

Headteacher: Mrs R Austin

20 April 2018

Dear Parents

As we begin a new term, I would like to take the opportunity to write to you about road safety around the school site and through Ryarsh.

As you may be aware, road safety was the issue with the highest number of responses in the recent parent survey, and we have discussed the feedback in detail at our governors' meeting. In fact, this is an issue which has been raised at a number of meetings by our concerned parent governors. Mrs Austin is working with the Parish council, our MP and Kent County Council to see what options are available to us.

In the meantime, I would urge you all to please drive carefully, considerately and most of all safely, particularly in respect of the following:

- Please do not turn into the lane adjacent to the school, as reversing out of there is a very dangerous manoeuvre at any time, but especially when there are children walking along the pavement
- Please respect the zig-zag markings outside the school which are there to ensure everyone's safety
- Please make best use of the local parking available, rather than parking as close as you can to school; saving a minute is not worth compromising safety

If you are concerned about any vehicle travelling at inappropriate speed, KCC has advised us that you may contact the Kent Police Speed Watch Team at www.kent.police.uk/advice/community-support/speedwatch

Our children's safety must be our primary concern, so please take an extra minute to ensure that you can contribute to making the roads around the school as safe as they can possibly be.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve road safety which you were not able to raise through the parent survey, please contact Mrs Austin or myself, as we would really value your assistance.

Yours sincerely



Rachel Rowland
Chair of Governors