



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Road Safety

We have received several reports from concerned parents regarding the congested roads around the three school sites and the possible danger for our children as they cross local roads near the school. As many of the cars driving around the local area will be our parents dropping off or picking up their children, please consider the following points to help keep all of our children safe:

- Whenever possible, encourage your child to walk or cycle to school. It is the healthiest form of transportation for both your child and our local environment.
- There is very little suitable parking on the roads directly adjacent to the three school sites. Please park in a safe spot at a good walking distance from the school and complete the rest of the journey on foot.
- Do not park across or in the drives of our local residents. The former is a parking offence for which you can receive a ticket and the latter is considered to be trespassing. Either action is inconsiderate and causes problems for our neighbours in the local community.
- Never 'double park' as this makes it very difficult for our children to see clearly that it is safe for them to cross the road.
- Slow right down when driving in the vicinity of the school sites. If you are driving at 30mph and a child runs out, your stopping distance will be at least 23 metres (6 car lengths).
- Leave lots of time for your journey so that you are not tempted to speed.
- Be extra observant when driving in our local roads as some children might be distracted while walking and suddenly move into the road.
- Teach your child road safety awareness. There are many resources on-line, such as:

<https://www.brake.org.uk/component/content/article/21-facts-a-resources/resources/321-parents>

Yours faithfully,

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