

17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Sandwell's road safety team are proud of their road safety record, but we are always looking to reduce further the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads.

We are aware the school run in the morning and evening can be stressful for families and school gate parking only adds to that challenging time.

We want the areas around our schools to be as safe as possible for everyone and we regularly review road safety, including signage and engineering measures around these areas.

Sandwell's road safety education team work in partnership with our schools, highway engineers, parking team, local police and organisations to encourage as many adults and children to walk to school whenever possible.

Walking to school is a great way to practise road safety, it can be a sociable way to start the day, it helps everyone to keep fit, it reduces air pollution around school entrances and children arrive at school energised and ready to learn.

Cycling or using public transport can also be a great option for our secondary school pupils. Should students choose to cycle to school, wearing a helmet is advisable.

All of these measures help to create and promote an active lifestyle which is also great for improving our mental wellbeing.

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For those who have no alternative but to drive to school or who live further afield, we would ask for your help:-

- ✚ To park further away from the school and walk the last five or ten minutes of the journey.
- ✚ To arrive at school in good time so that you are able to park legally and considerately, respecting our neighbours and not blocking pavements or resident's driveways.
- ✚ To be mindful of the speed limit and take extra care to watch out for vulnerable children and adults who may be crossing.

Working together we can all make a difference to improve the situation outside our schools, reducing the congestion, stressful situations and enabling our children of all ages to arrive and leave school safely.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sandwell MBC  
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