School Road Safety

“It’s time to change”

Dos & Don’ts

A parent’s guide to improving school road safety for our children in Grappenhall village
The following parties have met and are continuing to work on a number of initiatives aimed at improving school road safety within Grappenhall Village;

- St Wilfrid’s school,
- St Wilfrid’s school pupils’ parents,
- Grappenhall residents,
- Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council,
- Police Community Support Officers,
- Warrington Borough Council,
- Highways Agency,
- Landlord of the Rams Head

This simple School Safety “Dos & Don’ts” leaflet is aimed to keep our children safe when coming to school.

It’s designed to highlight the dangers your children face when travelling to and from school.

Please take the time to review this leaflet and importantly, take action and spread the word to prevent what could be a serious accident waiting to happen.

In particular, we’d like to draw your attention to the two car parks at both sides of the village, which we are encouraging parents to use and take the 5 minute walk to school either via the Cricket Club or the Community Centre.
Do

- Set a good example to your own children by taking a little extra exercise and thinking of the environment.

- Park safely in the Grappenhall Cricket Club car park – walking safely down the Narrow Lane cut through takes less than 5 minutes.

- Park safely in the Grappenhall Community Centre car park – walking safely up Glebe Avenue takes less than 5 minutes.

- Talk to the Rams Head owner if you would like special permission to park there at school drop off time (e.g. blue badge holders)

- Be a considerate driver and put your children’s and other parents’ children’s safety above everything else.

- Remember that Church Lane and all the cobbled area is a No Parking Zone. You may be issued with a fine if you park here.

- Remember there are no visible double yellow lines or zigzags because our school is situated in a conservation area. It is a motoring offence to park anywhere on Church Lane.

- Give yourself an extra 5 minutes in the morning to prevent serious accident or worse.

- Do your best for your own children by teaching them the practicalities of road safety.
Don’t

- Underestimate the scale of our safety problem at St Wilfrid’s school. Many car drivers are simply not aware of the number of children and parents who have experienced “near misses”.

- Be selfish about the safety of other children, once you’ve dropped your own at school.

- Drive, park or drop off selfishly at the risk of injuring local children who use the car parks, walk or cycle to school.

- Forget that a good habit and a short walk could make the difference to a child’s life.

- Park in unauthorised areas of the Ram’s Head car park – the landlord will stop our parents from using this facility if parents do not park in designated bays.

Parking is a problem in the village as parking spaces are extremely limited. If you can walk then please do. The church are happy for parents to use their car park if they are not using it but be aware that it will be closed on certain days. Please ensure you park in designated bays only.