

Dear Parents/Carers,

Road Safety Week

This week is Road Safety Week. I appreciate that parking around the school site is not easy but ask that adults look to park a little further away from the school site to prevent the streets immediately around the school site from becoming so congested.

We ask that parents do not drive into or park in the Beverley Garden area to allow a safe pedestrian access to school.

Please remember:

- Parking across drives, even for a few minutes, can cause great frustration and distress to our residents;
- Parking on the pavement makes it very difficult for people with prams/pushchairs or disabilities;
- Parking on the pavement can be very *dangerous* as vehicles moving on the pavement are a hazard, especially for small children, as is forcing pedestrians to step into the road to get around a parked vehicle;
- Parking on corners prevents a clear view for those crossing the road;
- Parking, waiting or stopping to let passengers out on the school keep clear sign or at safer crossing points is dangerous
- Parking in such a way as to prevent emergency vehicle access could be life threatening.

Walking to school is beneficial for our children its a great way to become healthier and can positively contribute to a child's development and better academic performance.

As mentioned previously, we are currently working with Councillor Bainbridge and Highways on a potential solution. I am currently looking into an initiative called **School Streets**. I would be very interested in hearing any views on this scheme and how any members of our school community may be able to support.

School Streets

School Streets schemes aim to transform roads outside schools, so that pedestrians and cyclists can use them at school start and finish times. Removing vehicles outside the school gates makes the space safer, less polluted, and more pleasant, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school. They create a more pleasant environment for everyone, whilst making sure that residents, businesses, pedestrians, and cyclists can still use the road. You can find out all you need to know about School Streets and how your school can get involved by visiting www.schoolstreets.org.uk

Many thanks for your continued support with this matter

Mrs A Brinton

HEADTEACHER