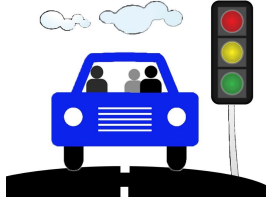


On the way to school

Developing language - the key to success at school



Do

Talk in sentences about what we need. Use **“Let’s get your...”** Hold up the objects as you say them.

Give clear markers when travelling on scooters or bikes – **“go to the red car and stop”**.



Say

Name the items you need or will use e.g. helmet, gloves, seat belt, car seat. Remind your child who is picking them up, whether they are packed lunch, what they might have to eat – talk about how much they might like it.



Be

...clear, use simple sentences. **Make eye contact**, be excited about their school day. Be patient. If your child is slower than you, have a go at setting some **markers “let’s run to the...., skip to the... hop to the....”**



Notice

When it is the ‘right time’ to feed talk/conversation in. You might **comment on what you see** on your way in, think about the things and people you always see. **“I wonder if we will see the black cat on the corner again today”**.



Wonder

What sort of day we might have, who we might see on the gate today, what we might walk/drive/scoot past, who we might meet and say hello to.

Prioritise your child, give them your full attention and put technology away! Avoid direct questions.