Right Start Stage 2 – Newsletter information for parents

**Stage 2**

This term our year 1 children have taken part in Lancashire County Councils' Stage 2 Right Start Child Pedestrian Training Programme. The Green Cross Code Road Safety messages they learnt during Stage 1 have been reinforced, which taught them how to keep themselves safe when out and about in the traffic environment by finding a safe place to play, away from the road and to wear or carry something bright so they can be seen by other road users. It is very important that you keep reinforcing these messages, so they become second nature to your children:

* **Think** – is this the safest place to cross the road?
* **Stop** - with their feet back from the kerb, which gives them time to Look and Listen.
* **Look** - for any vehicles that might be coming on the road – children of this age are unable to judge speed and distance.
* **Listen** - for vehicles, they may hear something before they can see it – remind them electric cars make very little noise.
* **Think again** – have they followed the rules, and will they keep Looking and Listening the whole time they are crossing the road?

They have further been taught how to find a safer place to cross and to cross safely with the help of a School Crossing Patrol. They know they should always stop at the kerb and wait until they are told they can cross and that the traffic has stopped and the importance of still looking and listening for themselves whilst crossing.

Please can you continue to reinforce these messages when out and about with your children.