

31st January 2023

Travel and Parking

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you will know from previous SeeSaw messages and from your own travel to school, the roads surrounding Bowling Green are very busy – both for parking and for cars zooming past school.

Over the past few months, I have had meetings with the Parish Council and representatives from Calderdale Council about how travel could affect children's safety on their journeys to – and from – school. The council is currently in the process of developing some suggested ideas, including increased crossings, more signage and some adjustments in road layout. Members of our PTA have also been involved in these discussions to share the voice of parents.

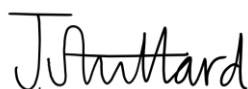
Last week, some children and I met MP Craig Whittaker and we also asked him for support. I know one family is also liaising with him about the issue, too.

As part of this work around children's safety and the roads around schools, Bowling Green has been selected to be part of the nationwide Living Streets campaign and Walk to School Challenge (this includes walking some of the way via a Park & Stride scheme – for our further-distance families!).

Towards the end of February - when representatives will be coming into school to launch the project - children will receive rewards for sustainable travel, including the last part of the journey, in a bid for children to get active while also reducing traffic, congestion and road dangers around our school gates. This will echo work in school around road safety and safe, independent travel.

If you ever have any further information or ideas about travel and transport around school, please do speak to me or a representative from the PTA.

Yours sincerely,



Principal