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7th January 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy first few days and the children have worked incredibly hard getting back into the routine. We look forward to our awards next week.

I wanted to share a few important messages today. I know parking is a great concern for many of you so we are excited to announce that we are joining Norfolk County Council in the Safer School Run Pledge. Please read on to see how you can support us in making the journey to and from school safer for everyone. We hope all of our families will sign up to this along with us.



**Norfolk County Council**

*Road Safety Communities Team*



## **SAFE SCHOOL RUN PLEDGE**

*Safe parking outside our school is important. It helps our children and families to feel safe & confident on the school run.*

*We asked children how they feel when they are dropped off / picked up at the end of the day. This is what they said:*

***'Outside my school there's always lots of cars parked and it is very busy.'***

***'When we have to cross the road in between parked cars, it's not always safe.'***

***'When parents are in a rush they park where they should not'***

***'Too many cars mean pollution levels go up and we breathe this in. It is not good for our health.'***

***'Fire engines, ambulances, police cars won't be able to get past if cars do not park properly.'***

***To meet these identified needs of feeling safe and confident, we are launching a 'Safe School Run Pledge' and we hope ALL parents/carers will sign up.***

*The aim of this 'Safe School Run Pledge' is to promote responsible and considerate parking when children are dropped off or picked up outside our schools.*

*By signing up to this pledge, you will be helping to ensure; school drop off/collection times are as safe as possible.*

*If you would like to be part of the safe school run pledge, please sign the slip at the end of this letter and return to the school.*

*In support there are a few useful resources below we can offer you: -*

- A special safe school run pledge badge you can display in your car to show others your commitment to the scheme. This will hopefully encourage other drivers to do the same.*
- Information on the [NCC Road Safety website](#) including, [learning resources](#), a useful Parking Information Leaflet and a Calendar of [Road Safety National Events](#) that may be of interest highlighting many active travel events that families can engage with in supporting the safe school run pledge.*

### **Safe School Run Pledge**

*By signing the pledge, you would agree to:*

- Walk to school whenever possible or parking further from the school and walking the last bit of the journey*
- Park safely outside the school. Keeping the H-Bar areas and yellow zig zag line outside the school gate free. This keeps the area clear so all road users can see the school entrance and keep our children safer on their way to and from school.*
- Not park on the pavement - pavements are important for our children to walk to school. They need to be kept free of obstructions and to enable the independence of vulnerable, older, or disabled people who may have visual or mobility impairments who need to use the path. To allow families with pushchairs to safely walk on the pavement without having to walk into the road to go around vehicles parked on the pavement.*
- Park considerately and think about the local residents who may need to access their homes.*

- *Not to park in the staff car park (this also applies to parents/carers dropping children off, picking up for any school clubs) unless authorised by the School.*
- *Turn off my engine when parked (improving air quality & keeping us healthier)*

*This initiative is supported by Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Constabulary, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service and we look forward to your support too.  
From All at Yaxham CE VA Primary School*

### ***Message from the Friends of Yaxham Primary School***

We wanted to give you an update on the FOYS committee. As you know the purpose of the FOYS is to fund raise to provide much needed support to enrich the education of our children at school. We do this through fun activities and with your generous support. To enable this to happen there are a bunch of committee members who make up the FOYS. The committee has recently been running with a minimum number of members and unfortunately two members of the committee left the FOYS just before Xmas and there is now too few of us to make FOYS viable. We thank those two members whole-heartedly for all the time, effort and support they have given to the FOYS during their time on the committee. We now need new committee members and specifically a Treasurer and a Chairman. If we are unable to get enough committee members then we will most likely need to close down the FOYS which would be a real shame for the school. We have a committee meeting on Thursday 13th January where a final decision will be made. If you feel you have the time to become a committee member (and/or specifically a Treasurer or Chairman) please contact us before next Wednesday 12th January. You can leave a message with the school office or speak to Ralph Burton or Vicky Cooper.

Thank you for taking the time to read these messages, we really hope we can rely on your support.

Best wishes,

Jennie Müller

Headteacher



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**YAXHAM CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Pledge to keep our roads safer and to protect our children.***

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***Child's Name: ..... Year Group .....***

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***Parents / Carers Name:.....(Print)***

***Signed: ..... Dated: .....***

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***Signed: ..... Dated: .....***



Saturday 29th January

Doors open 6:30pm  
Eyes Down at 7:00pm

Cash Prizes  
&  
Raffle

Further details contact: Lucy 01362 694545

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