

## **Drop off zone – Valley End C of E Infant School, Surrey**

- The Drop Off Zone operates from 8.40 – 8.55 a.m. managed by volunteer parents – Friends of Valley End (FOVE) – who are committed to providing a good start for you and your children.
- Volunteers receive safety training in procedures and you'll know who they are as they'll be wearing high visibility jackets, operating in pairs at the Drop off Zone.
- Pull up in your vehicle – with your passenger side to the pavement outside the Drop off Zone – with your child ready with belongings.
- As you stop at the Drop off Zone you'll be greeted by a FOVE volunteer who will help your child out of your vehicle.
- Each child is given a flag to hold as soon as they are handed over into FOVE responsibility.
- Once a group of up to 6 children are gathered with flags, one FOVE volunteer will lead those children to the school entrance where they will be handed over to a member of staff one by one – the flags are counted in and checked by both staff member and volunteer.
- This valuable service has won the school a safety award but can only continue with the support of volunteers. Please feel free to use the service but also consider volunteering to help – contact the school office for more information.

## **Drop off zone – Athelstan Primary School, Kingston Upon Thames**

- Historically, the area outside our school had been used illegally as a drop off and pick up zone, where some parents and carers continued to ignore road markings, signage and even the involvement of Parking Attendants.
- The lives of our pupils were endangered every day by illegal parking outside of school at both the beginning and end of the day. Not only was this damaging the local environment and causing ill feeling with the local residents but more importantly, it posed a significant safeguarding issue which we wanted to eradicate.
- In an ideal world, we would have had Parking Attendants and PCSOs outside the school every morning, but this was obviously not possible and even with this intervention, we were still not able to stop parents parking on the double yellow lines. The resulting build-up of traffic that this caused in the local area was a health and safety risk for everyone and so we decided to do something about it!
- A couple of years ago, we worked together with parents, the local authority and our Safer Neighbourhood Team to run a trial of a drop off zone. It was incredibly successful and as a result, we now offer this service every morning.

- Each morning, between 8.15 and 8.45 am, there is a dedicated area for drop off. This is on the outer edge of the turning circle, in front of the bus stop. The area is large enough to accommodate 3-4 vehicles. Before and after these times, the drop off is not in operation and there are no staff to supervise the children.
- Parents drive up to the area and stop. The children get out of the car on the side of the pavement, helped by our staff or parent helpers. We encourage them not to get out of the car on the side of the road and the idea is that parents remain in the car at this time.
- The children wait on the pavement with our staff/volunteers and the parent then leaves. Once we have approximately 5-10 pupils waiting, a member of staff escort the children onto the school grounds via the Junior Playground.
- We have members of staff waiting in the playground to supervise them until the bell rings. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are kept under close supervision by staff in a specific section, whereas KS2 pupils may play elsewhere in the playground.
- When the bell rings, pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are escorted to their classrooms by staff.
- NOTE:- Very few problems are experienced at the end of the school day due to after school clubs and a staggered release of pupils, hence no drop off zone solution at circa 3.30pm.