

21st June 2021

Dear Parish Council

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 Mrs Debbie Rolfe and she told us all about the Speedwatch Campaign that you 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 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. We know from speaking to Mrs Rolfe that you don't want signs in the village but we think this is really important.

As part of our work in school, we have made a video to share with the pupils of the school, letting them know about the actions we think need to happen and they have agreed with us. Each class has signed a petition asking for you to consider our requests. We have also written to parents and asked them to also support us in our work. They are

going to be sending their individual responses to us and we will collect these, count them and share these with you.

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.
- Signs before the bends to tell motorists that there are children crossing ahead.
 Something like this sign that we found which will be great when you are doing the Community Speed Watch.

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 parents/residents to slow down and park responsibly. Please do come and join us if you are available.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and 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

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