

School Council Meeting
Tuesday February 6th 2024



Present

Representatives from all classes from Years 1 -6

Mrs Hughes

Mark Baxter from Alpha Taxis

Minutes

Mark from Alpha Taxis came into school to talk to the School Councillors about Road Safety.

Mark and the children shared ways that we keep safe on the roads and potential dangers that we need to be aware of whilst out and about.

Points discussed included:

- approximately how many of our children on roll currently walk to school and the potential issues this creates at drop off and pick up times;
- the importance of using our lollipop crossing patrols to help cross the busy roads by school safely and not crossing between parked cars;
- why we have yellow zig zag lines by the school gates and why these shouldn't be parked on;
- why some roads have double yellow lines and what they are used for;
- dangers of cars parking on the pavement, leaving limited space for people with prams or in wheelchairs to get past. This sometimes results in people having to walk on the roads in order to get past;
- how the dark mornings and evenings impact on the drivers' abilities to see pedestrians clearly. That is why it is best to wear bright colours or hi-vis jackets, like we do when going on a school trip;
- the impact the weather can have, especially at this time of year. We discussed how it is important to leave more time when travelling in dangerous conditions (like rain and snow) as sometimes people can become careless and less vigilant when in a rush;
- children from Years 5 and 6 discussed their recent Bikeability training and some of the road safety skills that had learnt as a result of that;
- some of the issues we have had in the past with Manor Lane with regards to the speed in which cars drive along it and parking at busy times of the day;
- the fact that unfortunately, from time to time accidents do happen but these are rare as long as we are doing everything we can to keep ourselves safe.

Mark supplied the school with a road safety banner to be displayed on the school fence. Mark also suggested that the school could ask for donations of cycle helmets (when children have grown out of them) for those who do not have them. This point was shared with Mrs Talbot who is going to put it in a school newsletter. The school council members were asked to share the minutes from the meeting with the class road safety officers and with the rest of the children in their next class council meeting.