

# Kildare Place School – Traffic Safety Week

15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

Dear Parents –

On Monday you will notice that we are launching our “Traffic Safety” Week. Each year the school staff, Parents and PTA all work hard to ensure the safety of your children whilst they are coming to and from school. In the run up to the Easter holidays we have already had a few days where we have been looking at the parking situation and most importantly how pupils and parents of the school cross the road. The school is currently in discussions with the City Council with a few to implementing some further traffic calming measures outside the school and in particular, we are also very grateful to Tara Lily-white and her team who have been working tirelessly to highlight this campaign to all members of the school community.

During the course of this week – we will be doing a number of things – these will include

- Talking to all Junior Classes and re-emphasising the “Safe Cross Code” – could we ask you to talk to your children about it and ask them to show you how they have learnt to cross the road safely – this reinforcement of their learning is invaluable.
- All senior class teachers will be talking to pupils about how they can safely come to school – in particular in this case, how to walk safely when they are in groups.
- Reminding pupils how to cross safely with the help of Roisin our warden – in particular not crossing until she indicates to do so.

In order to ensure that we get the maximum benefit from this awareness campaign could we please urge you to read the following points carefully and to put them into practice!

There are only two main locations that we kindly ask you not to park in – this not only ensures the area directly outside the school is clear, but also in the case of Maxwell road – there is a safe “line of sight” for Roisin to see the approaching traffic. We hope that the presence of the “high vis” vests will also highlight to people using the road in the morning that they need to be aware of the presence of the children in the area.

The Gardaí in the Traffic Unit have been very supportive, to date they have been a presence outside the school at random times and have also issued fines and penalty notices to offenders – they will be around next week so please be aware that they will be there!

Please take note of the following:

- 1.No Parking - directly opposite the school gates and college gates. Cars parked opposite the school cause a blind spot for traffic approaching.
- 2.No parking between the college gates and school gates. Cones are placed here to prevent cars parking.
- 3.Do not cross the road until Roisin is in the middle, cars have stopped, and Roisin has indicated it is safe to cross.
- 4.Do not speed.
- 5.Respect the cones.

Please pass these parking notes on to anyone who may be dropping your children to school - minders, grannies, aunts, etc. It is vital that all members of the school community are aware! Please look out for the parents supervising in their high-vis jackets!

We are confident if we can work together we can ensure that the safety of the children in our school community continue to remain our utmost priority. Thank you for helping us to keep your child safe.

Mr Packham & KPS PTA