

Dear Parents/carers,

Road Safety Meeting

Thank you so much for all those who were able to attend the Road Safety/ Traffic Management meeting. Although only a handful of parents attended the meeting, we all agreed that we as a **community** need to take some action with managing the traffic on Amberley Way and educating our children on how to stay safe near roads.

The concerns shared:

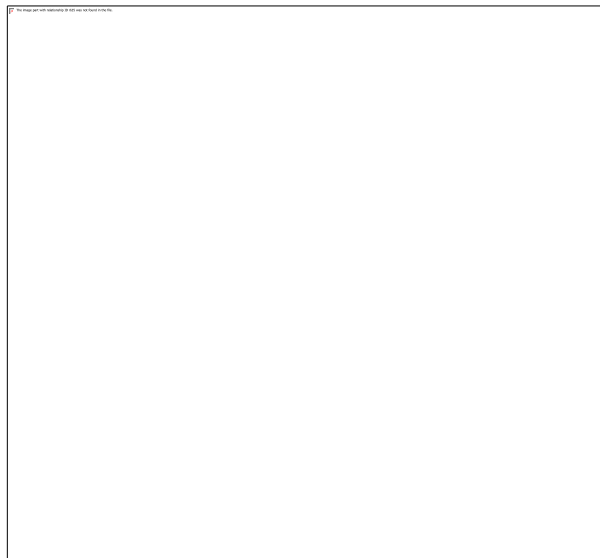
- Drivers ignoring the road markings, which are poorly painted;
- The need to explore the possibility of the white lines become yellow lines outside of the school;
- That the markings are not long enough – could they be extended?
- Poor line of sight for pedestrians when crossing the road;
- Parents parking on the drop down kerbs and on the pavement;
- Lack of signage;
- The speed of some drivers;
- Parents not using the park and stride (parking at Sainsbury's and walking to school);
- Some parents are not aware of the voluntary one-way system for traffic management;
- To promote walking to school rather than using a car;
- Many children don't walk to school anymore, preferring to arrive by car.

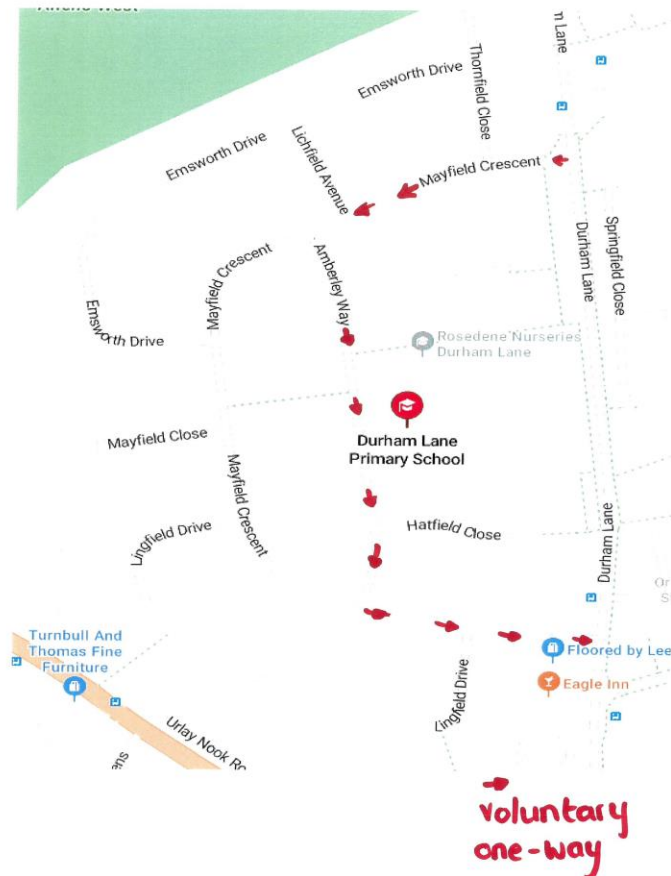
Schools immediate response:

- Contacted Stockton Civic Parking Enforcement Team – who have initiated visits;
- Immediate discussions with the children with regards to how to cross a road safely;
- Contacted the Highways team to inspect the markings outside the school;
- Contacted the local Councillors to attend road safety meeting;
- Ordered new road safety signs.

Next steps

- Visit from Donald from living streets on Tuesday 27th February to launch Walk to School 2024;
- Relaunch the Park and Stride which would reduce congestion which is to recommend to walk from the Sainsbury's car park;
- To relaunch the voluntary one-way system when dropping and collecting off children – please see map below.





I have also been informed; by one of the school's parent governors (Gem Rochester) that the council have the following added to this week's, council agenda meeting:

- Would it be possible to improve the road marking in and around the school?
- Could road markings be reassessed following the addition of the new drop kerb for instance
- The footprints on the pavement for the park and stride from the shops have also worn away. Could they be reinstated?

Finally, I would like to thank my governing body and Councillor Diane Clarke for attending the meeting. Diane will be speaking with the Council, the Highways Team and the Enforcement Team. She will also be holding discussions to see if there is any additional funding to support the road safety/traffic management campaign. I will be arranging a follow up meeting in the next few weeks to discuss next steps and any action that has been taken.

Kind regards,

Helen Gregory