



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Road Safety**

I am writing with regard to the health and safety of our children at Spalding Parish Church of England Day School and our concerns regarding traffic at the start and end of our school day and the subsequent safety of the school community when travelling to school.

The areas around our school, particularly Clay Lake, are extremely busy in the morning and often even more so at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, there have been an increasing number of parents who are parking far too close to the entrances or acting inconsiderately with their motor vehicles, placing children and adults in danger.

As such I would like to remind you that that it is our collective responsibility to maintain a safe journey to school for everyone. We can do this in a number of ways.

If you walk your child to school or indeed if they walk or cycle on their own, please can I ask you to remind them about the importance of personal safety as they travel to and from school.

### **Road Safety Good Practice:**

- Walk sensibly on all pavements, particularly where width has been restricted.
- Do not walk in large groups. Space out and walk individually or in pairs.
- When you need to cross a road always **Stop, Look, Listen, Think**.
- Only cross the road when it is free from traffic in **both** directions and is safe to cross.
- Concentrate fully when you are near busy roads.
- If you are crossing a road pushing a bike make sure you give yourself extra time to cross the road.
- Ensure you are wearing a cycle helmet if cycling to or from school.

We will also be revisiting Road Safety with all the children in school in the near future.

If you do need to drive, please be considerate to others and ensure you follow these parking rules for collection and drop off:

- Cars must not be parked on the yellow zigzag "School Keep Clear" markings. These markings are to prevent vehicles stopping or parking specifically outside the entrances of the school in order to keep sight lines clear for motorists and pedestrians.



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- Please do not park in front of driveways as local residents need to access their properties.
- Cars should not be parked on pathways during drop off and collection times. Please consider the safety of young children and parents with pushchairs who may have to walk into the road and into the path of oncoming traffic to get past.
- A large number of children and parents need to cross the road to get to and from our school entrances. Can I please remind drivers about keeping to a low travelling speed.

The safety of all our children is and continues to be our primary responsibility. As such your support in this matter would be very much appreciated. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Kind Regards,

Diane Mulley  
Head Teacher