



Thursday 22nd September 2022

Re: Campaign to Improve Road Safety in Ramsey Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Community,

You will be aware we launched a campaign to highlight road safety concerns and the need for improvements to be made with our students during the last school year. We promised we would keep you updated as the campaign progressed.

The campaign was launched by our student leaders as while luckily there have been no serious injuries yet, incidences of vehicles mounting pavements, vehicles hitting pedestrians and near misses are too common. In the last school year, we are aware of two students that were struck by vehicles on the pavement at the junction of the High Street and Hollow Lane. This is, in part, caused by Ramsey's historic, narrow roads now needing to be navigated by more commuter cars as our community grows, school drop-offs, school coaches and pedestrians. However, we cannot overlook the safety of our students and members of the community who use these walking routes.

Thanks to our student's campaign, we managed to raise enough money in just a matter of days to complete a Road Safety Feasibility Study to assess and explore the best options. Since then, we have had productive meetings with the local authority and highways experts who all agree this is a complex matter that will not be resolved by one measure alone. However, we have all agreed on some measures that should help to improve the situation, are achievable and should minimise disruption to members of the community. These include:

1. Improving signage to make road users slow down and be aware that a school/students may be present – this can be achieved by installing flashing 'Wig-Wag' signs in key locations and improved 'School' signage near the schools
2. Reducing the speed limit at the areas of highest pedestrian and vehicle activity – implementing an advisory 20mph speed limit between School Lane and Spinning Court (along the High Street) during peak school hours
3. Creating clearer crossing places for students on Hollow Lane to ensure better filtering of students walking along the High Street in either direction – by installing an informal crossing point on Hollow Lane that can be monitored and managed by school staff, encouraging students to cross in one key place rather than at the junction or on the High Street

It is hoped that these measures will go some way to improving the situation, and we will be exploring these options further as part of our feasibility study with the local authority. We will keep you updated on the outcome of this, and how these plans might be funded and brought forward.

While we believe these are good solutions, this is a complex matter. While they might improve the situation, we will continue to work with partners to assess the situation and consider any further measures if these incidences are not substantially reduced.

Yours Faithfully,



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