

St. Margaret's C.E. Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Traffic, parking and the danger to our children and community

Traffic congestion and parking around school has deteriorated in recent months and myself and the PTFA have become very concerned, particularly after witnessing some near misses.

Therefore, the PTFA have kindly funded some new traffic cones, replacing those that have become damaged by vehicles. You may well have noticed these on Knutton Road during the last week or so.

Although we all appreciate time pressures during the working week, I am sure you will agree that our priority is keeping the children safe. **The thought of one of our lovely children sustaining an injury, during a collision with a vehicle, is simply awful.**

As a staff/parent team, we have come up with some guidance for all road users around school. We would appreciate it greatly if everyone follows these below.

GUIDANCE

Please:

- > Think carefully where you park – further down Knutton Road or the cricket club is better
- > Do not park on the yellow lines
- > Do not park or stop on the yellow zig zags
- > Do not park on the curb/pavement
- > Avoid parking close to the top of Knutton Road – this is a poor visibility hotspot
- > Do not park/stop within the green coned area
- > Drive slowly on Knutton Road or surrounding streets
- > Avoid turning round in the school drive entrance...it's within the zig zags
- > If your child crosses when after alighting a vehicle, reiterate the importance of checking carefully to see if cars are approaching
- > Ask the children to cross with Mr Tunnicliffe as it's safer
- > Do not block our neighbours' driveways or park on their drive
- > Be very careful at pedestrian crossings – we've seen a vehicle that didn't stop on High Street

Thank you in anticipation of your support. As we are such a special school community, we are confident that we can work together to make local roads safer for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr D Hugill (Headteacher) & St Margaret's PTFA