

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020,

Dear parents, carers and residents

### **RE: Traffic in Coughton**

Due to the nature of Coughton Primary School's site, car parking has always been limited and finding ways to manage the additional traffic at the beginning and end of the school day has been an issue for a great number of years.

Following a traffic survey by the Parish Council approximately ten years ago, two main recommendations were made:

- 1) Create an informal one-way system for school traffic and residents

This was proposed for the beginning and end of the school day due to Coughton Lane being narrow and, in large sections, only one car can drive at a time. With limited passing spaces, this was a sensible way to relieve friction and high tension that can be caused by the frustration of drivers not being able to drive freely up and down the lane.

- 2) Use a 'drop off' system for children at the beginning of the day

The drop off system was suggested so that parents did not have to park in the village, they could stop outside the school and the children would be supervised to safely leave the car and enter the school.

For many years, the School and the Parish Council have worked together to explore car parking options for the school traffic but there is no funding available and therefore no project to take forward. The Parish Council is aware of other suggestions that have been made via social media – all of these options have been explored and unfortunately there are no viable alternatives to what we are currently operating.

This is a really difficult issue and one which will be with us for some time. Can we therefore ask that; everyone is considerate to each other; to refrain from the use of abusive language and to be respectful of the challenges we will continue to strive to resolve. Please can we ask all road users to abide by the no-parking signs, refrain from parking on the zig zags and be considerate to the residents and pupils in the lane and make sure that driveways are not blocked and that all residents are able to enter or leave their property.



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**C of E Primary School**



**Coughton Parish Council**

Could we also respectfully ask parents/carers who park in Coughton Lane, to park only on the left-hand side of the lane up to the school zig zags from the A435 end. But, after the school zig zags only park on the right of the lane. This is to allow better flow of traffic and pedestrian safety through the village.

Could we also ask both parents and residents to adhere to the informal one-way system from 8.30am until 9.00am and 3pm until 3.30pm. Everyone recognises that this is inconvenient, however, it significantly contributes to keeping children, adults and property safe and prevents any unnecessary stress and anxiety.

Local police are aware of this arrangement should any emergency vehicles need to be deployed to the area during this time. In the past, the local police have helped to enforce this agreement by placing officers at the end of the lane, but this has not been possible for many years due to lack of resources.

In what is such a frustrating time for all of us with imposed restrictions and associated challenges, it is hoped that we can all work together to enable the safety of children, families and residents.

Thank you very much for supporting our community.

Kind regards

*N. P. Moon*

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Chair of Governors

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