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Dear Parents & Carers,

Next week is national Walk to School Week and our school is once again taking part. The aim of the week is to encourage more and more children to walk to school, which is not only a healthier way for them to arrive each day but is also much better for the environment.

We continue to receive regular complaints from parents and other members of the community about dangerous and careless parking on Lawn Drive, Palace Meadow and Lawn Gardens. Those parents who do park irresponsibly are seriously endangering our children's lives; Please don't park over a dropped kerb and on the zig-zag lines. We have these areas marked outside school as safe crossing areas- please help keep our children safe by not parking there.

We are working closely with the Chudleigh Road Safety Group who are leading the campaign to improve the situation in Lawn Drive. At a recent joint meeting with the Town Council and Highways Authority it was agreed to extend the double yellow lines outside the school and make the zig-zag lines enforceable. Both should be completed this year and will make Lawn Drive safer for our children.

We would also like to remind you that the school drive is for use by staff, school transport and those displaying blue disability parking badges only. Please treat our Site Manager, David Depoioy, who manages the gates each day, with respect. We are well within our rights to challenge those entering the driveway. Running late in the morning or evening is not a justifiable reason for using the drive. Those of you who do use the driveway are asked to drive responsibly and park carefully, remembering that there are many other authorised users of the school site.

How to get involved

Walk to School

The vast majority of our children are not entitled to school transport so are therefore deemed to live close enough to walk to school. If you currently don't walk to school, why not try at least twice next week?

Car Share

Why not buddy up with friends and neighbours to reduce the amount of traffic?



Try out our Park and Stride scheme. As you know we have negotiated free parking in the town centre car park at the start and end of the school day. Call into the office for a permit, you can then walk to school, crossing Fore Street at the zebra crossing or further up with Vanessa, our lovely Crossing Patrol Officer.

Park Away

Why not park safely and responsibly further away than usual, not in Lawn Drive, Lawn Gardens or Palace Meadow, and walk a little further to school than normal?

Happy Shoesday

Walk to School Week is organising 'Happy Shoesday' next Tuesday 22nd May 2018. Anyone who walks to school that day is allowed to wear non uniform shoes, if they wish too, as long as they are sensible and enable them to join in with normal school activities (ie no high heels or strapless sandals). Remember that it is also Outdoor Learning Week so the children will need appropriate footwear for that too.

I appreciate not everyone will be able to participate in Walk to School Week but if as many as possible do, it will make a huge difference. Hopefully you will find these changes work for you and will continue them into the future.

Yours sincerely,

David Barnett
Headteacher

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