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Newsletter

Week 9 Term 3 10th September 2025



Colin's Kōrero

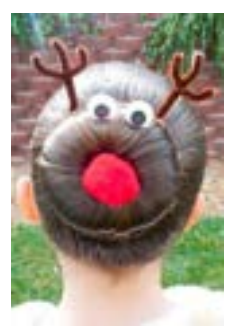
Westbrook Art Exhibition: Our first-ever “Westbrook School Art Exhibition” was held last week. Every student in the school had their art on display. We had a steady stream of parents and whānau visit the display over the two days. Thanks to the generosity of those who visited and made a donation, we received \$424.00 to help offset the costs of hosting the exhibition. Thanks also to the very generous bids from a number of whānau we also received just over \$1,000.00 for the artworks produced by our staff. This will be used for future art projects. The feedback we received has been very positive. We will, however, send out a “Feedback Questionnaire” via Seesaw or you can [click here](#) to complete.

Our thanks goes to the Arts Professional Learning Team for all their hard work in planning and presenting of the exhibition. This took many hours, and we do appreciate their efforts.

Marae visits: Our Maori Professional Learning Group of teachers planned the Marae experience visits that our students are currently enjoying. These began last week with our Year 1 Team heading down to the Marae on Thursday, and will conclude this Thursday when our Year 5 students spend their day at the Marae. Our students participated in a semi-formal whakatau welcome, as well as spending time in the Wharenuī learning games, learning about Marae protocols, or engaging in craft activities, such as poi making. Many thanks to our Maori PLG and all the staff who have supported this excellent learning opportunity for our tamariki.

BOT Elections: Voting closes at 4pm today for this year's Board of Trustees elections. We have had around 15% of eligible parents and caregivers vote over the past few weeks. This is better than the national average. The results will be announced next week.

Wacky Hair Day: This Friday is Westbrook's Wacky Hair Day. This is an annual fundraiser for Child Health Research. This year, we are hosting this occasion in memory of Kodie Diamond. Kodie was an ex-pupil of our school. He was diagnosed with cancer, and sadly, he passed away recently at the age of 16. We pass on our most sincere condolences to Kodie's family. We encourage all of our children to be creative with their “Hair Do” on Friday. Please send your children to school with a gold coin donation. We will pass this on to the Child Cancer Society.



2025 Calendar of Events

Term 3

Wed 10th September
 Thurs 11th September
 Fri 12th September
 Fri 12th September
 Mon 15th–Fri 19th Sept
 Tues 16th September
 Fri 19th September
 Fri 19th September

BoT Election Day Poll Closes 4pm
 Y5 Wharenuui Visit
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome
 Wacky Hair Day!
 Y2 swimming lessons at the Aquatic Centre
 Election Results Declared
 Sausage Sizzle
 Last day of Term 3



Term 4

Fri 10th October
Mon 13th October
 Thurs 16th October
 Wed 22nd October
 Fri 24th October
 Mon 27th October
 Sat 1st November
 Tues 4th November
 Wed 5th November
 Thurs 6th November
 Fri 7th November
 Fri 7th November
 Mon 10th–Fri 14th Nov
 Wed 12th–Fri 14th Nov
 Tues 18th November
 Fri 21st November
 Fri 28th November
 Mon 1st December
 Mon 1st December

 Fri 5th December

 Mon 8th December
 Wed 10th December
 Fri 12th December

Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome
Teacher Only Day – Maths
 NZ ShakeOut Day
 Discos Junior 5.30–6.30 / Senior 7.00–8.00
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome
 Labour Day
 FOTS Car Boot Sale
 BOP Rippa Finals
 Senior Athletics Day
 CBOP Orienteering
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome
 Gumboot Friday
 Year 4 and 5 Swimming Lessons
 Year 6 Camp
 Road Patrol Fun Day
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome
 Senior Swimming Sports Day
 CBOP Athletics (tbc)
 Welcome for Rachel Weinberg (new Principal 2026)
 at 11.30am
 Certificates Assembly followed by a farewell cuppa
 with Colin – community is welcome
 Principal's Awards Prizegiving – Junior & Senior
 Year 6 Graduation – 5.45pm to 8.00pm
 Last school day for 2025

WACKY HAIR DAY

Friday 12th September

WIG WEDNESDAY
(fundraising day for Child Cancer Foundation) is Wednesday 10th September.

However

we have declared next **Friday 12th September**

as WACKY HAIR DAY instead!

Funky hairdos, different colours, and accessories, the ideas are endless!.

It's a School Assembly Day, so of course house points are involved.

And better still, every gold coin donation will go towards the Child Cancer Foundation.

You can donate via [Kindo](#), or to the class teacher on Friday.



Book Fair

Thanks to your incredible support, our recent Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success!

We're excited to announce that we raised **\$1,600**. This money will go directly towards purchasing new books for our school library, helping to grow our collection and inspire a love of reading in our students. A special thank you to our amazing volunteers—we couldn't have done it without you.





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Westbrook School Board of Trustees Election Timetable

VOTING OPENS	Wednesday 13 August
ELECTION DAY	Wednesday 10 September
CLOSE POLL	4pm on Wednesday 10 September
COUNT VOTES AND DECLARE RESULTS	Tuesday 16 September
BOARD TAKES OFFICE	Wednesday 17 September

VOTING UPDATE

Remember to Vote

The clock is ticking.
Voting closes at 4pm

TODAY

Wednesday 10th September

There is still time for you to vote in our School Board election.

We need 5 parent representatives to join the Westbrook School Board.

Schooled have been appointed as the Returning Officer for this election.

Voting instructions have been sent out by the team at Election Pilot.

[Click here to read Candidate Statements](#)

Calendar Art 2025

Exciting!! The art has been done, and has been sent off to Kids Art Works. They will upload the art to their website (the same process as last year).

As soon as it is ready, the website will be opened for orders - calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mat and sketch pads.

Your child will receive an individual code to gain access.

This is a FOTS fundraising event.

We will keep you up to date.



Futsal Term 4

Downloading the Skool Loop app a step by step guide



Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school

1. Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools as required.
4. Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
5. Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
6. Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.
7. Use the circular arrow button at the top of the main screen to toggle between your chosen schools.

NEED MORE HELP OR INFORMATION?

Call Skool Loop on 0800 238 379

 SKOOL LOOP



THE LOCAL SCHOOL FUTSAL COMPETITION WILL BE RUN IN
TERM 4 2025 ON SUNDAYS FROM 10:00AM TO 7:30PM
AT THE ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ARENA.

THE COMPETITION IS SCHEDULED TO RUN FOR 7 WEEKS
STARTING OCTOBER 12TH, AND FINISHING ON NOVEMBER 30TH
(EXCLUDING LABOUR WEEKEND).

TEAMS ARE YEAR 4-6 AND CAN BE ALL GIRLS, ALL BOYS OR MIXED.

ENTRY FEE PER PLAYER WILL BE \$25.00.

TEAMS NEED TO BE REGISTERED BY
WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER (WEEK 1).

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE

JOIN THE 'TERM 4 WESTBROOK FUTSAL' GROUP ON SKOOL LOOP
AND FILL IN YOUR DETAILS.

CUT OFF FOR THIS WILL BE WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT 9AM.

ONCE THE TEAMS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PAY ON KINDO.



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KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

This week was all about *the kids calling the shots*! We kicked things off with an exciting **bridge-building challenge**, testing whose bridge could hold a rock the longest – the creativity and teamwork were amazing!

From here, every game and activity is handpicked by the kids themselves, making for a week full of laughter, surprises, and unique ideas. It was wonderful to see the kids take the lead, share their favourites, and create a programme that truly reflected their interests.



What's happening next week!



THEME: A Knight's Tale!

Term 3 Week 10, 15th September 2025

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Westbrook

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Bubble Painting & Structured Free Time	Who am I? & Structured Free Time	Jousting Sticks & Structured Free Time	Homemade Cookies & Structured Free Time	Board Games & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Stepmother Tag	Game: Fly Seagull Fly	Game: Line Tag	Game: Red Light, Green Light	Game: Traffic
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Chips and Salsa & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yoghurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cookies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Top Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Stuck in the Mud	Game: Quick Fire Cricket	Game: Capture the Flag
	CRAFT Medieval Goblet	GAME Rub the Gauntlet	DISCOVERY Marshmallow Catapult	SPORT Horse Racing	COOKING Cinnamon Scrolls
3:45 - 4:30 pm					
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Croackers	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Baking
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Mother may I? & Projects	Game: Where's Wally? & Projects	Game: Sharks, Islands & Fish & Projects	Game: Sheep & Wolves & Projects	Game: Slide Tag & Projects

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 22 Sept – Fri 3 Oct



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Super Squad Day, craft and cooking activities, awesome games & MUCH MORE!

Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full up-to-date timetable for your venue.

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WESTBROOK SCHOOL



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WEEK 1

Mon 22 September



BOOTCAMP MADNESS

Join us for fun obstacle courses, test your strength and fuel up with energising treats!

Tues 23 September



SUPER SQUAD

What super hero will you be? Choose your favourite and come along in costume. Lots of super fun to be had! We'll see which supers win in an epic game of hero-ball.

Wed 24 September



WONDERLAND 3D MAZE

Join us for an awesome trip day to the Wonderland 3D Maze. Will you find your way out? Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.

Thurs 25 September



ARTY PARTY

Let's get creative and have fun making a meal! Join us for a day of games, arts and crafts as we look at many ways to use paint & paper.

Fri 26 September



OUT OF THIS WORLD

Climb aboard the Kelly Club spaceship as we shoot off into the galaxy. Let's see what we can find in outer space.

WEEK 2

Mon 29 September



GREEN THUMBS

Get ready to grow some fun! Bring your green thumbs and enjoy everything about our gardens. We will plant seeds, soak up the sun and finish with a magic garden tea party!

Tues 30 September



DRAGONS AND UNICORNS

Step into a magical world and test your bravery as you slay the mighty dragon, or perhaps you'll fly through the clouds with the unicorns. You decide today!

Wed 1 October



HUNGERBALL

Kelly Club Selects will join us today for an awesome day of Hungerrball. Which Kelly Club will come out on top? Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat. \$20 extra for the day.

Thurs 2 October



SPIN OUT

What spins and twirls! Wheels of course! Bring your lakes, scooters, and skateboards for a wheele fun day!

No Helmet, No Ride

Fri 3 October



MYSTERIOUS MONSTERS

There's no need to be afraid of the monsters on Kelly Club today! They may be mysterious but they are fun and friendly.

Pricing:

FULL WEEK: \$290 **FULL DAY: \$57** **HALF DAY: \$39**

7:00am – 4:00pm 7:00am – 4:00pm 7:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 4:00pm

SCHOOL DAY: \$47 **EVENT DAY: Extra \$20**

8:30am – 3:00pm (Included in Full Week)

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EVERY WEDNESDAY AT THE SMALLBONE PARK HOCKEY TURF
22nd October to 10th December and 14th January - 25th February

OPTION #1

FAMILY SOCIAL LEAGUE 5:30-8:00pm

- 7 aside with rolling subs played on artificial turf.
- All ages
- Super social teams only as this caters for parents and whanau from the youngest to the oldest of ages wanting to play together in a fun relaxed atmosphere.

\$350 Per Team

OPTION #2

SENIOR SOCIAL LEAGUE 5:30-8:00pm

- 7 aside with rolling subs played on artificial turf.
- Adults and Youth 14+
- Grab a team of friends, family or workmates and join the fun!

\$350 per team

REGISTER A TEAM NOW-GO TO [LAKESFC.COM/SUMMERFOOTBALL](https://www.lakesfc.com/summerfootball)



**ROTORUA
BMX CLUB**

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Welcome to Rotorua BMX Club and our Start Up to Race programme for beginners. Terms 1 and 4.

'Start Up to Race' is a fun, skills-oriented development programme that introduces kids to the sport of BMX. There is a big emphasis on fun and learning, fun and friendship, fun and going fast, fun and riding bikes...

When: Starting October 9th 2025
Thursdays 4.30pm- 5.15pm (session 1)

Suitable for:
• 7 years and under
• New to BMX or no gate experience

Thursdays 5.30pm- 6.30pm (session 2)

Suitable for:
• 8 years and older

Where: Rotorua BMX Track
Corner of State Highway 5 and Waipa State Mill Rd

What's Involved:

• **Coaching:** focusing on skills and development. A fun environment helping kids build their confidence and technique.

• **Gear needed:** bike, long sleeve top and long pants, closed in shoes, gloves, helmet (full face when using the gate), under 8 years old must also wear elbow and knee pads.

• **Hire option:** BMX bike \$5 per night, limited availability, helmet, gloves, and pads \$5 per night. Hire available from 4.15pm.

• **Cost:** You will need to purchase a Club Membership plus a Race Licence. These will be valid until the end of the 2025 year. There are more details about what membership you will need here:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/rotorua/bmx/Become-a-Member>

Need help? Email rotorua@aimu@hotmail.com or message us on Facebook 'Rotorua BMX Club'

GOAL

FOOTBALL ACADEMY



SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

for 6-13 Year old Boys and Girls.

Dates:

Monday 22 September
Tuesday 23 September

Monday 29 September
Tuesday 30 September

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: \$45 per player per day

Location: Western Heights Primary School Field, Turf and Gym

Programme: Our days are spent having fun playing and learning about football. We group the children into age and ability groups working on 4 concepts of the game through the morning and then putting it all together with fun game-based tournaments in the afternoons. We also like to sprinkle in some other entertaining events and games to keep your children engaged and smiling!

Register: Online at www.goalfootballacademy.nz/holiday-programme-registration



More info and register at: www.goalfootballacademy.nz

Or text/phone Ben on 021 053 8978

Parking around the school boundaries

We have some unhappy 'neighbours' around the school boundaries. At times, they are struggling to get INTO their own driveways, particularly around 3pm, as cars are blocking the entrance way. Please remember that cars **MUST NOT be parked within 1 metre either side of a driveway**. We thank you for your respect of others.

Going Home at 3pm

We have a problem at the moment with a number of students returning to school after 3pm, either on bikes, scooters, skateboards etc. The school is a busy place for teachers after school, with meetings going on most days, as well as parent meetings and onsite after school care etc.

We respectfully request that once students go home, that they do not come back until the next day! There is no supervision after school, and we have had some near misses with children on bikes etc.

If your child has a sports practice, they need to go home and come back at the appropriate time.

SEESAW DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS

At Westbrook we use the Seesaw digital portfolio to share your child's learning journey with you. Please take the time to go on to it regularly and view or comment on your child's work. The children love to see their parents taking an interest in what they do at school. Reporting to parents about their child's progress and achievement is also done through Seesaw. If you have not yet joined Seesaw, please do so as soon as possible. Your child's teacher can assist you with this if you need help.



We invite you to visit the SchoolDocs site at <https://westbrook.schooldocs.co.nz>. Our username is "westbrook" and password "pomare". If you wish to review one of our Term 2 review topics, please follow the instructions below.

SchoolDocs Instructions for Reviewers

1. Follow the link to each policy.
2. Read the policy.
3. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
4. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
5. Enter your name.
6. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, the school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

Term 3 policies

- [Child Protection](#)
- [Abuse Recognition and Reporting](#)
- [Food and Nutrition](#)
- [Safety Checking](#)
- [Police Vetting](#)
- [Missing Student Procedure](#)

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SCHOOL LUNCH OPTIONS



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- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS WHEN USING LUNCHONLINE

- Always remember to press "Submit" once you have completed your order
- "Transactions" will show all your top-ups and purchases
- Remember to check the cut off time for your providers. To view cut-off times and menus – go to "Menus" under "Families" on the Home Page

If your child is unwell or can't attend school, log onto Lunchonline, click on to the order for this day-you will see a cancel button. This must be done before the providers cut off time for ordering (most providers are 9am on the day of delivery, but some vary - check with your school).



SUSHI (Mondays Only)



Supplied by Sushi Bar Haru

Every Monday, sushi is available for lunch and is ordered and paid for on [KINDO](#) or at the school office.

4 pieces of teriyaki chicken or salmon sushi
\$5.00 a pack

Small Chicken Katsu or Teriyaki on Rice
\$5.00

Large Katsu or Teriyaki on Rice
\$7.00

Sushi will be delivered to the classroom with the other lunches.



Atua Wahine is a powerful musical and movement piece that breathes life into the ancient narratives of Māori goddesses. Directed and designed by Rangipo Ihakara in collaboration with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, this work brings together female performers of all ages in a celebration of Atua Wahine through Māori contemporary dance, classical orchestration, and taonga puoro.

Student tickets: \$22 (Matinees, excl fees)

Where: Sir Howard Morrison Centre - Sir Owen Glenn Theatre

Themes: dance, theatre, singing, kapa haka, music, te ao Māori, drama, performing.

Discount links:

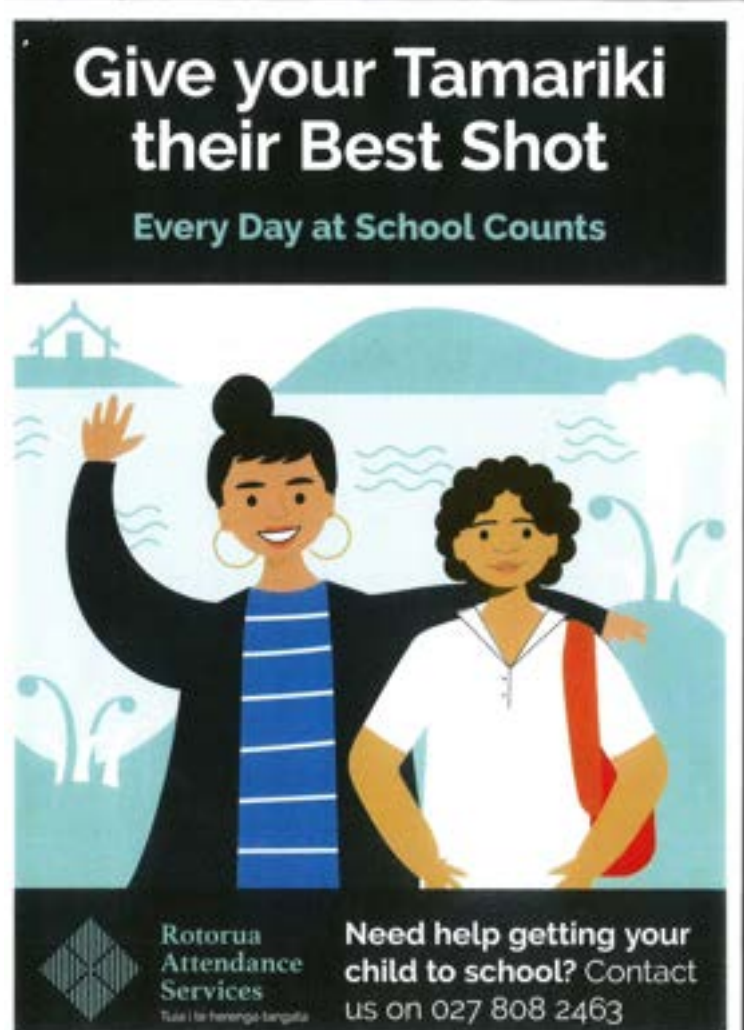
Friday 12 September 11am

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/240062F6B55813E3?did=kura>

Saturday 13 September 11am

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/240062F6B55813E5?did=kura>

[More info](#)



Reminder of our 'Rubbish' policy

We will encourage children to repack their plastic or paper lunch wrappings, yoghurt containers, or cardboard drink containers back into their lunch boxes and take them home.

This encourages more recycling and will limit our school's landfill waste.

We will also have containers for waste food scraps which we will either compost or use to feed our worm farms.



Alert to all our Whanau

[Ministry Parent Portal](#)

This is an amazing new resource you might like to check out.

Lots of great ways to support your tamariki at home with their learning.

Clear indicators for the Year level your child is in and what to expect with the New Zealand curriculum coverage.

It also gives you information around how schools manage attendance, learning support, health, safety and well being as well as transition to school.

A wonderful new resource you might like to buy for your whanau.

Constable Viv shared this book with our staff and some classes during our KOS sessions. We have since purchased some for our school.

You can buy these directly from the publisher.

mybodymytaonga@gmail.com

We got a wonderful message from the author 'Thank you Westbrook School, Rotorua for supporting body safety education for tamariki' Nga mihi Rosalind



Drop Off and Pick Up

The children have adapted to our safe system for dropping children at school and picking them up after school. This is generally working well, however we still have some concerns with drivers leaving cars unattended and parking in our drop off/pick up zone. We appreciate your support with following our systems.

Please remind your children each day where you will be picking them up at 3pm.

The five Loading Zone spaces on Malfroy Road will remain available for parents to safely drop off and pick up only. Staff will continue to supervise these sites until further notice

Where possible, please encourage your children to get in and out of the car on the footpath side, not the road side. Ensure your child is safely secured with their seatbelt before leaving the car park area/loading zone.



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