St Mary's Farnham Royal Church of England Primary School

We aspire to grow as a community through FAITH as a FAMILY. Thriving for all our FUTURES enabling us to FLOURISH



Tuesday 30th January 2024

Dear Parents

We have always appreciated just how tricky it can be for all of us to drive into and out of Church Road at the beginning and end of school each day. It requires all of us to work together safely, respectfully and collaboratively to ensure that this is a safe environment for all, especially the children.

However, it has been noted that there have been some key incidents recently where some members of our school community have not been acting in a safe, collaborative or respectful way; towards other parents, towards members of staff and towards local residents.

Parking is at a premium in Church Road so we have to use the space as best as possible. To do this we have to consider other road users, pedestrians and the access of local residents, who all have equal rights to expect they are treated respectfully, appropriately and kindly. This is common courtesy, part of being a caring community and most of all is presenting the right example to our children and those around us.

So on behalf of all in community but particularly the children, please can we all:

- Only drive into Church Road if completely necessary there is parking available at the Duke's Head, the village hall and in other roads nearby.
- **Drive cautiously, courteously** and with the clear message in mind that we are all trying to achieve the same goal of safely dropping off and collecting our children from school.
- Park appropriately allowing space for vehicles to get through. Do not park or turn round on the school zig-zag lines as these mark key safety areas.
- **Do not park across the drive-ways** or gates of houses belonging to local residents, even if it is just for a few minutes while we collect.
- **Do not speak rudely** to, intimidate or threaten other road users, pedestrians or local residents. This is completely unacceptable and incidents will be followed up and reported to authorities if necessary.
- As pedestrians, use the pathways appropriately and cross the road in a safe and controlled manner.
- Please keep your litter with you and dispose of it in the correct place.
- Model good road safety, kindness and manners to the children they are most important of all!

Thank you. By working together, we have the power to improve each other's lives and help make our school community happier and help each other through those challenges we face.

Yours sincerely,

Mr James Farmer Deputy Head Teacher







