



# Oaklands Infant and Junior Schools

Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire, RG45 6QZ  
Infant School: 01344 774644  
Junior School: 01344 773496



12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Road Safety Concerns

We are in contact with Wokingham regarding the new 'School Street' plan which we discussed last year and the good news is that this public consultation is now complete and the decision to go ahead should be made by Wokingham on 19<sup>th</sup> January. This will be a traffic management scheme which temporarily restricts motor vehicles from waiting, loading or parking during school drop off and pick up times. We desperately need this to keep all our children and families safe. We will keep you informed when we are notified regarding a timeline and you may want to view the plan attached.

Both schools, our parents and residents have been very worried for some time about the increasing number of drivers who feel it is ok to mount a pavement to weave in and out of cars! This puts every pedestrian at risk and everyone should agree that this should not be happening. We know that road works in Nine Mile Ride is putting greater pressure on our roads as an increased number of vehicles are passing through Ellis Road (despite the sign at the end of the road). In addition, there are many phone calls and emails to our schools every day notifying us of 'near misses'; our junior school already has a memorial garden for a former pupil who was killed in a road traffic accident – we must do everything we can to avoid any further tragedy.

Please may we implore everyone who drives to and from school, (and we would ask you to share this with any carers who may drop off/pick up for you), that everyone:

- Leaves home a little earlier and parks in a road that is not Ellis Road or Butler Road to walk a short distance to school
- Avoids mounting any pavements or parking on them
- Parks sensibly and not on a corner or on yellow zig zag lines – these lines are there to ensure entrances to schools remain clear to give visibility for everyone crossing the road to school
- Reduces speed for the safety of all our pupils/families – being late is not an excuse and we would far rather know that everyone arrives safely
- Shows politeness to other drivers/residents/pedestrians



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We have written again to Wokingham (and local councillors) to repeat our concerns and an executive member for highways has been asked to join Wokingham officials on site to see the problems first hand as soon as possible. Please be aware that additional patrols have also been requested.

If any parents feel as concerned as we do, then please make your views known to Wokingham highways/your local MP. The more people that raise their concerns in this way, will add weight to road safety improving.

We would still advise that if you see someone illegally parked on the zig zags or parking on a corner/mounting a pavement that you continue to kindly take a photo and report this to the police on 101. They may then contact you directly regarding this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'E. Weston'.

Miss E Weston  
Acting Headteacher  
Oaklands Infant School

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'H. West'.

Mrs H West  
Headteacher  
Oaklands Junior School