Big, small, fast and slow

Can your child tell the difference between big and small, fast and slow?

- Talk to your child about how things look bigger the closer they get to you and that from a distance the same thing can look very small.
- Talk to your child about how a fast vehicle gets to you very quickly, but sometimes going very slow takes a long time.
- Talk to your child about the difference in size between vehicles, for instance a bicycle and a lorry.
- Talk about a slow milk float and a fast car or a slow bicycle and a fast motorbike.
- Remind them that cyclists are not always slow.

Children’s eyesight will not be fully developed until 16 years of age. Peripheral vision can be poor. Often focusing is slow and does not develop until about 8 years of age.

Ask open questions:
- Why does some traffic go fast?
- What sort of traffic goes slow?
- What sort of traffic goes fast?
- Why don’t we cross the road in front of a fast car or lorry?
- Why is it safer to cross when traffic is far away and slow?

It is important that your child has some understanding of the difference between big and small, fast and slow.