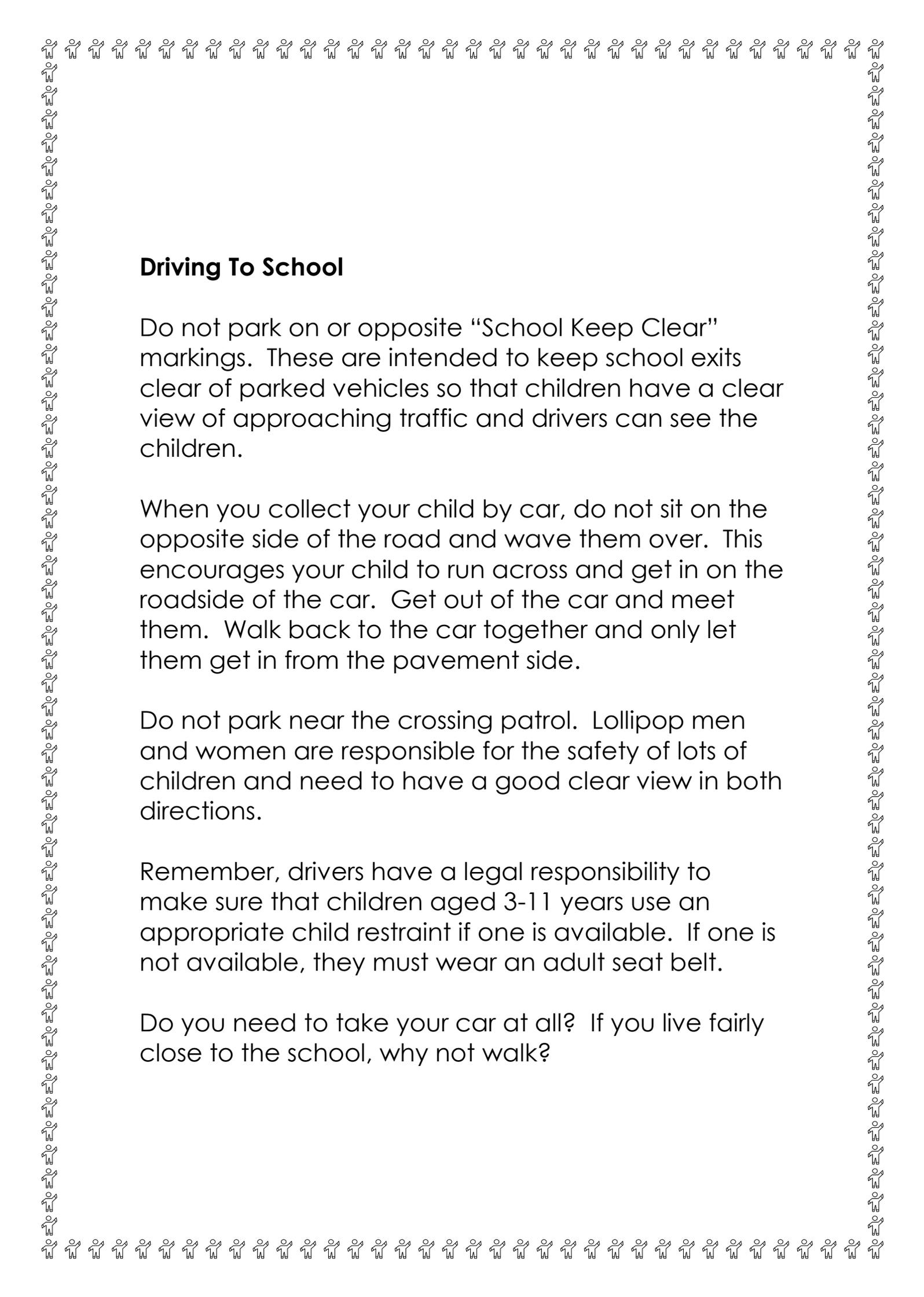


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GETTING TO SCHOOL SAFELY





Driving To School

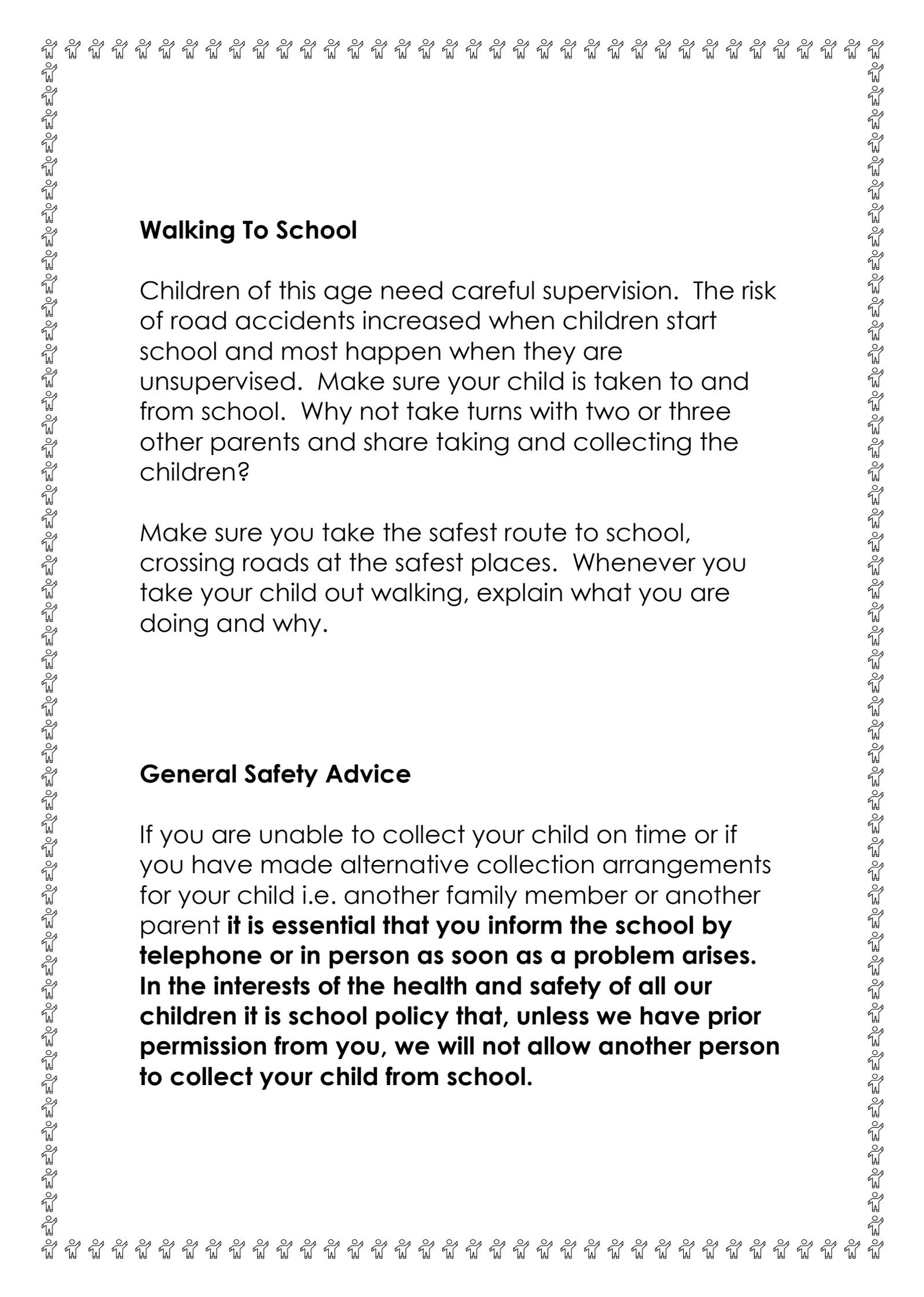
Do not park on or opposite “School Keep Clear” markings. These are intended to keep school exits clear of parked vehicles so that children have a clear view of approaching traffic and drivers can see the children.

When you collect your child by car, do not sit on the opposite side of the road and wave them over. This encourages your child to run across and get in on the roadside of the car. Get out of the car and meet them. Walk back to the car together and only let them get in from the pavement side.

Do not park near the crossing patrol. Lollipop men and women are responsible for the safety of lots of children and need to have a good clear view in both directions.

Remember, drivers have a legal responsibility to make sure that children aged 3-11 years use an appropriate child restraint if one is available. If one is not available, they must wear an adult seat belt.

Do you need to take your car at all? If you live fairly close to the school, why not walk?



Walking To School

Children of this age need careful supervision. The risk of road accidents increased when children start school and most happen when they are unsupervised. Make sure your child is taken to and from school. Why not take turns with two or three other parents and share taking and collecting the children?

Make sure you take the safest route to school, crossing roads at the safest places. Whenever you take your child out walking, explain what you are doing and why.

General Safety Advice

If you are unable to collect your child on time or if you have made alternative collection arrangements for your child i.e. another family member or another parent **it is essential that you inform the school by telephone or in person as soon as a problem arises. In the interests of the health and safety of all our children it is school policy that, unless we have prior permission from you, we will not allow another person to collect your child from school.**

Teach your children never to go anywhere with strangers or with anyone, without first telling you or the adult who is in charge of them. Get them into this habit.

Teach your child that when you are out they should not talk to anyone they do not know well. Explain the differences between knowing someone well (grandparents, for instance) and simply recognising someone (e.g. the postman).

Make sure your children know that they should always tell you if someone approaches them.



***Information taken from Healthy Start Croydon Primary
Care Trust NHS booklet***