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Dear Neighbours,

You may be aware that the current Infant School moved, at short notice, into our school site on Glebe Way in January. Since moving we have asked parents and carers at the school to contribute to our traffic and travel survey which will help to feed into our school travel plan.

We were delighted that we have had 168 responses, which represents approximately two thirds of our parent body and is an excellent response.

We appreciate that many of the concerns raised were ones that you might share and I have subsequently spoken to Ros Hathorn our new County Councillor and Yvonne Murray of the Parish Council. When we met it was agreed that it may be helpful for you to be aware of all the things that the school has already done to ensure that concerns are dealt with and not ignored.

See below for the main issues raised through the survey and suggestions made by parents along with any actions the school has already taken.

We have shared all parent contributions with the Local Authority and they in turn have passed these onto Highways. **All emails that I have received from local residents have also been passed on.**

An additional Road Safety Audit was requested by the school, but this could only take place after we had moved from the old Infant School and into the new building. This has been completed and we are currently awaiting the final report.

I am sure that you will understand that currently a significant amount of my time is taken up with dealing with issues around traffic and parking and many of these are completely out of my control. We do however want to work, wherever possible, with local residents and we will endeavour to keep you informed of any developments moving forward.

Kind Regards

Jonathan Newman

Head teacher

Lower speed limit/speed of vehicles	<p>*We have pushed hard to have an additional Road Safety Audit take place. This has happened and we are currently waiting written feedback from this.</p> <p>*We have made it clear to L.A and Highways that we would favour a 20mph speed limit.</p> <p>* We have lobbied for the speed warning signs (which were initially placed too close to the crossing) to be replaced and for this to be done ASAP. This is going to happen and the replacement sign on Histon side will be sited further away from crossing.</p>	<p>*Continue to lobby for this.</p> <p>*Direct parents/carers to approach local councillors and Highways to highlight their concerns.</p> <p>*Establishment of travel plan working party to include parents, staff and governors.</p> <p>*Ensure that Highways do a full survey of car speeds on the main road.</p>	<p>*Lobby Local Authority and other representatives.</p> <p>Report to</p> <p>Road.Safety@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p>
Foliage overhanging on paths to school	<p>*Have brought this to attention of Parish and county councillors.</p>	<p>*Continue to bring to attention of county and parish councillors.</p>	<p>*Bring to attention of local councillors through email.</p>
Need for dropped kerb on Narrow Close	<p>*Have passed this on to Road Safety Audit team who were optimistic that this would be looked at.</p>	<p>*Continue to push for report to be released as soon as possible and identified actions to be actioned as soon as possible.</p>	<p>*Email or contact Highways to voice concerns.</p>
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Pedestrian barriers to be longer at crossing	<p>*We have raised this and have asked for it to be part of the additional Road Safety Audit. Whether we agree with it or not Highways have been robust in saying that they believe such barriers cause more problems than they solve'. They have commented that <i>"In terms of the request that a long length of railings be installed, this will in and of itself create other hazards, in particular the risk of pedestrians becoming trapped against the railings as they cross the road. The Highway Authority has progressively been removing pedestrian railings in the interest of pedestrian safety.</i></p>	<p>* We have also stressed the 'camber' on the path adjacent to the road which means that an extended barrier would protect bike users as well as pedestrians.</p>	<p>*Raise concerns with Highways, Local Authority and councillors.</p> <p>Report to</p> <p>Road.Safety@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p>
Wider path area near to crossing	<p>*Again, this is something we have highlighted to all those who have influence and we hope that it will be agreed to as part of the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit.</p>	<p>*We will continue to lobby for this but have been told informally that the 'muddy verge' area adjacent to the crossing will be either tarmacked or slabbed in order to widen this part of the path.</p>	<p>* Raise your concerns.</p> <p>*Try and leave the area immediately outside the front gates as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Report to</p> <p>Road.Safety@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p>
Lack of sympathy for people who have to drive to school	<p>* We appreciate that some people will always need to drive to school and would support</p>	<p>*Continue to listen to any parents/carers who may have specific circumstances that mean that walking/cycling/scooting is</p>	<p>5 minutes/10-minute walking map to identify places for parents/carers to park safely.</p>

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	parents in finding sensible places to park. within close walking distance of the school.	difficult as part of their journey. Provide a 5/10 walking map for parents to use to enable them to have alternative places to park	
Establishing speed bumps	*Again, this is something we raised with those doing the RSA.	*Continue to highlight as a potential strategy although it may be that a reduced speed limit is a priority.	*Lobby LA, council as appropriate
Double yellow lines on Cottenham Road to make it easier to cross here	*We have made L.A, Highways and County Councillor aware of our concerns and we agree that double yellow lines here would be good.	* This is definitely being looked at as a result of pressure from school and David Jenkins(previous county councillor) and we believe that this is being taken seriously as part of the RSA.	*Try and avoid parking immediately next to the junction. * Report any poor parking to police. Report to Road.Safety@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Crossing time not long enough	*School lobbied hard to get this to be lengthened. Shortly after February half term this was increased by 40%. Beeping is there to mark when it is safe to start crossing the road. The time that the light is red for vehicles is significantly longer- approximately 15 seconds.	* Continue to monitor especially at peak drop off and pick up times.	*Encourage your children to use crossing properly and talk to them about how the lights work. *Lobby if you still feel that this time is not long enough.

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