



5th July 2021

Dear Parents

We are the Junior Travel Ambassadors of Ryhall CE Academy and we are in Year 6. We will soon be handing over our jobs to new pupils as we leave Ryhall for secondary school but we wanted to contact you before we leave to see if our actions and work can make a difference. On Monday 14th June we met with Parish Councillor, Mrs Debbie Rolfe, and she told us all about the Speedwatch Campaign that they will be doing in our Autumn Term – this is great. As part of our work, we have made some observations of road issues that affect us and we would like to share these with you.

Here is what they are:

1. Many children and their parents on their way to and from school, have to cross the Church Street road. This is most difficult at the top of our lane from the school because there are two bends which means you cannot see around the corners for traffic coming. Lots of times in the school year we do village litter picks, go in to the village for our learning as well as lots of visits to the church. When we are crossing in big groups our teachers have to stand in the middle of the road to stop cars. There is no crossing to make this safer.
2. The speed limit all the way through the village is 30mph. We think this is very fast if a car is driving at this top speed. A child would be seriously hurt or killed if hit by a car at this speed. We know that lots of others school areas have a speed limit of 20mph. Why do we not have this in Ryhall?
3. There are no signs to warn people that children are around. On the road at the top of the little school lane, there is a yellow 'school' sign on the road but that is all.

As part of our work in school, we made a video to share with the pupils of the school, letting them know about the actions we think need to happen and many have agreed with us. Each class has had the opportunity to sign a petition asking for the Parish Council to consider our requests. We are now writing to you to ask for yours.

These are the suggestions we want to make to improve road safety in our village for all of our school:

1. Lowering the speed limit near to the school to 20 miles per hour instead of 30 miles per hour. This will help keep you alive if you are hit by a car.
2. A zebra crossing between the top of our school lane and the village hall to make it safer for everyone to cross the road.
3. Signs before the bends to tell motorists that there are children crossing ahead.

On Wednesday 30th June at 8.30am and on Thursday 1st July at 8.30am and 2.55pm we will be doing our own campaigning with posters near the village library – asking you and our residents to slow down and park responsibly. Please do come and say hello on your way in to school.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and if you would like to support our campaign, please sign and return the slip below. We look forward to hearing back from you before we leave Ryhall CE Academy on Friday 16th July. Our next JTAs will enjoy working with you.

Yours faithfully

Ryhall CE Academy Junior Travel Ambassadors:

Isla Holroyd



Holly Muxlow



Lydia Sergeant



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Return to: Ryhall CE Academy JTAs

I, (insert name), am a parent of (number) children at Ryhall CE Academy. I fully support the campaign to improve road safety for the children and families of Ryhall CE Academy led by the Junior Travel Ambassadors. I agree that the following needs to be put in place:

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Signed: Date: