

Date 5 September 2016

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Dear Head Teacher

REVIEW OF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SERVICE

The school crossing patrol service has not been formally reviewed since the Council took over the management of the service from the Police in 1996. This means many of the existing sites are historical and transport patterns may have changed over time. For this reason we are carrying out a review to ensure our school crossing patrols are where they provide the most benefit.

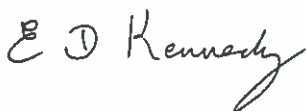
The review of the school crossing patrol service will be taking place in September and will include monitoring of all existing school crossing patrol sites, whether or not they currently have a guide in place. The most efficient way to carry out this work is by setting up a camera at the location to monitor traffic and the number of pedestrians crossing at that site. Individual children will not be identifiable and the images will be destroyed after analysis. A data collection company called "Streetwise" have been contracted by the Consultant appointed by the Council to carry out this work and they will ensure that there is clear signage on each camera to identify it.

All assessments will take place during the morning peak hour (8am to 9am) between 5 and 30 September. This is to ensure that fair and direct comparisons can be drawn when weather/light conditions are similar.

If the surveys suggest any changes to the existing arrangements at your school, consultation will take place with the school community. A report will then be prepared for the Council's Transport and Environment Committee on the outcome of the surveys and the consultation taken place on these and put forward any recommendations for changes.

I would appreciate it if you could share the following letter with all parents/carers at your school.

Yours sincerely



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A review of the school crossing patrol service will be taking place throughout September which will include monitoring of all existing school crossing patrol sites, whether or not they currently have a guide in place. This will take the form of a camera being set up at the location to monitor traffic and the number of pedestrians crossing at any site. *Individual children will not be identifiable and the images will be destroyed after analysis takes place.* A data collection company called "Streetwise" have been contracted by the Consultant appointed by the Council to carry out this work and they will ensure that there is clear signage on each camera to identify it.

All assessments will take place during the morning peak hour (8am to 9am) between 12 and 30 September. This is to ensure that fair and direct comparisons can be drawn when weather/light conditions are similar.

If the surveys suggest any changes to the existing arrangements at your school, consultation will take place with the school community. Following the results of the surveys, a report will be prepared for the Council's Transport and Environment Committee and this will include any recommendations on whether any changes should be made to school crossing guide locations. If there are any changes to the arrangements at your school you will be informed before they take place.

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