

Pedestrian Power Minutes 28.11.2016

We all agreed that there was plenty of work to be done to tackle the issue of safety for pedestrians around the school. We have taken lots of actions as you will see below.

Immediate steps:

1. From January the Premier Sport morning club will be available from 7.45 am
2. Set up 'incident log books' in each school office so that any parents can come in and record dangers they have witnessed. *These, along with any photographic records will be key evidence when having discussions with Tandridge District council with regards to any potential traffic calming measures.*
3. In order to try and reduce the number of cars driving down Silkham Road and Chichele Road a group of parents have offered to walk children to school

Meeting place	Time	Day	Name	Contact
Community Hall – by the back row of cars in the car park	8.30 for 5 minutes	Monday - Friday	Marlize Lloyd	07799224600
Anbus Express on Chalkpit Wood (Central Way)	8.25 for 5 minutes	Monday	Natalie Williams	07970593136
Anbus Express on Chalkpit Wood (Central Way)	8.25 for 5 minutes	Friday	Jo Wright	07780694530
Oxted Library	8.30 for 5 minutes	Tuesday and Thursday	Sophie McTavish	07825005663

4. Another suggestion was that parents might offer to walk children in – having them dropped off at their own driveways. Offers so far have been made by Mira Percy (07701007852), Kate Lloyd (07966 910572) and Louise Garrett (07977098334)
5. I already have one offer of someone offering to walk children to the community hall after school from Linda Hayward (07966 910572) and we're thinking through the logistics of this.

If you wish to take up any of these offers please contact the people above directly. If you would like to add an offer of your own please contact Mrs Lewis (head@st-marys-oxted.surrey.sch.uk) putting 'Pedestrian Power in the subject line

Please remember that we are trying to REDUCE the number of cars on our roads around the school so if you have already been wonderful and have arrangements which support this please leave spaces from the offer below for people who may need support to CHANGE their systems.

These offers will begin on **Monday 5th December**. (Please see PTA facebook sites for further information)

Next steps – before Christmas

1. School staff to be outside the front of school from Monday 5th encouraging parents who drop off nearby to consider using these offers
2. Surrey transport Police to be invited to patrol at drop off and pick up times
3. Create a parental survey to gather the views and needs of the wider parents body (Ruth Evans and Claire Stanyer have offered to organise this)
4. Try to get some parents to stand at key points on the walking routes to observe challenges

Next steps – New Year

1. All classes to receive pedestrian training in school time (parental helpers for the road side experiences will be needed)
2. Consideration of appointing 'walking buddies' from years 5 and 6 to support children walking up to the RC church on Chichele Road
3. Consideration of a parent supervising children for 1- minutes at the end of the school day and then walking them up to the RC church once the initial rush has passed

The hope is to begin to establish a strong informal network of support, and to gather evidence relating to the challenges of dropping-off and collecting children to our schools. This information will be used to inform our new Travel Plan – and will have huge significance with regards to the strategic planning surrounding the proposed amalgamation and expansion of the schools.