



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we are kick starting 'Road Safety' week with the much-welcomed presence of the local Community Police Officers. They will be making regular visits to the school during this week and at any point during the rest of the year to support the school in making drop off and pick up times safer for all. Thank you to all the parents who are being safe when dropping off and collecting children from school.

As stated in the **October** and **November** newsletters, we are very aware that children and parents have expressed how they feel unsafe when arriving and leaving school due to the cars pulling up/reversing directly outside of the school gates.

Last week Mrs Anscombe and Mrs Lomax met with our newly appointed 'Restorative Community Champions' who form part of the school 'Safeguarding Team' to ask children about safe places and times in our school. Our 'Restorative Community Champions' are made up of children from all year groups across the school and their main role is to help keep our community a peaceful, safe and calm place. Here are some of the things that CHILDREN said about our school.

"Cars drive too fast near the school in a morning and at the end of school."

"We don't feel safe coming into school because of the cars coming close to the school gate."

"I don't like getting out of my car to come into school as it is not safe."

Please help us to keep our entire community safe by

- NOT pulling up on the yellow zigzags outside of the school gates,
- NOT reversing into the carpark gates when the children are entering and leaving school,
- NOT driving fast down Saxby Road,
- NOT parking in the garages opposite the school – some of our children walk through here to get to school as these are private garages, which should not be obstructed at any time. *(Imagine someone pulling into your driveway and parking their car – this is the same as parking in the garage spaces opposite the school entrances)*

It only takes one person to do any of the above for one or more of our children to be seriously injured. If you are able to walk, bike or scoot to school, please do. This will help to reduce the number of vehicles that need to drive down Saxby Road. Help us to keep your and others children safe.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Howard

At Bellfield Primary School we "Believe, Persevere, Succeed."