

Galleywood Infant School
Friday 25th September



Dear Parents,

We continue to be concerned about the behaviour of some drivers at the beginning and end of the school day. Please read the following letter from Rob Peters, Chair of Governors, on behalf of our Governing Body:

Please help our children get to and from school safely

For some time, school governors and staff have been worried about the traffic outside school at beginning and end of the school day. We know that there have been accidents at other schools and we do not want to see that repeated at Galleywood.

We have seen cars stopped/parked almost anywhere in the school vicinity whilst other children are attempting to get access to and from the school. Our school crossing patrol staff have found it difficult to help the children cross safely because cars are even stopped at the crossing point.

We know from our analysis that over 80% of our children live within 1 kilometre of the school so most should be able to be walked to/from school in 15 minutes or so. Clearly some people do need to drive to and from school for various reasons and if you need to do so we ask you please to take maximum care.

For our part, we plan to increase the staff parking within the school grounds so that the roadway immediately outside school is not taken up with those cars. We also hope to increase the space for bike storage so that becomes another option. As with previous years we will again be running a 'walk safe to school' project. Finally we have requested the appropriate authorities to ensure that Parking Enforcement Officers make frequent visits to our school.

As the new school year begins can we ask you please:

- * If at all possible, avoid driving to/from school
- * If you must drive, please park/stop at least 200 metres from the school gates – that means that the crossing patrol staff can effectively do their work.
- * Do not stop or park on the hatched yellow lines, or in the school driveway or in residential parking areas

Please help us to keep the children safe on their way to and from school.

Rob Peters, Chair of Governors.