



Friday 23rd December, 2022

## Road Safety

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to ask for your support in speaking with your children about road safety. On Thursday 22nd December, there was an incident outside of St Thomas More School involving one of our students and a vehicle. Both parties were extremely shaken up, but fortunately on this occasion, they both walked away unharmed in what could have been a terrible accident.

I am aware that several of our students witnessed this incident, if your child is upset or requires any support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The main road outside of school, Croftdale Road, is a 20mph road. It's at this speed in order to ensure that pedestrians, and students in school stay safe. As a school, we always ensure that there are staff members at the school gates on a morning and an evening to ensure that the students are keeping safe. However, I would like to reiterate that ultimately, students must take responsibility for their own safety when using the road outside of school.

The school environment is a safe and secure place for our students to attend, but there is a responsibility from both students and members of the public to ensure that the outside of school is a calm and safe environment. Parked vehicles can hide students from passing drivers and stop students from being able to see approaching traffic.

In light of the above incident, I would urge you to consider the ways in which you as a parent / carer can help our students to improve their road safety. If you use a vehicle to drop off and pick up your child from school, please consider parking further away from the built up area outside the school,

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and park in a safe, legal place further away. This is particularly important at the end of the school day when buses are parked outside of school.

Please talk to your child about the importance of finding safer places to cross, stopping behind the kerb, looking, listening and thinking before crossing the road. Make sure they have good visibility, taking their hoods down, and no distractions with phones or friends when near roads.

There are some helpful resources available on the link below from THINK! regarding Road Safety for all ages.

<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/explore-education-resources/?age%5B%5D=13-to-16>

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch using one of the email addresses below.

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Yours sincerely,

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