

Safeguarding Issues Around School

There have been a number of staff/parents recently who have expressed concern about issues around school where they feel child safety is being put at risk and I would like to share them with the whole of the school family. I feel personally too that they are very important and I agree with the concerns that have been raised. Some of these comments have been made in person to me—others have been written on the sheets school recently sent out for parental comments on aspects of school life.

Driving and Parking Around School

1. Please avoid the back street near the side of school and round near the Nursery. Recently it was reported that cars were reversing back down Tommy Lane and round the back street putting pedestrians in real danger.
2. The area outside the main car park has to be available at all times for emergency access. There are clear signs stating this yet still people ignore them and block the car park entrance - WHY?. It could be your child in danger if we need a fire engine or ambulance!

PLEASE TAKE CARE DRIVING AROUND SCHOOL AND IF POSSIBLE PARK AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND WALK THE LAST BIT!



Pedestrian Congestion!

Again many parents have mentioned how congested it is at the main gate at home time and down the slope. **Please:** Keep the gate area clear so children can exit easily. Do not wait on the slope as this blocks the way for other parents/children. Remember that Reception parents need to get to the classroom—sometimes with prams and need room!



Use The Crossing Patrol!

Please use the crossing patrol whenever you can. It is the safest way!

Bikes in School

Please note that when bikes are used for school: All cyclists should be wearing a safety helmet! Bikes **MUST NOT BE RIDDEN** in the school grounds, particularly on the paths and the main slope entrance.

Arriving At School

CHILDREN SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL NO EARLIER THAN 8.45am.

There is no outside supervision at all before 8.50am.

If children are there on their own—they are at risk!

IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER THEN SCHOOL CAN BECOME A SAFER PLACE!