



(Guidance for the following resource)

Greeting strangers

1. Children are often told not to talk to strangers, but what if they need to for some reason?
2. Whilst we need to make sure they understand that they should not just 'talk to anyone', we do not want to terrify them, so they do not want to go outside
3. We have come up with a simple activity for you to do with your child
4. We have given you 6 pictures of potential strangers – Doctor, Shop Keeper, School Caretaker, Police Officer, Nurse and Stranger with a puppy
5. Essentially, we want your child to decide on their greeting for each person – is it a Hello, Handshake, High Five or Hug that you are going to give that person
6. It is important for your child to know why they've made that decision, so we have spoken to parents, carers, guardians and professionals, and come up with the following simple advice – this is all on the sheet for you as well
7. Do they need to do anything else apart from say a cheerful hello to someone?
8. 'Hello' or 'Hi Five' a stranger, NEVER hug! There is no need for any touching. The person might seem nice, but we don't know if we can trust them. We need an adult we know we can trust to help with this
9. Handshakes are formal - sometimes someone like a doctor or the Police might want to shake your hand, it's a more formal way to say hello
10. Hugs are special - if something is special then it shouldn't be given away easily. Only hug a person you know you can trust, someone the person that looks after you says is OK
11. Use this advice to complete the activity with your child
12. Please make sure your child really understands this as well please, it is very important
13. Even if a stranger has a puppy, another sort of animal or a really good story, they should not be trusted. Your child should come away from them STRAIGHT AWAY and come and tell you
14. Some further excellent information can be found at: www.clevernevergoes.org/schools/
15. And, if you have any questions please contact us on: info@dogduckandcat.co.uk

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If you meet someone new
what do you do?

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Do you need to do anything else
apart from say a cheerful hello?

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If so, why not a high five?
It is friendly, but not too friendly!

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There might be a time when a handshake is fine -
sometimes someone like a doctor or the Police
might want to shake your hand

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But NEVER hug a stranger,
no matter who they are, as there is
no need for it. The person might seem nice, but we
don't know if we can trust them. We need an adult,
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Talk to your child about how they should greet each of these people?



Doctor



Shop Keeper



School Caretaker



Police Officer



Nurse



Stranger with puppy