



Olive School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Keeping pupils safe

Assalamu Alakium, (May peace be upon you).

As parents, you are no doubt aware this week is national anti-bullying week. Children have been learning in school about some key messages relating to bullying which I thought you may wish to hear about. The theme this year is **choose respect over bullying**, which fits very nicely with our Star value of respect. We have talked about bullying as being: something that happens repeatedly; hurting someone else on purpose; not the same as something that happens once; hurtful in lots of ways (not just physically). The different types of bullying have been discussed and also what a child can do if they experience bullying, or indeed if they are upset by anything in school, and how to support if they see someone being bullied.

Next week is national road safety week. In school we will be talking to the children about the following key messages: crossing the road safely, including the Green Cross Code; not crossing between parked cars; wearing a seat belt when travelling in a car; being seen, being safe.

We would like you to speak to your child at home to reinforce these key messages and we would like to invite children to design a poster to raise awareness about either keeping safe from bullying or keeping safe when travelling to school. There will be a competition for EYFS/Year 1 children, with ONE winner and a competition for Year 2/3 with ONE winner. The deadline for posters to be brought into school is **Thursday 29th November**. Winning entries, and posters which are particularly well presented, will be displayed around school.

We have been working closely with our neighbours in our local community to try to improve safety for the children as they walk into school from the car park and I am delighted that representatives from SIKa will be involved in judging the posters to determine the winning entries in each category.

I know that a number of parents have on-going concerns about the parking issues in the area around school. I would like to thank those parents for sharing their concerns with us. As a primary school, we are very fortunate to have a dedicated car park which parents can use for drop off and pick up. Thank you to the majority of parents who do use this space and who drive and park carefully on it. I know that the arrangements are not perfect and we are holding a series of meetings with local businesses to try again to seek agreements about the use of car parks. The trust is also in discussion with the landlord about the possibility of installing a gate in the railings. We will keep parents informed of any developments on these points.

May I thank you for your continued effort and support on behalf of the school.

Yours faithfully

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