



**slower speeds,
safer streets**



**Liverpool
City Council**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Every year at the start of a new academic year we ask you as parents and guardians to try and improve the accessibility of pupils arriving to school. Ask yourself do we live local enough to walk or cycle to/from school, helping to reduce the carbon footprint. Children's fitness levels improve plus you are the one who will be with your children at the roadside every day. When you are out with your child you will have good opportunities to reinforce the road safety messages. Please think about telling your child about the

- **Importance of finding safer places to cross.**
- **Stopping behind the kerb, looking, listening, and thinking.**
- **Holding their hands even if using a pedestrian crossing.**
- **Check they have good visibility.**
- **Coat hoods down while checking the road.**
- **No distractions with phones or friends when near roads.**

This will help your child to develop good road safety habits at an early age which is important for when they become more independent.

If you need to use a vehicle to drop off and pick up your child from school, **consider parking further away from the entrance & exits** in a safe legal place and walk the remainder of the journey. Inconsiderate and dangerous parking is one of the biggest safety concerns for parents outside Primary Schools. Parked vehicles can hide children from passing drivers and stop children from being able to see approaching traffic. Almost half of the young children injured as pedestrians have had their view of the road blocked by a parked vehicle. **Remember pupils need to see and to be seen** when crossing the roads so think seriously about the location of the school and neighbourhood and consider ways you can help as a motorist.

Do Not Park on

- **School Keep Clear Zig Zags**
- **Double/Single Yellow Lines**
- **Close to junctions / Drop Kerbs**
- **Near School Crossing Patrol locations**
- **On Pavements**
- **In front of resident driveways**

We all have a responsibility as a parent/guardian of pupils attending Liverpool schools to think about the school community & neighbourhood and treat with respect.

