



Governing Body

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Dear Parents,

RE: Getting to school safely

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the Parking Survey. We had comprehensive and thorough responses from over 130 parents, who drive and walk to school in equal numbers. This information is helping us to make changes.

There is now a working party on the Governing Body specifically focused on using information and suggestions from parents to engage external partners of the school, and to ultimately improve road safety for our children.

The first success is that commitment and funding to repaint all of the road markings near the school has been secured. This will make the parking restrictions on School Road significantly clearer. These markings will be repainted on **24th February**. Please note there will be no access to School Road on that day.

This is only the first step; we are also meeting with the Parish Council to ask for support, with a number of other possible solutions, to make it easier for parents to park safely.

We need the support of parents to help resolve this issue. We will keep you fully informed as this project progresses and let you know how you can help us further.

There is a way that **all parents and carers can help make the school run safer right now**. Even when time is a challenge please **THINK SAFETY before convenience** when you park.

The results of the survey clearly demonstrate how concerned your fellow parents are about this issue:

- **95%** agreed that you often see parking at school which is unsafe and inconsiderate
- **91%** agreed it is difficult for children to cross the road safely en route to school.
- **2 in 3** parents have personally witnessed an incident where someone could have been hurt

Where you choose to park matters.

- **82%** of you agree it only takes a little effort to park safely

As a Governing Body we are committed to the safety of our children, by continuing to find ways to ensure that our children are safe on their way to and from school. We also seek ways to make it easier for parents and carers to park safely, and continue to welcome any comments you may have. Please let us know your thoughts via the Governors email at the top of the page.

As parents and carers at drop off and collection, we ask you to make the same commitment to all our children's safety. Please park legally, considerately and safely.

Yours faithfully

The Governing Body

