

Helping you and your whānau
be safe on the journey

GETTING TO school



WALKING

biking & scootering

BENEFITS:

- Light exercise boosts health and emotional well-being
- Tamariki arrive at school ready to learn
- Helps tamariki learn road safety skills
- Increases independence
- Creates healthy transport habits that are kind to the planet
- Is a fun, low cost activity that can be done with friends and family
- No parking hassles

For more information on walking or biking around Rotorua visit:



rotorualakescouncil.nz/sharedpathnetwork



TIPS:

- Pedestrian crossings are the safest place to cross the road
- Never call your child over from the other side of the road
- Getting off your bike and walking across the road is safer
- If you have not walked or biked to school before, you could try a practice run in the weekend

80%

of primary school students said they would like to bike to school



DRIVING

- Be prepared to see children walking and biking
- You must legally stop for people using pedestrian crossings
- When passing a parked school bus on either side of the road, you must legally slow down to 20km
- Plan your route so you don't have to U-turn or 3 point turn on roads with school traffic.

PARKING

safely near schools

Before and after school are busy times for everyone.

Parking rules help to protect our tamariki, and drivers who park illegally put children at risk.

Please be considerate of residents and other families when parking.

YOU CAN BE FINED FOR ILLEGAL PARKING IF YOU:

- Park across or within 1 metre of a driveway
- Park on a pedestrian crossing
- Park on the footpath or verge
- Park on yellow lines
- Double park

**Slow down in
school zones**



ALTERNATIVE

If you need to travel to school by car, try parking a short distance away from the school.

drop off options

This helps reduce traffic congestion and makes school entrance areas safer for tamariki and whānau.

Have a look at the area around your kura/school. Look for areas that have a bit of parking such as carparks or shopping areas. Next find a safe route from there to school.

If your child is younger, try a 'park and walk' from one of these locations. Once you are confident they are safe walkers, they can walk by themselves.

LOOK FOR QUIET STREETS, ALLEYWAYS, SAFE CROSSING POINTS AND SHARED PATHS.



HOW TO BE A

road crossing star



For all types of crossings the rules for our children are always the same.

Teach your child to 'Stop and Look' for vehicles, if there are cars coming, look at the driver and wait for them to stop before crossing.

If cars do not stop, wait for the road to be clear before you cross. Continue to look for traffic as you cross.

CROSS LIKE A SUPERSTAR:

- Stop one step back from the kerb.
- Dismount to walk if on a bike or scooter.
- Stop and Look for traffic coming from all directions.
- If there is traffic coming, wait until it stops, or it has passed. Look again. When the road is clear, or the traffic stops, walk quickly straight across the road.
- Continue to be alert as you cross.

