What is a pavement?

Pavements are for people to walk on. It is not a safe place for children to play because they are next to the road and traffic.

- Pavements are not 100% safe. It is very important right from the start to emphasise the need to always hold hands.
- Do not allow children to run ahead. They could dash into or across a driveway.
- Talk to your children about situations that can happen on the pavement, prams and buggies, cyclists and cars parked on the pavement and vehicles moving in and out of driveways.
- The kerb is the edge of the pavement where it meets the road.
- When travelling by car always help your child in and out on the pavement side.
- In car parks it is very important to remind your child to stand still and wait until you have locked the car hold their hand before setting off.
- If you have a baby and a young child put the baby in the pram/buggy first, then get the child out of the car.
- Keep the pram/buggy on the pavement whilst waiting to cross the road.

Ask open questions

- Who uses the pavement?
- What are pavements for?
- What is the kerb?
- Why aren’t pavements a safe place to play?