

Dear Parent/Carers,

The school Council at St Monica's School, join with other local schools, to form a group known as the 'Strand Partnership' to discuss a variety of topics. The subject the group are discussing this academic year, 2021-2022 is; '**How can we help to keep our communities safe**'. To that end, the School Council are focussing on road safety around our school. We chose this topic after extensive research, we questioned the children and the conclusions strongly indicated that, at certain times of the day, they felt that the roads around the school were unsafe.

As a response, the first initiative the School Council did, was to purchase a Road Safety banner to be displayed on the School Gates. We asked the Year One children to come up with a design following an assembly given by Mr John Toker from the Sefton Road Safety team and Mrs Jan Taylor, our school crossing patrol person. After careful consideration, following lots of excellent entries, the School Council finally chose the winning designs which were drawn by Mila Keelan and Esmay Harrison and those designs were then used for the banner.

In addition, The School Council would like to politely ask parents to observe the road marking when dropping children off at the school gates at all times of the day. Whilst we appreciate the difficulty of parking around our school, we would like parents/carers to give consideration to the safety of our children and the local residents, and if possible, to park at a short distance away from the school gate . Parking restrictions are put in place to manage the highway network to ensure the safety of road users, vehicles and pedestrians alike. For the avoidance of doubt, the zig zag signs indicate a mandatory prohibition of stopping at all times. You should not stop, not even pick up or set down passengers or children.



We have also decided to introduce a pupil road safety measure, hopefully eliminating the blind corner of Kelly Drive and Timon Avenue. The school will place pavement safety signs around this corner, thereby providing the children with a safer place to cross. The signs will be placed out and removed at the beginning and end of each day by school staff.



Thank you for our help over this matter,