

ST FRANCIS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

24 DONARD VIEW ROAD
LOUGHBRICKLAND
BANBRIDGE
CO. DOWN
BT32 3LN



028 4062 8044

E.Mail: info@stfrancis.aghaderg.ni.sch.uk



Dear Parents,

3/11/21

As you all know, we have had recurring problems of congestion and near-misses at the turning circle or when parents have parked and then been boxed in. This has posed a continual problem for pupils, parents and staff alike and puts pupils at significant avoidable risk. It was the first item raised by our school council who have shared pupils' concerns and worries about this issue.

For this reason, from Thursday 4th November our Primary 7 volunteers will assist in a 'walking bus' to escort younger pupils (P1/2) from the top gate down the path to the little gate. Myself or another member of staff will await pupils' arrival at the top gate **from 8.45 am to 9.10**. All pupils should be on site by 9.10.

Only pupils arriving by bus or attending Breakfast club are supervised on site before 8.45.

This will mean that parents can stop the car at the turning circle, your child(ren) can hop out on to the footpath and join the member of staff at the top gate and parents can drive on safely. For this to work pupils will need to have coats on and bags etc in hand, ready to go when you pull in.

This will remove the need to park at the turning circle.

Equally, parents who normally park on Scarva Street or Donard View will be free to return to their cars more promptly as their young children will be safely escorted down the path meaning a quicker turnaround on parking spaces in these two streets too.

I hope this will alleviate some of the difficulties we have faced to date and that this strategy will help keep our pupils safe.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we, jointly, strive to do our best for our children.

Kind regards,

S. McKeown