

# Somerville News

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**AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**



## URGENT APPEAL FOR SAFETY

Local residents and Wirral Borough Council have been in contact with the school about serious concerns for the safety of our children and local residents due to the unsafe and selfish parking by some of our parents. We do include reminders throughout the year about parking safely and about how to reduce traffic in the roads around school however the situation has deteriorated.

- ▶ Children and families who walk can not cross the roads around school safely.
- ▶ Children who walk home on their own are at risk of being knocked over due to there not being a safe place to cross.
- ▶ Parents and local residents with prams are being forced onto the road to walk as cars are selfishly parked on the pavement.
- ▶ Wheelchair users in the surrounding roads are also forced onto the road as they can not get through on the pavements.

Does there have to be a serious accident before people who are parking selfishly take this problem seriously?

We are asking you as a school and local community TOGETHER to consider and take note of the following:-

- ▶ Get up earlier and walk, scoot or ride a bike to school and leave the car behind.
- ▶ If it is absolutely necessary to bring your child to school in the car then leave earlier and park two to five minutes away from the roads closest to school and walk some of the way.
- ▶ From a health and wellbeing perspective consider the benefits to walking to school each day rather than a car journey. It is GOOD to walk!
- ▶ It is beneficial for children to start their learning having been out in the fresh air.

Nationally, we are in an obesity crisis and the benefits of two good walks a day would only have a positive impact.

The local authority are going to send the company they use (NSL) for deterring selfish and unsafe parking. As a school we are going to actively monitor the situation, up until half term, at which point we will consider contacting Merseyside Police to support with any offences being committed.

### PARENT PAY REMINDER

When using Parent Pay please ensure you click on the correct reason for payment otherwise it becomes difficult to track payments that have been made. Thank you

# Parking on pavements

It is an offence to drive on to a pavement and an offence to cause obstruction to other road users, including pedestrians. Vehicles causing obstruction may be issued with a fixed penalty notice and in some cases removed at the owner's expense.

Drivers are asked to have regard to pedestrians, particularly pram and wheelchair users and those who are disabled and partially sighted when parking their vehicles.



# Pavements are for People



