

School Crossing Patrol

Information for parents and drivers

Stop Means



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Parents

Even where a School Crossing Patrol is provided, parents remain responsible for making sure their children get to school safely. Just as they do when a zebra crossing or pedestrian crossing is provided. When children arrive at the crossing point:



The Patrol will tell them to wait to the pavement and use the **STOP** sign as a barrier to prevent them from edging forward, until they are called.



The Patrol will then use the **STOP** sign to instruct traffic to stop. The Patrol may need to wait for safe gap in the traffic. **DO NOT FOLLOW THE PATROL INTO THE ROAD.**



When the traffic has stopped, the Patrol will call you to crossover. Please walk in front of the Patrol so he/she can see you.



The Patrol will remain in the centre of the road until all the children and adults have completed crossing the road.



**PLEASE
SLOW DOWN
WHEN
APPROACHING
A PATROL**

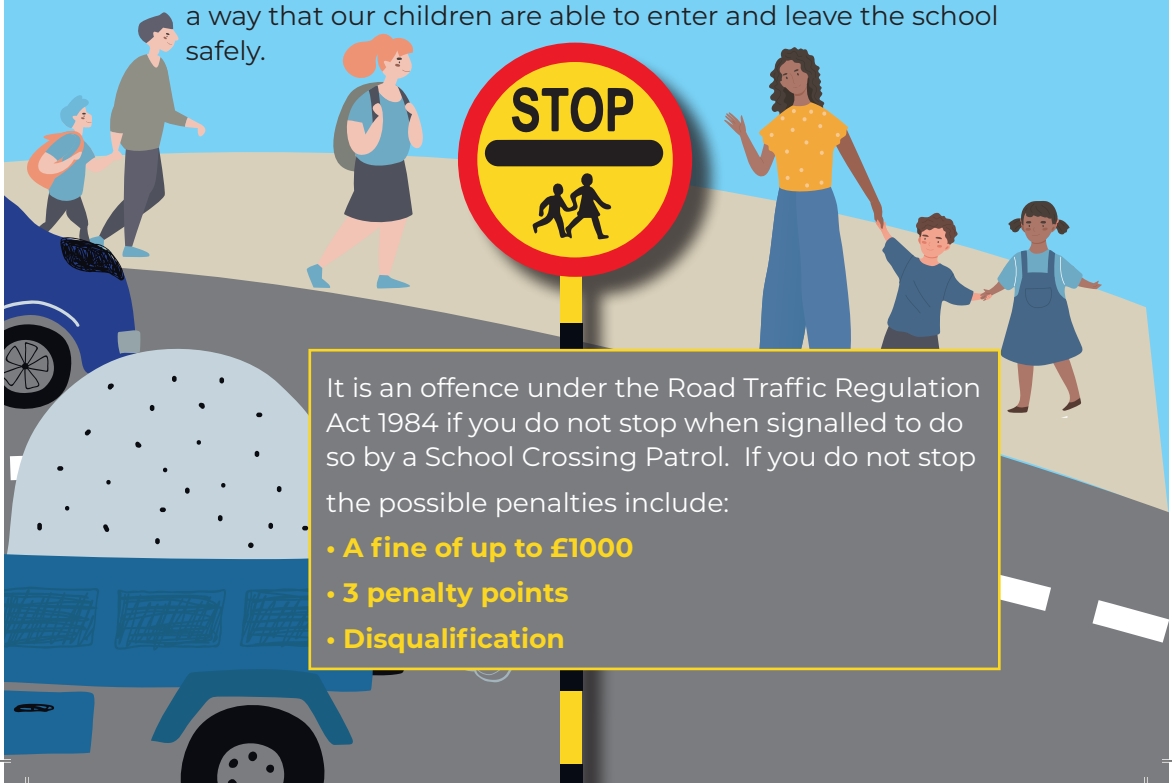
**A child struck at 20mph
is more likely to survive
but at 40mph they will
almost certainly die.**

Drivers

When approaching a school you should reduce your speed and be prepared to stop, also be patient and considerate. School Crossing Patrols need to see and be seen. It can be difficult to see children on the pavement, especially if cars park right next to the crossing location. Children may run into the road without thinking about the traffic.

If you are a driver, remember:

- By law you **MUST** stop when signalled to do so by a Patrol displaying a Stop sign.
- Do not move forward and remain patient.
- Do not park at the School Crossing Patrol location or close to where a Patrol is working.
- Look out for signs or flashing amber lights which warn of a School Crossing Patrol ahead.
- Park with courtesy and consideration to others, observing all regulations in accordance with the Highway Code and in such a way that our children are able to enter and leave the school safely.

An illustration of a school crossing scene. In the center, a circular red and yellow 'STOP' sign with a black silhouette of two children walking is mounted on a black post. To the left, a blue car is partially visible, parked on a grey road. A man in a brown shirt and dark pants is walking towards the car, holding the hand of a small child in a blue shirt and backpack. To the right of the sign, a woman in a yellow polka-dot shirt and blue pants is walking away from the car, holding the hand of a boy in a blue shirt. Further right, a girl in a blue dress is walking. The background is a light blue sky and a tan ground area. A grey road with white dashed lines is visible at the bottom right.

It is an offence under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 if you do not stop when signalled to do so by a School Crossing Patrol. If you do not stop the possible penalties include:

- **A fine of up to £1000**
- **3 penalty points**
- **Disqualification**

School Crossing Patrol Signals

Sign upside down

Not ready to cross pedestrians



Sign sideways

Barrier to stop pedestrians



Sign held up high

Ready to cross pedestrians
– vehicles must be prepared to stop



Extended out

All vehicles must stop

