

Welcome to the first newsletter for the newly created Active Travel team. We are a small group of parents and staff keen to make travel to and from school as safe as possible. Hopefully this will give you some insight into what we are trying to achieve and progress so far. PPATT are in direct dialogue with Officers within both South Cambridge and Cambridge County Councils. If you would like to contribute or have any suggestions, please send an email to office@parkprimary.co.uk



20 mph School Zone Petition

Given Park Primary’s position on the busy B1049 between Cambridge and Cottenham many of you have expressed concern at the danger the road poses whilst getting your children to and from school. The road has a 30mph limit (with new flashing signs installed) but speed monitoring has shown many drive above this. The proximity of the speeding traffic to a packed pavement is of greatest concern.

We feel it essential that a temporary 20mph zone be introduced operating throughout school commuting hours as a minimum, bringing us in line with schools across the county. Please sign and share the following petition - more signatures will demonstrate support and help us press the Local and County Authorities for action.

https://www.change.org/park_primary_20_mph_zone

‘Smart’ Toucan Crossing Upgrade

When the school first opened the Pelican crossing had a very short crossing time. After pressure from the School and parents this was subsequently increased. However, after further pressure from the School and PPATT we now are finally due to be upgraded to a “Toucan” crossing with the activation of “smart density detectors”. This should hold the crossing green for longer while pedestrians & cyclists are detected on the crossing.

The upgrade is programmed for week beginning 17th Jan, with work taking place during off-peak times. We are assured that the crossing will be in use at all times. Even if there are a few teething problems we hope this will further improve the flow of pedestrians and cyclists on to and away from the school site.

Parking Issues

Parking continues to be an issue on the end of Cottenham Road and Narrow Close. The School would like to remind everyone it is unlawful to park within 10m of a road junction or near a pedestrian crossing. Presently a significant amount of school and Head teacher time is spent dealing with residents complaints for issues over which we have limited control.



Increase Active Travel to School

Clearly not everyone can walk, cycle or scoot to & from school every day. However, as a school, we want to promote sustainable and active modes of travel whenever possible. The County’s “Safer Routes to Schools” team produced the following map which outlines the areas where you would have a comfortable 5 to 10 minute walk to school. Encouraging more people to park slightly further away from school will hopefully reduce the current high pressure close to the school gates.

Narrow Lane Improved

Following continued pressure from PPATT, resurfacing was carried out this week to further patch the poor surface of Narrow Lane. We understand a full resurfacing is scheduled for the Spring. Further improvements sought: alter car barrier to improve flow for pedestrians & cyclists, resurface Narrow Close pavement, additional shared use signage.

