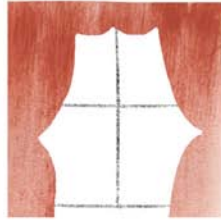


Ali hated mornings.
He yawned and stretched up high.
Instead of getting dressed for school
he watched the time fly by.





At ten to nine
Mum shouted,



“Come on, we’re really late!
Your class will soon be starting
and school will lock the gate!”



“I’m a little snail!” He said,
sliding on the floor.
Ali’s Mum was furious
waiting by the door.

Every day he messed around,
without a single worry,
causing Mum to get upset
when they were in a hurry.

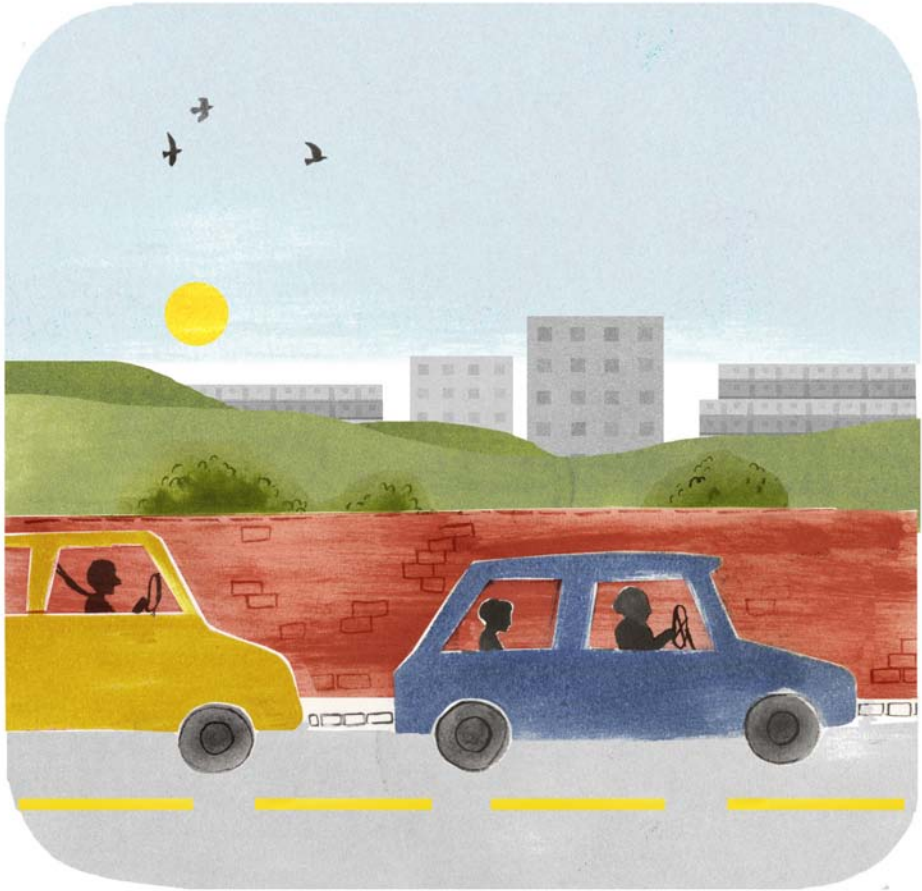




Ali climbed into the car
and perched upon his seat.
The long grey belt and booster seat
kept him safe a treat!



Someone else was travelling
in the car that day,
Ali's baby sister,
little Anisha-Mae.



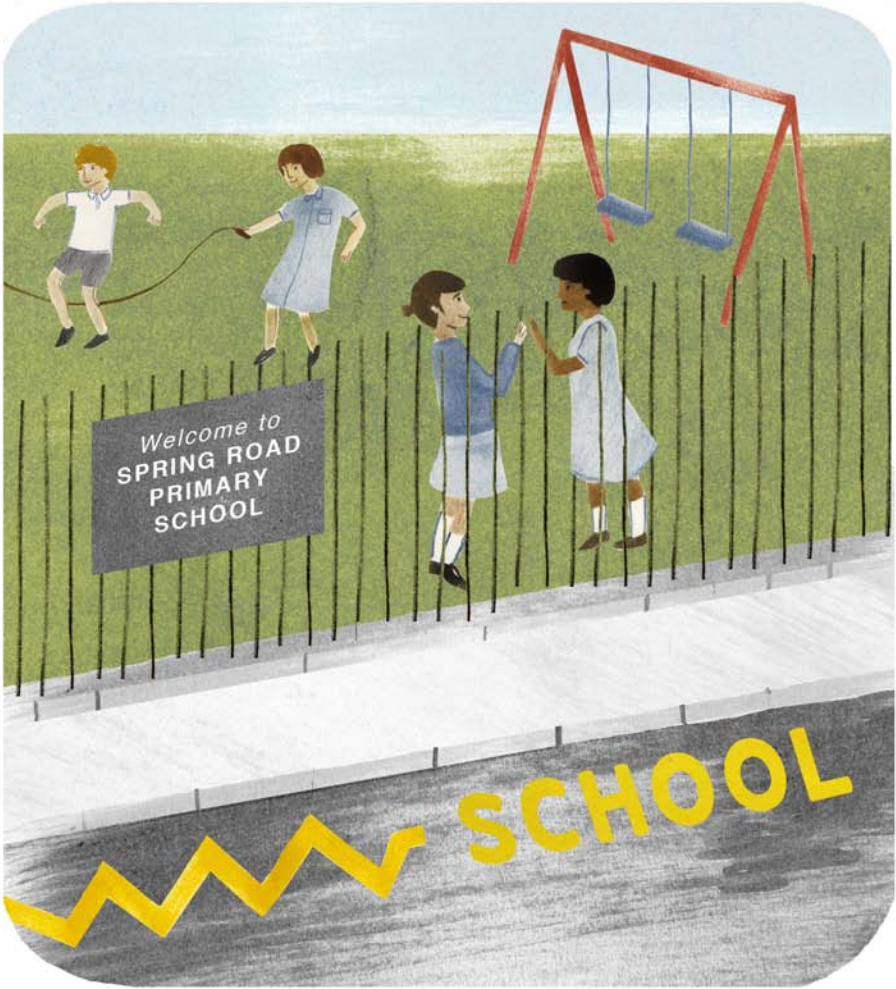
The engine started roaring,
the wheels began to spin.
Mum drove faster than she should
What a hurry they were in!



Mum whizzed towards the building,
pulling up outside,
feeling so frustrated,
she could have almost cried!

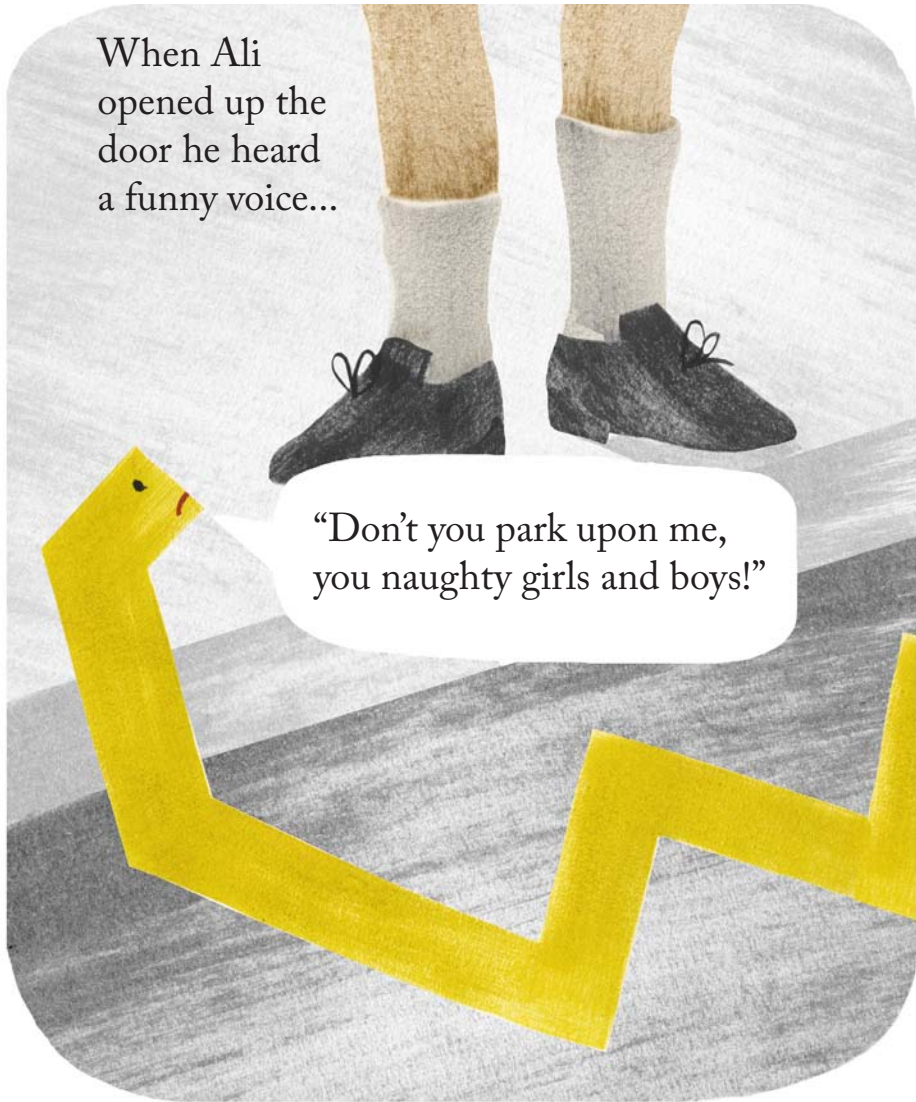


Wanting to get closer
Mum parked right by the school.
Then she did a silly thing, and broke
one important rule.



Painted on the road
were yellow zig zag lines.
Ali and his sister
had seen them lots of times.

When Ali
opened up the
door he heard
a funny voice...

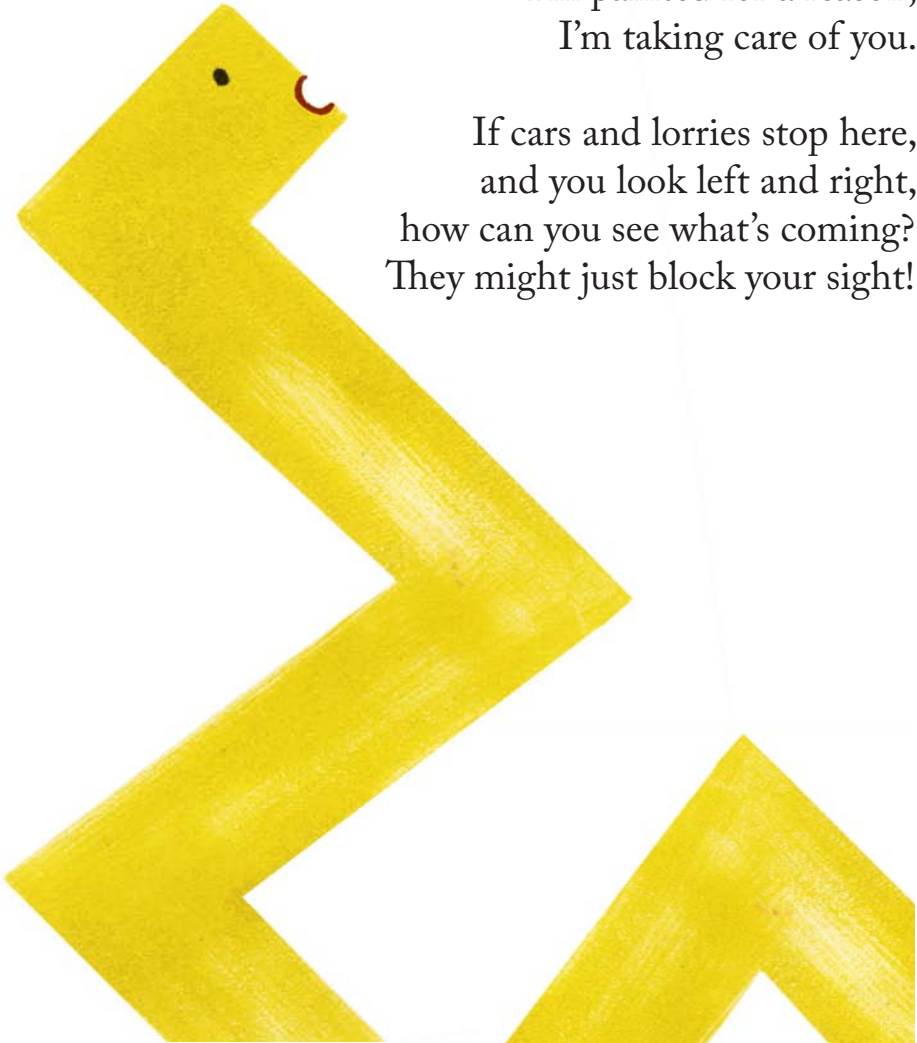


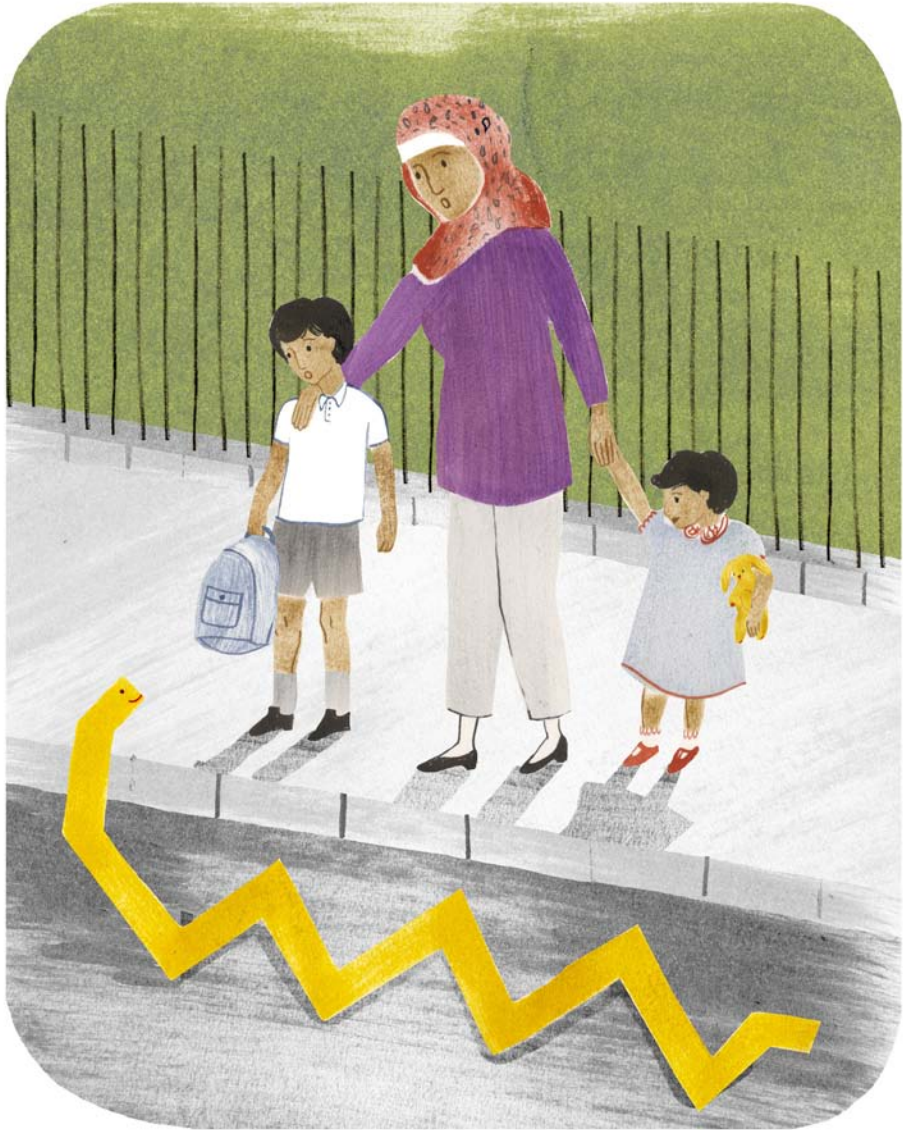
He gazed down at his feet.
There were two, great big, black eyes
staring up at Ali.
The small boy was surprised!

The zig zag line was speaking!
Mum came to listen too.

“I’m painted for a reason,
I’m taking care of you.

If cars and lorries stop here,
and you look left and right,
how can you see what’s coming?
They might just block your sight!





If you stepped out into the road
So that you could see,
something bad could happen!
Let's think what that could be...

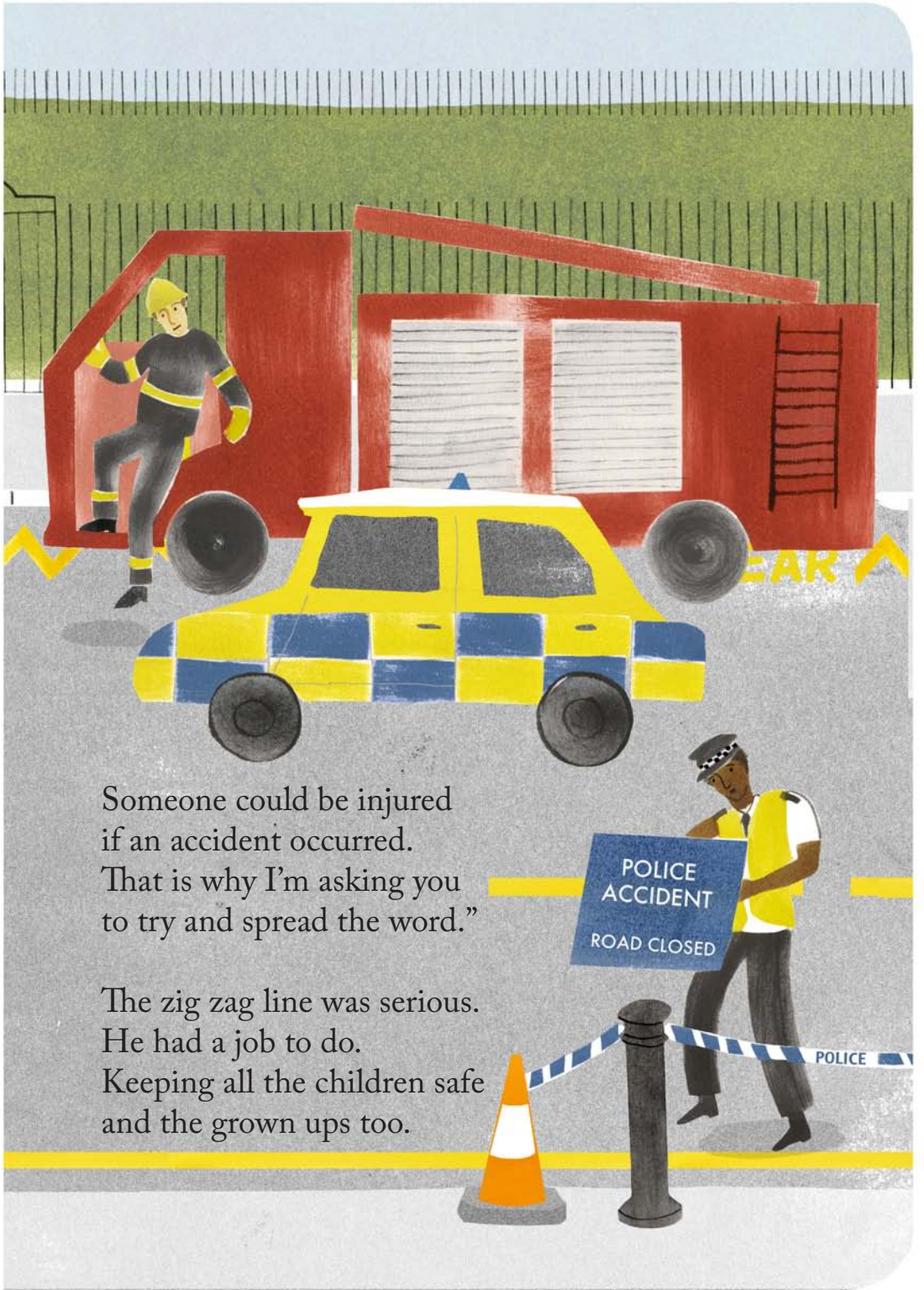
Welcome to
SPRING ROAD
PRIMARY SCHOOL



POLICE
ACCIDENT
ROAD CLOSED

SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR





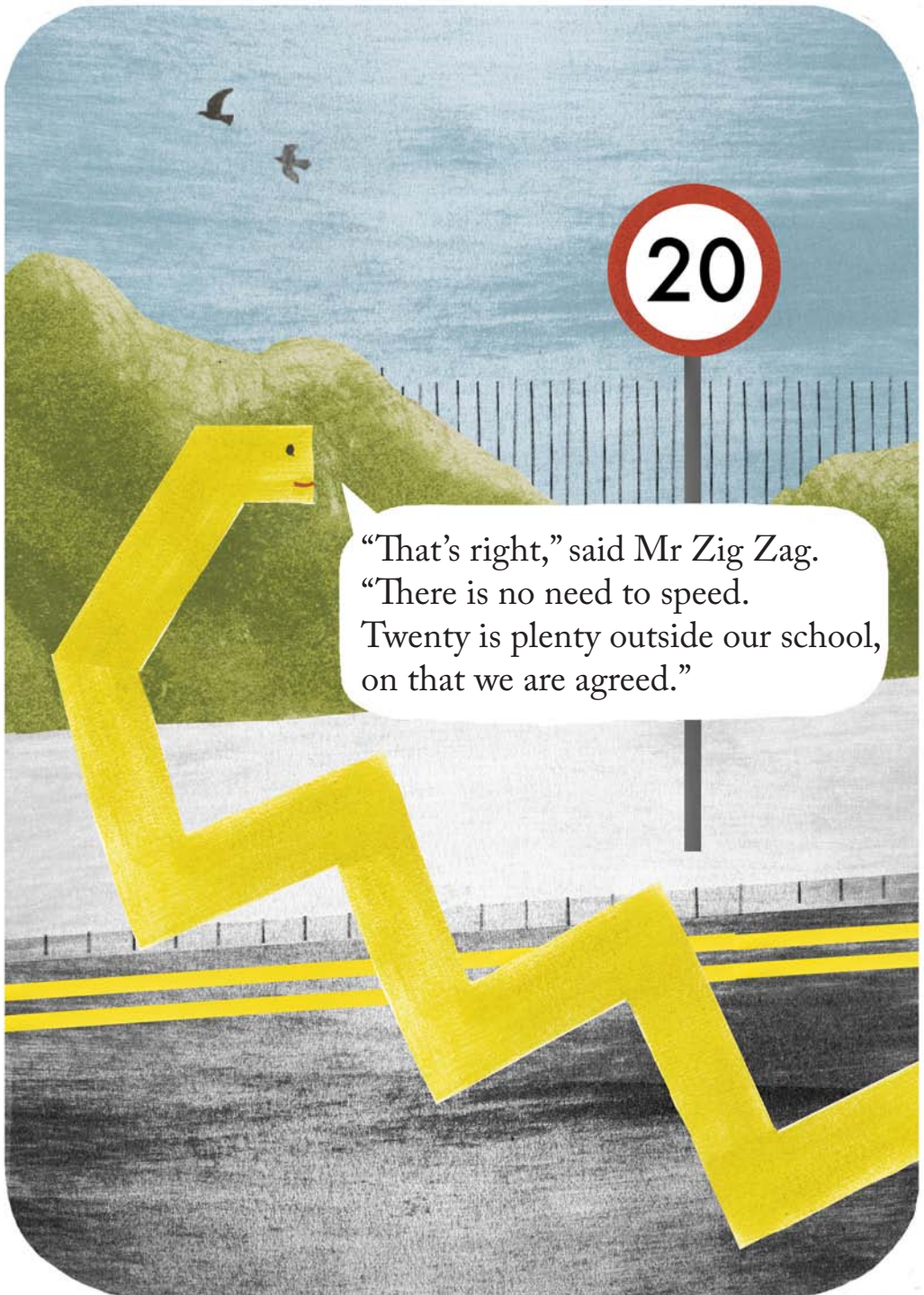
Someone could be injured if an accident occurred. That is why I'm asking you to try and spread the word."

The zig zag line was serious. He had a job to do. Keeping all the children safe and the grown ups too.

Ali gently hugged his Mum.
“Tomorrow I’ll be good -
I’ll get dressed in the morning
to be early like I should.”

That way we won’t have to rush
and you can take your time
to find a safer parking spot,
away from zig zag lines.”





“That’s right,” said Mr Zig Zag.
“There is no need to speed.
Twenty is plenty outside our school,
on that we are agreed.”



W-W-SCHOOL-KEEP-CLEAR-W-W

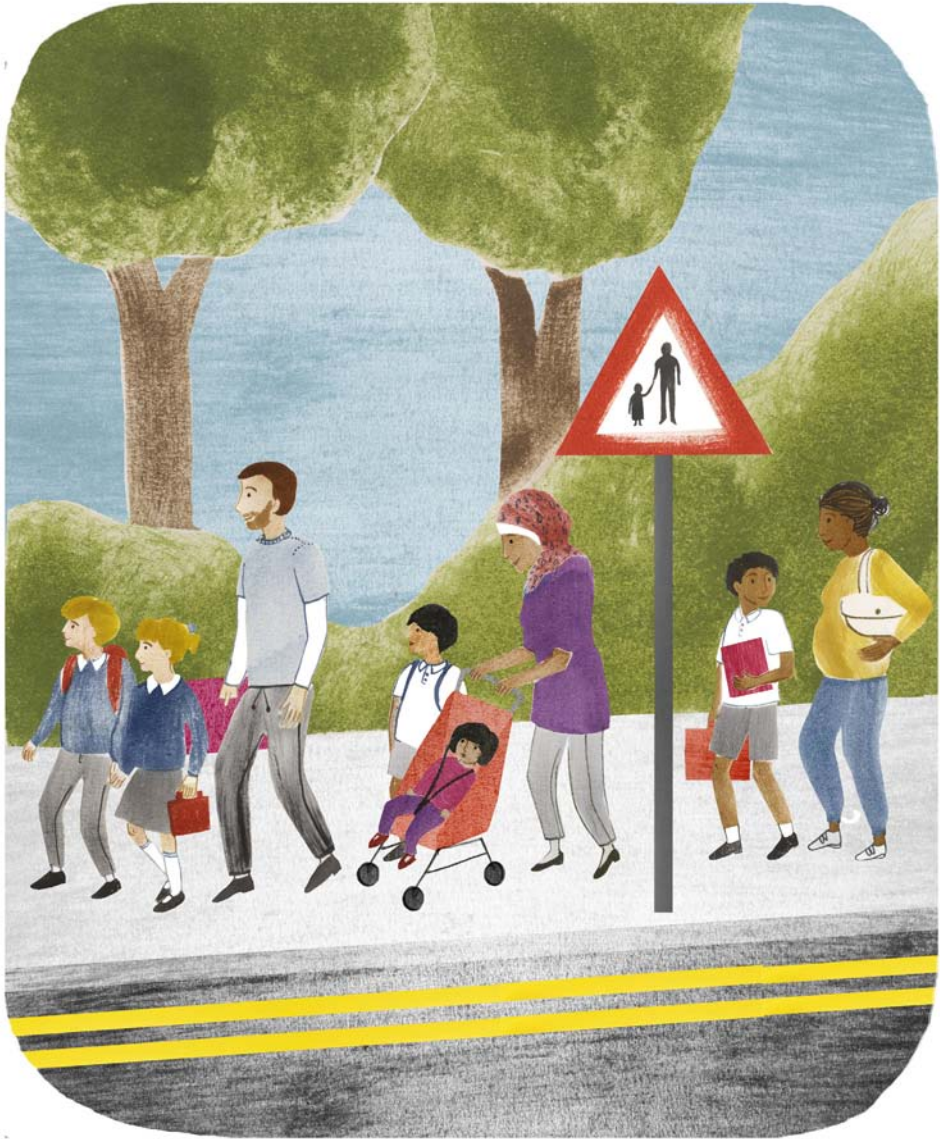
Ali started noticing
all the different lines.
He looked along the school road,
and saw road safety signs.

“I see some double yellow lines.
Can you tell me what they mean?
I know the colour yellow
is good for being seen!”



“You mustn’t stop...
they mean “no parking here”.
The lines make roads much safer
telling vehicles to keep clear.”

“Thank you Mr Zig Zag.”
Mum smiled down to the face.
“I’ll move my car right away
to a better, safer place.”

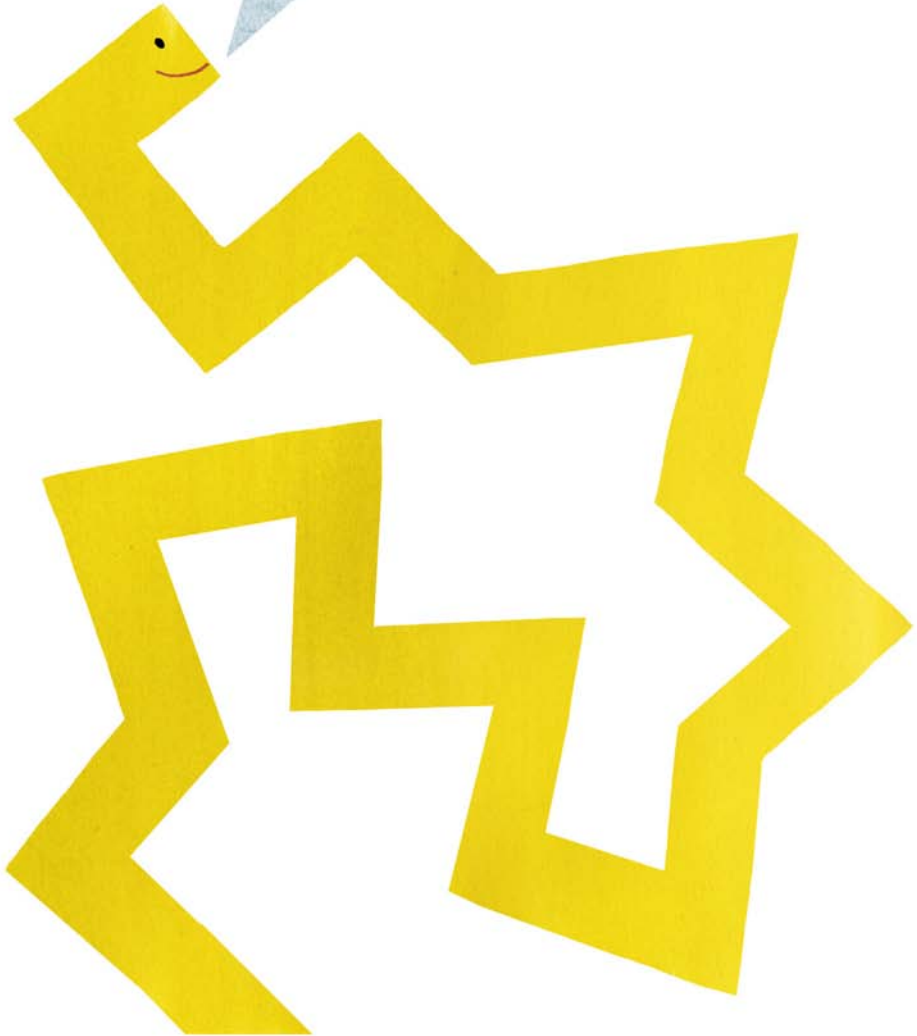


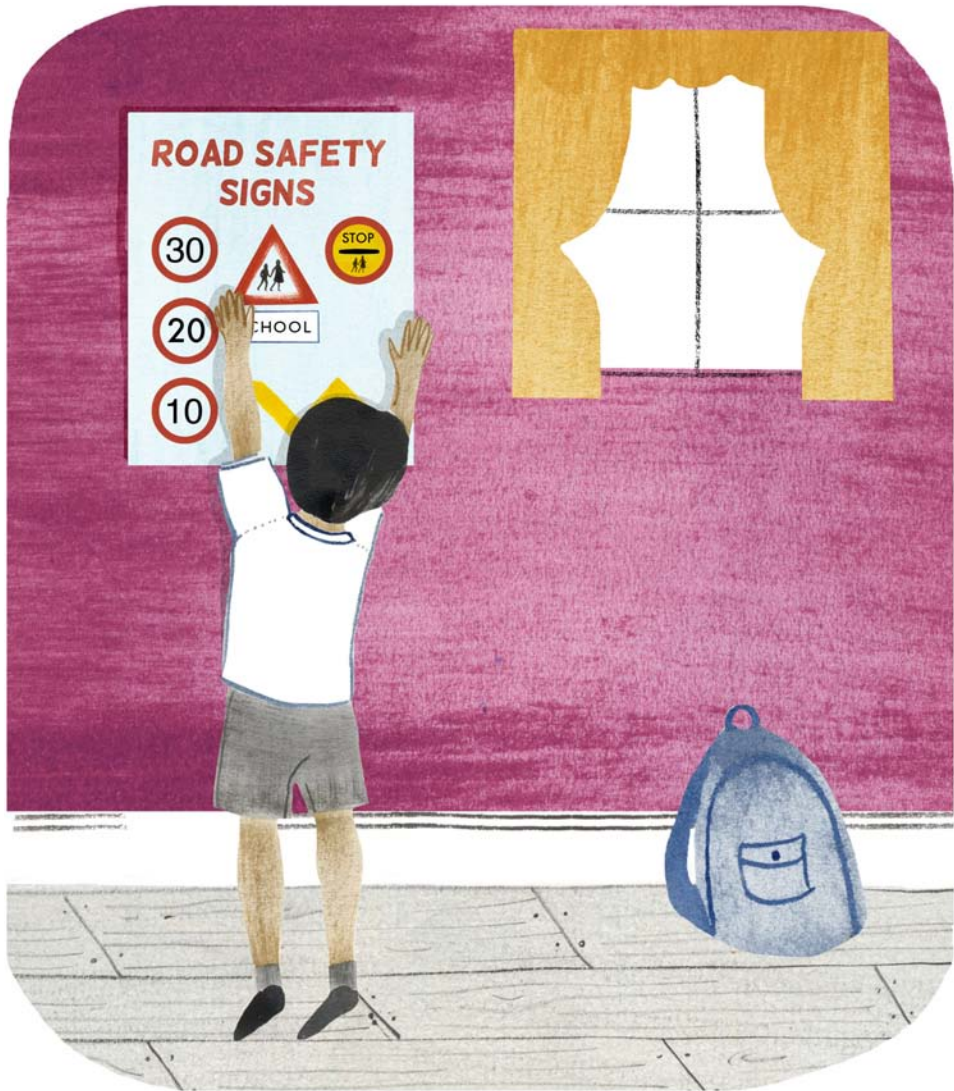
“Don’t forget,” said Zig Zag
“You could always walk to school!
It keeps you fit and healthy,
which I think is really cool!”

Ali told his friends at school,
who then told all their mates.
They asked parents and their carers
to keep clear from school gates.



“Thank you!”





Remember Zig Zag's lesson
for the right way to behave.
Listen to this good advice
to keep your family safe.