

Road safety



We have a new role at Velmead. Four Y5 pupils have been selected to be our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO). Congratulations to Lucas B (C5) Georgi M (C5), Dexter W (O5) and Scarlett C (P5).

Having completed some in school training before Christmas, our JRSOs arrived early at school on a rainy morning in late January to go on a fact-finding mission about the current situation outside Velmead and Fleet Infants.

They were asked to make observations on both children arriving at school and the traffic, with a focus on what could make a difference to the safety of our pupils.

This is what they noticed about the children being dropped off.

- Not all children use the zebra crossing and others do not look properly.
- Children crossing between parked cars are difficult to see due to their height.
- Some children are dropped off before the zebra crossing into the middle of the road. As well as being unsafe, this also delays cars behind and jams up the road.
- Some children are dropped on the zebra crossing, where other pedestrians are trying to cross. Our JRSOs immediately suggested that it would be safer to use the parking spaces further down the car park.



When our JRSOs were asked to observe the traffic, this is what they found.

- Some cars were stopping on the zebra crossing when pedestrians would like to cross.
- Parked cars block one side of the road, making it difficult for traffic to flow.
- Cars park where children are trying to cross, both in the school car park and on Velmead Road, where the lollipop man used to be.
- The build up of traffic delays pupils arriving at school.



This is probably not news to any adult who has been to Velmead or Fleet Infants during school drop off or pick up, but we hope in sharing these observations, that your family will make safe choices and help keep all our children safe.

The JRSOs will be sharing their observations with the school in an assembly after half term, as well as beginning to suggest some solutions to these ongoing issues.