



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: **School yellow zig-zags – the next steps**

The Traffic Committee is made up of committed parents, pupils and staff looking to try to improve safety for our children around the school gates at morning and afternoon drop off times.

Can we just say a big thank you, from the traffic Committee, to the parents/carers and children who have helped keep the school's yellow zig-zag lines clear in recent months.

We were planning, for our next step, to recruit more parents to help with the patrols, firstly to keep the lines clear and secondly to help place bollards on the lines. Unfortunately, volunteers are hard to come by at this busy time of the day.

Despite running the parking patrol initiative for almost 6 months, there still seems work to be done. Despite the obvious benefits to all our children's safety, some people still insist on parking on the zig zags; notwithstanding, of these, there are now far fewer parents. We have a conundrum: too much has been achieved thus far and it is too critical an issue, for us to leave it there. However, without more volunteers, this way of working is becoming unsustainable.

We recognise the parking situation around the school is far from straightforward for parents, especially at the end of the day when the 'drop off zone' is of less use and areas like the Common car park become jammed and equally dangerous for pupils. The car park here has been extended and there are unlikely to be any more structural changes in the near future. Therefore all we can realistically do, to keep 'pick up' and 'drop off' safer for our children, is look to change our habits, and this has to mean leaving more time for our journey and then parking on one of the roads further away from school and walking in. It does mean leaving a little more time (something none of us are very good at when we are using a car a rushing from place to place) but clearly we would all want to put the safety of our children above our convenience and haste.

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We have decided on several next steps, which we would like you to know about:-

1. We will continue to do everything we can to maintain the patrols and keep the profile of road safety high around the school.
2. Given that the profile of the zig zags has now been raised to an appropriate level and expectations have been clarified (you cannot stop on the yellow zig zags at any point between Mon-Fri 0800-1700), we will now have to start reporting any offending cars directly to the Police. Please be aware, the fine could be £60 and 3 penalty points.
3. We will promote 'driving and walking' through 'Walk to School' initiatives.
4. We will continue to work with the Parish Council on trying to improve parking options for parents.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us to keep our school site safe for the children.

Yours sincerely
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