

Wednesday 10th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your attendance at the meeting about the carpark and concerns about local roads.

The key message for us all to hear is to SLOW DOWN when driving and WALK to school safely where possible.

I wanted to update you on the progress we have made so far.

The carpark

As many of you know we have successfully worked with The Unit to develop a one-way system in the car park. There is NO ENTRY at the exit as requested by you and this is manned in the morning and afternoon. We now have "carpark rules" so that the carpark is now fully functioning. At this point I thank you for your support in this and celebrate how rare it is for a school to have access to a carpark – drop-offs and pick-ups are now swift and easy!

Local roads

The wider issue about safety still needs to be addressed further. Can I ask for your support by;

1. Log your concerns about the local area using; <https://www.met.police.uk/area/your-area/local-policing-team-contact/contact-your-local-policing-team/id-like-to-tell-you-about-something-im-concerned-about-in-my-neighbourhood/tell-us-about-something-youve-concerned-about-in-your-neighbourhood/?lid=183f31f4-b400-4b30-b0a3-ec1a887769c5>
2. Email local councillors; <https://modgov.hillingdon.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?VW=TABLE&PIC=1&FN=WARD>

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3. Please attend the next village surgery meeting with me;

<https://modgov.hillingdon.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=2511>

Harlington Surgery details:

Last Tuesday of each month from 17:30 – 19:00 (excluding January 2023 where the ward surgery will take place instead on Tuesday 24 January 2023)

St Peter and St Pauls Church Hall

High Street

Harlington Hayes

UB3 5ND

For your reference, here is what I have logged with the Met and emailed Councillors;

I am the Head Teacher of William Byrd Primary Academy. On the 5.12.23 a boy was hit by a car on his way home from school on Sipson Lane (Harlington Village end).

Speeding on Harlington High Street is Police Priority 2. Myself and the community are incredibly concerned that a serious accident could happen if issues continue to be unaddressed.

- there is not a sufficient zebra or pelican crossing system in the village. Cars do not stop for people to cross and this leads to payments being over-crowded.

- I believe the speed limit is 30mph which is very high for such a small village. I think 20mph is much more suitable.

- speed signs and caution signs need increasing to highlight dangers to drivers

- lighting is poor around the village making pedestrians very difficult to see especially in the winter months.

I understand the Safer Neighbourhood Team find it difficult to meeting as venues are limited. I would be happy to host at William Byrd Primary Academy and can be flexible with days and time.



We have also contacted The STARS Team; School Travel and Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity. This team and a safer roads engineer are joining us at school to assess the road and discuss options and approaches that may help to improve the situation and investigate potential speed reduction measures.

Following the Harlington Surgery and a meeting with the STARS Team, I would like to hold a further meeting with parents/carers. I will e-mail you shortly with a date and time.

If you have any further questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail – enquiries@williambyrd.school

Yours sincerely
Ms N Edwards
Head of School

