking risks can make the journey more dangerous.

With all these things to think about it can feel like a huge responsibility...

...but keep reading to find out how easy it actually is, to make sure you travel safely all the way to school and back.

## How are you going to get to school?

One of the most important things you can do between now and the start of term is to plan a safe route to your new school.

The shortest route isn't always the safest route  
– shortcuts may not be as safe.



## Are you using a bus, tram or train?

Perhaps you are using a bus, tram or a train for the first time on your own, but you will soon become used to your new journey. It's good to know which bus, tram or train you have to catch, which stop to get off at, and where to wait for the bus, tram or train on the way home.

## If you are using public transport...

Be sensible while you wait and stand well back from the edge of the pavement/platform.

Be considerate to the driver and other passengers.

Don't try to cross the road behind a bus where other vehicles won't have a clear view of you, and you won't be able to see them.

Wait for the bus to drive off before you cross the road.

## Have you applied for your travel pass?

With an **Under 16 Travel Pass** you can travel anytime, anywhere in South Yorkshire for a single fare on bus or tram and travel half price on local trains.

Apply for your travel pass online: **[www.travelsouthyorkshire.com](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com)** and see the section for concessionary travel passes for young people.

# The Green Cross Code

Remember, when walking, to follow the **Green Cross Code** for a safer journey to get where you are going.

These instructions are for everyone – **yeah, even YOU!**

## 1 Find a safe place to cross

- » Use a pedestrian crossing if there is one
- » Choose a place where you can see clearly in all directions

## 2 Stop before you get to the kerb

- » Stop and stand behind the kerb

## 3 Look all around and listen for traffic

- » Remember traffic can come from any direction
- » You can hear some vehicles before you see them, but some vehicles you may not hear – think electric?

## 4 If traffic is coming, let it pass

- » Don't take risks and run across the road when traffic is coming, even if you think you have enough time

## 5 When it is safe walk straight across the road – don't run

- » Continue to look and listen as you cross
- » Look out for quieter vehicles and cyclists – you may not hear them approaching
- » Walk straight across – that's the quickest way to cross

Let the hedgehogs show you how it's done:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnwxN24E2yY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnwxN24E2yY)

# Let's take a brake or should that be break??

## DID YOU KNOW?

Belisha Beacons were named after the Minister of Transport in 1934, and flash to warn drivers and cyclists that pedestrians may be crossing.

Pedestrian crossings are named after animals (3 are birds) – can you name them all?

## WORD JUMBLE

Can you unscramble the letters to find key words to remember when you are walking?

AMPVNTEE \_\_\_\_\_

BRKE \_\_\_\_\_

RGENE SCORS DCEO \_\_\_\_\_

PTSO \_\_\_\_\_

KLOO \_\_\_\_\_

LSNTEI \_\_\_\_\_

KWLA \_\_\_\_\_

FCTFARI \_\_\_\_\_

SDITCARTONIS \_\_\_\_\_

Zebra, Pegasus, Toucan, Puffin, Pelican  
Pavement, Kerb, Green cross code, stop, look, listen, walk, traffic, distractions

## Are you grabbing a lift?

Even though you are a passenger, when riding in a car there are still things you can do to keep yourself and others safe.

**Belt up!!** Always wear a seatbelt when travelling in a car no matter how short the journey.

Don't lean, hang or wave your arms out of the car window.

Only open the door if it is safe.

Look left and right, back to front before opening the door.

Have you heard of the **Dutch Reach?**

[www.rospa.com/road-safety/advice/cyclists-and-motorcyclists/dutch-reach](http://www.rospa.com/road-safety/advice/cyclists-and-motorcyclists/dutch-reach)

When you do go to get out of the car, use the pavement side.

Don't open the door onto the road with traffic – that can be dangerous.

Don't block the driver's view in their mirror. They need to see what's going on behind the car, as well as in front.

And don't mess about and distract the driver's attention.

[www.gov.uk/seat-belts-law](http://www.gov.uk/seat-belts-law)

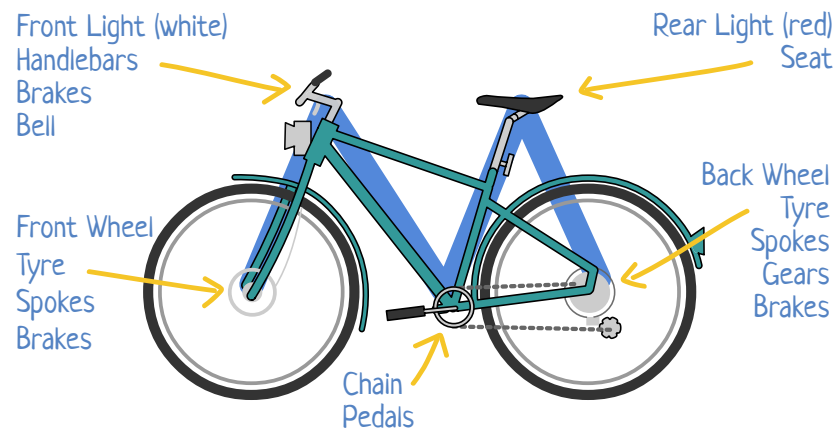


## Are you cycling to school?

Maybe you've identified some cycle lanes and a safe route to cycle to school but remember it's a good idea to have had some training before you ride your bike out on the busy roads.

Remember as a road user the rules/laws of the road apply to you – **yes you!!**

Also make sure your bike is road worthy and safe – remember the 'M Check?'



Do you know where you will store your bike safely, while you are in school?

Will you need to take a bike lock?

Think about how much you will have to carry – you don't want all your bags hanging from the handlebars!

## Remember that helmet

An important piece of equipment to protect you is your helmet.

Wear bright and reflective clothing or accessories to make sure other road users can see you.

When it's dark or visibility is poor, your bike lights must be on! It keeps you and others safe.

A white front light and a red reflector light at the back.

## A word about scooters

Riding a (un-powered) scooter to school is fine – just be considerate to others on the pavement.

E-scooters should only be used on private land and not on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements.



Make it a safer  
journey to school



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