



Baston CE Primary School

10th March 2017

Dear Parents

We must be doing all we can to keep our children safe at all times and we are becoming ever more concerned about the way in which children are arriving to and departing from the school site.

We operate a 'windscreen pass' for parents who have legitimate reasons for having to access the school site by car e.g. new-born baby, medical condition, physical disability etc. These passes can be requested via the school office. Other than this provision, we ask parents to park at The Baskervilles Hotel - or elsewhere, considerately and legally in the village – and then walk on to the school site.

There is a 5mph speed limit from the school gate to the school itself and I am very concerned to see that this is not adhered to by many parents choosing to drive on to the school site. It is often those parents who do not have a pass in place who are not following the speed restriction.

Over recent months we have seen an increase in the number of parents who are choosing to stand on the 'roundabout' just outside the school building while waiting to pick up children. I feel this encourages children to run across the road at the end of the school day and I am worried that a child is going to be injured. Please help us to keep all children safe by waiting on the same side of the road as the school building.

Please take responsibility for your children as they travel to and from school by making sure both you and they walk on the footpath and NOT on the road. Help us also to secure our school rules by making sure you do not cross over the road half way up the drive. Please follow the pavement all the way around. I would like to remind you and all children that scooters and bicycles must be 'walked' on the path and not ridden.

We have a team of Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) working with Mrs Day, who you may find 'out and about' on the lookout to reward those who are showing they are keeping themselves safe.

Please, please ensure that you and your children follow our set procedures, as they are all in place to secure the safety of everyone in our school and community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Mills
Headteacher