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Dear Parents and Villagers,

For some time the school has been aware that current parking arrangements have been causing a number of concerns mainly:

Traffic congestion through the village

Health and safety issues for villagers, vehicle users, pupils, parents and staff (we had been informed of 2 incidents in the summer term where children ran between parked cars and road users had to break suddenly).

Limitations for village resident access to driveways.

As a school we have actively engaged with the Parish Council, Village Hall committee, our local publican at The Wellington and Cumbria Constabulary. In consultation with all parties and in conjunction with the Local authority Healthy Pupil Lifestyle Scheme (Walk, Run, Cycle) our school will be adopting a "Walking Bus" scheme which will begin on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The Village Hall committee has kindly agreed that staff and school families may park in their car park at the rear of the hall each morning and afternoon. This means that cars dropping off and picking up our children will no longer dominate the roadside in front of the school. This should address the concerns listed above.

School staff and governors will also be expected to use this car park.

The Walking Bus will operate daily and will be led by governors and some staff.

The morning bus will leave the Village Hall car park for school at 8.40 prompt.

Afternoon return bus will leave school promptly at 3.30pm for the hall car park.

However, there is no expectation or pressure for school families to use the Walking Bus should family members prefer to walk their children from the car park to school themselves. The Walking Bus will offer support to family members who need to leave for work and to parents with toddlers or pushchairs who would possibly find the walk up to school problematic.

Should you need to talk with staff directly can we ask that you park at the Hall car park and walk up to school with your child.

If your child is not ready to leave with the walking bus at 8.40am/3.30pm the bus leaders will know you are walking your children yourself.



This is a trial scheme which will run until October half term. Its effectiveness will be reviewed by all concerned parties in the final week before half term. If successful the Cumbria Constabulary and a local business are prepared to fund high viz safety jackets for future use as darker mornings and evenings draw in.

Find attached to this letter information about the local authority Walk, Run, Cycle scheme.

Final agreement of this scheme was only reached in the final week of the school holidays, hence notification to you all now.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office or talk to one of the governors.

Yours in anticipation of your continued support

Mr J Robertson  
Head

Mrs L Thorp/ Mrs V Lowe  
Governing Body representatives

