

Goddard Park

Community Primary School

Item 9



Headteacher: Mike Welsh

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8th October 2018

To Swindon Borough Council and Central Swindon South Parish Council

Re: Child Safety

The Governors of Goddard Park Academy School encourage the pupils and their families to walk to school rather than use cars. The safety of the pupils is of paramount importance to the Governors at all times but especially when walking to school in the morning and returning home at night.

The School has implemented a range of strategies to improve safety and reduce car-based School runs including the five-minute zone, Bike It, newsletters and assemblies.

Our main issue is parking rather than aped and School Safety Zone markings would assist.

Considering that Goddard Park has a pupil count of over 578, a further 200 in Daycare and a constant stream of visitors to the school, we feel that the current road markings and street signing in Welcombe Avenue are inadequate for the number of trips being made, and with the winter season upon us need to be improved.

Looking at other schools in Swindon, such as Lawns Primary School in Windsor Road, the road markings and street signage are highly visible to motorists with clear speed signage and highly visible road markings. This School Safety Zone is exactly what is needed to deter inappropriate and dangerous parking outside of the School.

We would be grateful for your thoughts and comments on the above.

Yours sincerely

Mr Reg Thoburn
Chair of Governors

Copied to: Councillors Alsopp, Amin, and Bushell



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