School Warden Crossing Signals

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Pedestrian Crossings

Almost everyone needs to cross a road several times a day. Usually, this is done at any safe and convenient point along a road using the Safe Cross Code.

But there are some locations where, because of the high volume of traffic, high numbers of pedestrians or other factors, it is beneficial to provide a pedestrian crossing. There are a number of different types of pedestrian crossing and these are explained here.

Uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing



Uncontrolled crossings are demarked by drop kerbs and a buff tactile (blister) paving. Although not controlled pedestrian crossings, they do indicate a place for pedestrians to cross. Drivers should be courteous to pedestrians using an uncontrolled crossing.

Pedestrians are advised;

"Drivers are **not** obliged to stop at uncontrolled crossings so pedestrians are recommended to wait for a gap in traffic and cross only when it is safe to do so."



Controlled Pedestrian Crossings

TOUCAN CROSSING



Toucan crossings are designed for both pedestrians and cyclists. Typically used adjacent to a cycle-path. Cyclists are not required to dismount for Toucan Crossings.

ZEBRA CROSSINGS



Zebra crossings are marked by black and white painted strips across the road and flashing amber beacons. The Rules of the Road say that motorists *"must give way when someone has moved onto a crossing"*. However, pedestrians should remain on the kerb side for safety's sake until approaching vehicles have stopped. Cyclists, using the road, must give way to pedestrians on Zebra crossings.

Rules for drivers

Drivers are required to stop and permit pedestrians to cross at Zebra crossings.

Approaching Zebra crossings, drivers should slow and be prepared to stop. Drivers must yield right-of-way to a pedestrian on the crossing. They must stop behind the Yield line where it is provided and must not encroach on the crossing. Where both sides of the crossing are marked with zig-zag lines, overtaking and parking is prohibited within the area marked by such lines. Zebra crossings do not have a Stop line, only a Yield line.

PEDESTRIAN / PELICAN / PUFFIN CROSSING



The pelican crossing is controlled by a set of traffic lights, and pedestrians can request to cross by pressing a button and waiting for the 'green man' to indicate they can cross.

Drivers must stop when the red light shows. Pedestrians:

Do not cross while the 'wait' or the 'red man' light is showing. Cross with care when the 'cross now' or 'areen man' is showing.

- Always ensure that the cars have stopped before beginning to cross the road.
- Some pedestrian crossings have a central island in the middle. If the crossing goes straight across the road you need to treat it as one crossing, whereas if it is staggered (with two separate sets of buttons for pedestrians) you must treat it as two crossings.
- For visually-impaired pedestrians, an audible bleep signal and/or vibrating panel on the push button may be in place to indicate when to cross.

NB: At all times please use the **<u>Safe Cross Code</u>** when crossing the road.