



Parent Briefing

Driving Students to School

As a school, we encourage students who live locally to either walk or cycle to school. We have installed a new cycle rack where bikes can be left safely. We do recognise that there are circumstances where you, as parents, need to drive students to school. However, the roads around the school were never designed to cope with the volume of traffic now seen in the area and this makes the locality potentially very dangerous at the start and end of the day.

The school site cannot cope with the volume of traffic so parents should not attempt to enter the site just to drop off students.

Park and Stride Scheme

The school has established a partnership with Thorpe St Andrew Town Council to help with issues of parking. Parents are encouraged not to stop on the road but to pull into one of the Town Council parking areas on the recreation sites on either Laundry Lane or Pound Lane. Students can then get out of the car into a safer area and then walk the last few metres into school. Everyone gains if this simple solution is followed.

Concerns

The school has concerns about the few parents who:

- park on the road, reducing traffic flow and causing congestion
- park on the school zone area or opposite, again reducing traffic flow at points where students are attempting to cross the road in safety
- attempt to turn around in the road or side roads causing a hazard to other drivers and pedestrians by reducing visibility.

School Actions

We will continue to:

- publicise the 'Park and Stride' scheme
- monitor parents' actions and remind them directly about the scheme
- speak with students about the dangers around the area of the school at busy times
- liaise with the Police and Town Council regarding their actions and possible further combined solutions
- promote the benefits of walking or cycling to and from school.

Finally, we ask all those driving near the school to recognise the significant potential dangers, think about how your actions can impact on others and respond accordingly.