

Teddy takes a walk



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Guidance note for Parents/Carers/Teachers

When reading we suggest that the importance of holding hands when near the road is explained to children to help to keep them safe.

Older children may be able to discuss the implications if Teddy was a friend or family member and how this would affect them.

Our aim in writing this story is to try and reduce the likelihood of injury to children by encouraging them to hold hands when near roads.

This is Billy. This is Teddy.
Billy always takes his Teddy everywhere.
Every time they go out walking he always
holds Teddy's hand.



Today Billy is excited, it is his first day back at school and he can't wait to see all his friends again.

Billy loves walking to school and talks about all the things he sees on his journey, like Dave the postman posting the letters and Vera the lollipop lady, helping the children cross the road.





Mummy says, "Make sure you have your coat and wellies on as it has been raining today".

Mummy, Billy and Teddy hold hands and set off on their journey to school. On the way Dave the postman waves and cheerfully says "Good morning" to them.





A big yellow bus passes them. It is taking some children to school. There are some men digging the road, it is very noisy as they walk past.

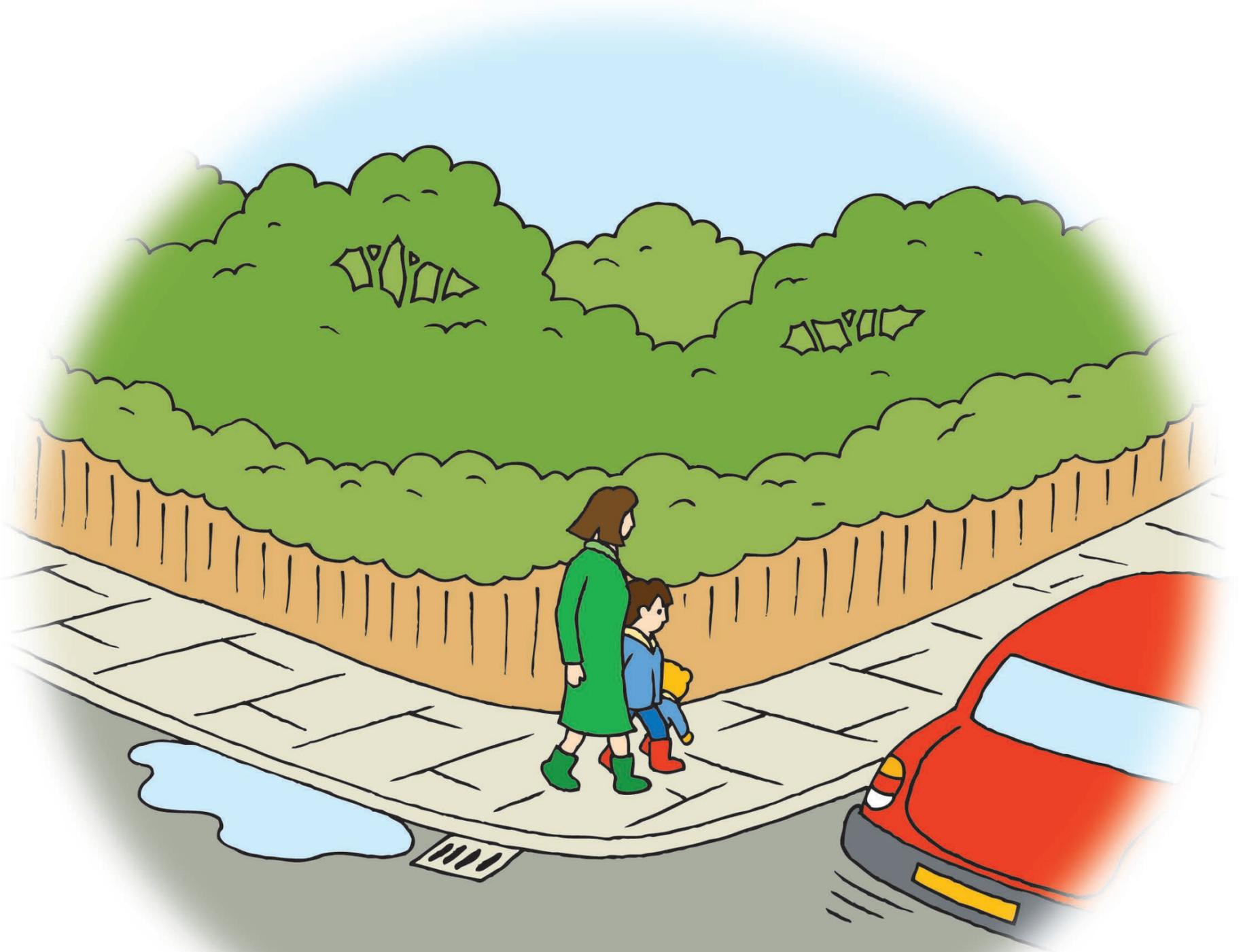


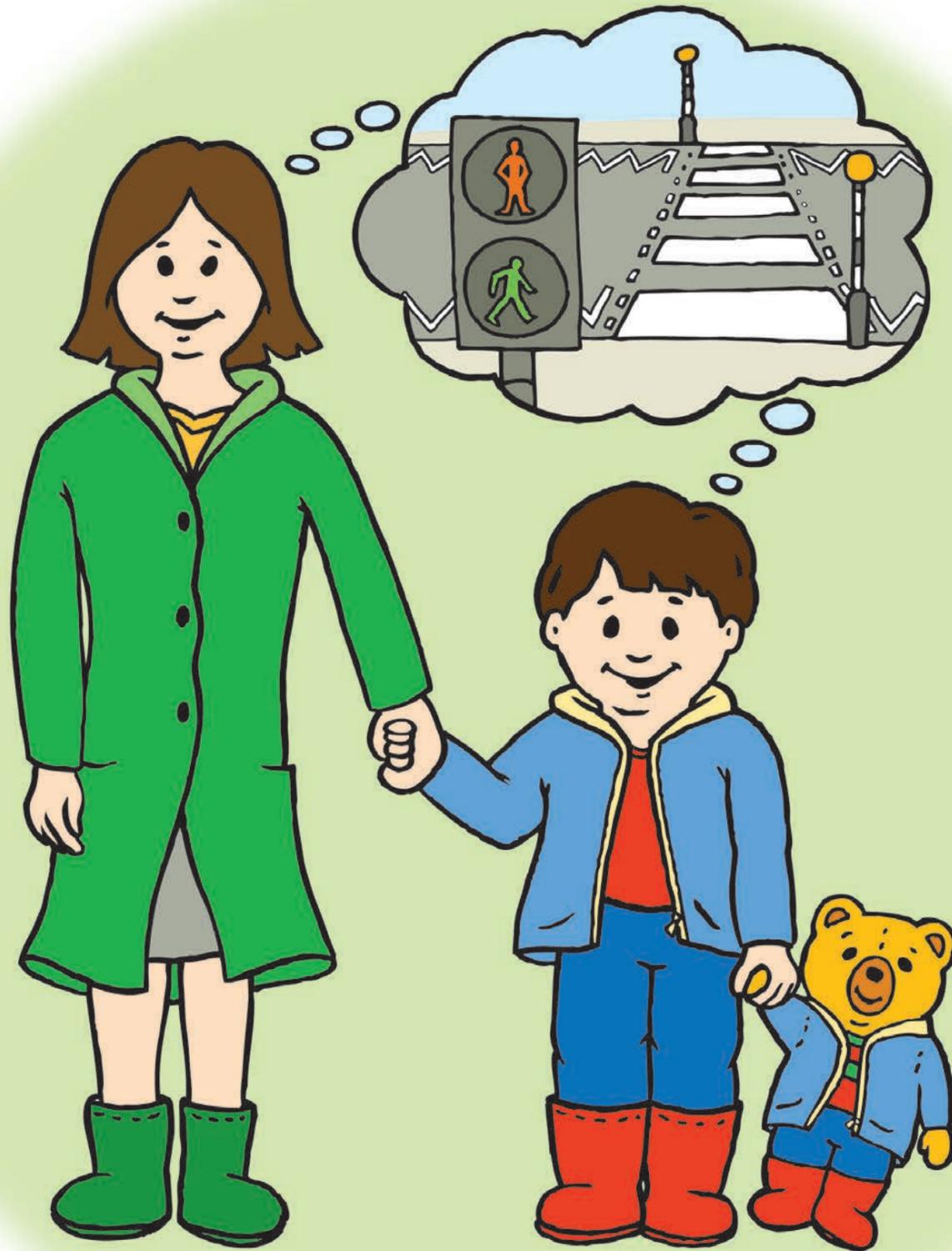
As they walk towards the corner Billy sees a friend on the other side of the road. Billy lets go of Teddy's hand so he can wave to his friend and drops Teddy dangerously close to the road. Just then a car comes to the corner and splashes through a great big puddle!

The water hits Teddy who is too close to the road. Poor Teddy! He is soaking wet and has hurt his knee and his elbow. Teddy is very upset and scared by what has happened.

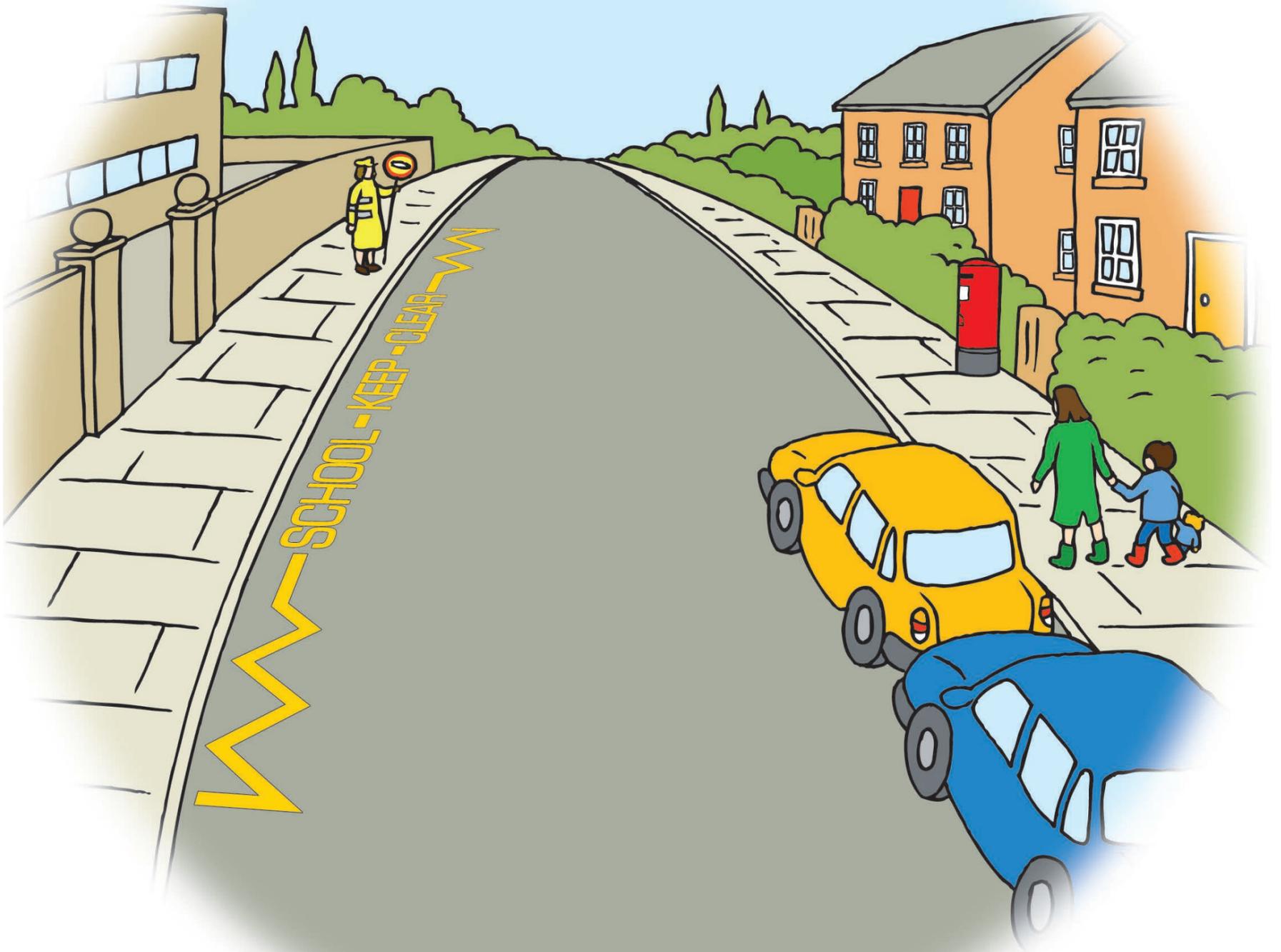


“Teddy is very lucky he did not fall into the road Billy,” says Mummy. “You should always keep hold of Teddy’s hand!”





Billy picks Teddy up and holds his hand as they walk towards school. Mummy says they should find a safer place to cross the road, like a Pelican Crossing or a Zebra Crossing.



As they get nearer to school they see there are lots of parked cars. It is not easy to cross between parked cars so they move further up the road to where Vera the Lollipop Lady helps people to cross.

Mummy, Billy and Teddy stop at the kerb. They look all around and listen for traffic.

They wait for Vera the Lollipop Lady to stop the traffic and tell them when it is safe to cross.

When all the traffic has stopped they safely cross the road to school, looking and listening for traffic all the time.



Mummy, Billy and Teddy arrive safely in the school playground.

Billy gives Teddy a big hug and whispers to him, "I will always hold your hand and keep you safe from now on."





“Always hold hands and keep safe.”

How many safer places to cross do you see on your journey to school or the shops?

Tick the box when you have seen these;



Pelican Crossing



Puffin Crossing



Footbridge



Subway



Traffic Lights



Zebra Crossing



Pedestrian Island



Lollipop Man/Lady



Police Officer



Toucan



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