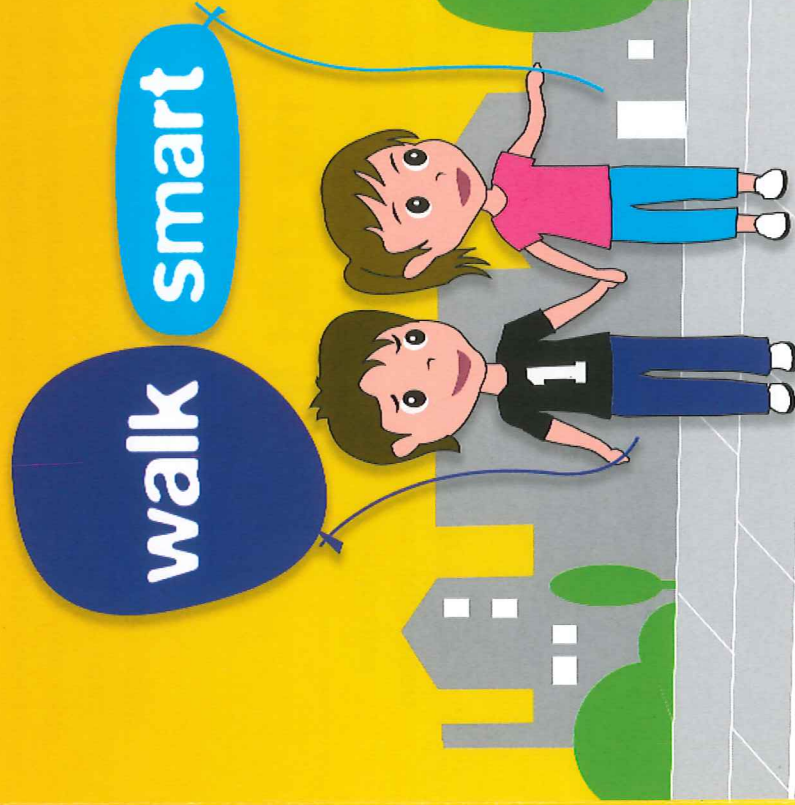




# Walk Smart child pedestrian training



## Walk Smart consent form

I give permission for (Child's name)

Class

to take part in the Walk Smart Road Safety Scheme.

Signed

Parent/ Guardian

Please return this slip back to school.



Your child's class will shortly be starting Walk Smart  
– a road safety training scheme. This short guide  
will explain what the scheme is and let you sign up  
your child for training.

## What is Walk Smart?

Walk Smart is a road safety programme run by Solihull Council's Road Safety Team that has been specially designed to introduce children to the first steps of learning how to keep themselves safe when out and about near roads.

It is a practical training so, rather than just talking about road safety in the classroom; we will take the children out of school and practice safe methods of crossing the road in the local environment. The children will go out in small groups and will be under close adult supervision at all times.

## What will my child learn?

The training is intended to encourage children to start thinking about how they can keep themselves safe when crossing the road. The main lessons that they will be taught are:

- Identifying where would be a safe or unsafe place to cross and how to cross in a safe and sensible manner.
- Junctions – encouraging children to check all roads at a junction before deciding if it is safe to cross.
- Coping with parked cars.

Please note – even after training, children of this age can be unpredictable around traffic and we strongly recommend that your child is accompanied by a responsible adult at all times when they are out and about near roads.

## Parents

The biggest role model in your young child's life is you! Please think about how you cross the road when out with your child. Adults can judge whether it is safe to cross the road a lot easier than children. Grown ups often cross the road in a way in which they would not want their child to do.

Think! When out with your child have you ever crossed at a crossing without waiting for the green man? Do you ever cross the road whilst talking or texting on your phone? Have you ever stepped out between parked cars because you can see over the top? If so, it is likely your children will copy you. When crossing the road with your child, always cross in a manner that you would want your child to use if they were by themselves.

