



# Ravensmead Primary School

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## Road Safety

Dear Parent/Carers,

There are few things, if any, more important than keeping our children safe. As the work on the Talke roundabout commences and will last several months the amount of traffic through the village is likely to increase significantly. Together, we must work hard to keep our children and families as safe as possible.

As a school we have taken, and plan a number of initiatives and measures...

- Work closely with our P.C.S.O's who are regularly in attendance at the front of the school at the end of the day.
- Our younger pupils are led by the Borough Council annually on road safety walks around the village and these are reinforced through occasions like our 'litter picks'.
- Older children receive 'bikeability training' and this is very well received.
- On educational visits safe procedures for crossing roads and using coaches is constantly reinforced with risk assessments in place.
- The school has benefitted from visits from Mr Ferns, our Safeguarding Governor who reinforces many vital road safety messages with a focus upon cycling.
- The school recognises that Chapel Street is a busy and narrow street and the school regularly appeals to parents to park safely.

Once again:

- Please park courteously
- avoid blocking pavements (we have several families with visual impairments who are particularly at risk here).
- please make use of our generous offer to use the Audley Football Club Car Park (closed at 9am and 3.30pm)
- NEVER PARK OR TURN ANYWHERE NEAR THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE, THIS IS A WALKWAY.
- encourage where possible, families and children to walk or cycle to school thereby reducing the amount of traffic.
- avoid Chapel Street altogether in ice or snow (Football Club Car Park will be closed).
- if dropping off at Care Club they asked parents not to enter the car park after 8.15am and avoiding entering altogether if you can.

## In Addition

As the term progresses and the light starts to fade

- many of our measures above will be repeated.
- the school will make representations to the Borough council to see if it would be possible to re-schedule Waste Collection in Chapel Street on a Friday. (currently around 9am).

- the Parish Council who worked with the school and the Football Club to secure parking on their site, provided 'hi vis' vests for most of our pupils and the school will purchase additional vests. Please use them.
- please use the zebra crossing to cross the street outside school and demonstrate this with your child.

The suggestion to contact the Borough Council came from a parent and as you know I welcome your suggestions to keep everyone safe. Please don't hesitate to speak to me personally.

D.Bell Head Teacher, supported by  
Sergeant Marcus Ferns – Safeguarding Governor