

Travelling BY CAR

More than 8,000 children are killed or injured each year whilst travelling in cars. Many of these accidents happen during short trips and at low speeds - the impact of a crash at even 5 mph is enough to kill an unrestrained child.

Make sure your children are always restrained in the car using a child seat or a booster cushion to match their age and weight.

Zig-Zags

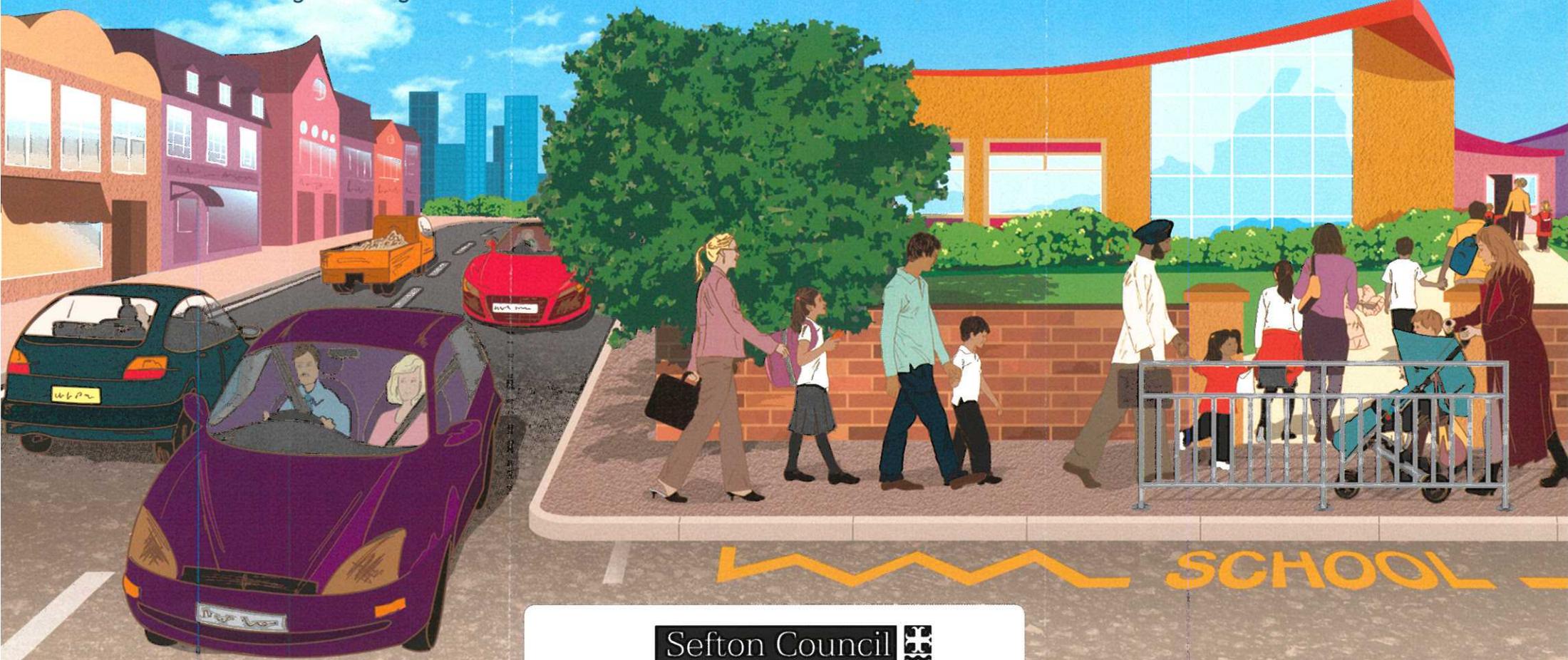
Young children cannot see over parked cars as adults can. A clear space is needed for children to see traffic easily and for drivers to see them.

Yellow zig-zag markings outside many school entrances are there to provide a clear area in which children can cross the road safely.

Don't park on the zig-zags.

Starting SCHOOL

More than 20,000 children are killed or injured each year as a result of road crashes. Most of these crashes happen near home and many of them on journeys to and from school.



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Young Children IN TRAFFIC

Very young children should never be out near roads on their own. Even when they have started school, they must always be accompanied on their journey by a responsible adult.

Remember! Children cannot judge speed and distance well enough to be able to cross roads safely until they are at least 9 or 10 years old.

Safer Places TO CROSS

Explain to your children that some places are safer for crossing the road than others. Pelican or Zebra crossings, footbridges, subways, School Crossing Patrols and traffic islands, all help pedestrians to cross roads safely.

It is worth walking a little further if there is such a place nearby. Show your children how to use pedestrian crossings correctly.

Teaching BY EXAMPLE

Explain road dangers to children at an early age.

Use the Green Cross Code every time you cross the road together: **Stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic before you cross.**

Explain to your children what you are looking for and why. Practise this every time you go out and ask them questions on what you have taught them.



When children are older let them cross quiet roads with you keeping a careful watch.

Remember, they will still need your help and advice although they will have a better understanding of the Green Cross Code.

Do not let your children cross the road alone unless you are sure they can cope with traffic.

