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24<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents,

**Re: Removal of School Crossing Patrollers**

Yesterday we received a letter from Wokingham Borough Council regarding a public consultation on a proposal to remove the seven remaining school crossing patrollers within the authority. The Council is asking residents and stakeholders to share their views on removing these services and replacing them with permanent crossings where appropriate. It is proposed the school crossing patrol service in Murray Road would cease in July.

Our crossing patroller, Mrs Burch, does a marvellous job of helping our families navigate Murray Road at peak times. She is highly regarded by the school community and her efforts to prevent reckless driving and potential accidents undoubtedly keeps our pupils safe. The proximity of our schools to the train station means that local roads are extremely busy, particularly at the start and the end of the school day, and parking issues further exacerbate this problem. Mrs Burch regularly directs traffic, preventing the roads around our schools from grinding to a halt. We would be lost without her!

Consultation on these proposed changes will run until to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and schools and parents affected by the proposals can respond online. Attached is the letter from Wokingham Borough Council containing further information and details of how to access the consultation.

Our three schools will be responding to WBC, expressing our views on the importance of continuing with this service to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and their families.

Yours faithfully,

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**From:** David Allen [<mailto:David.Allen@wokingham.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 22 January 2018 14:21  
**To:** communityengagement <[communityengagement@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@wokingham.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** School Crossing Patrol consultation ~[UNCLASSIFIED]~

Dear headteacher,

As part of its ongoing review of the value of its non-statutory services, Wokingham Borough Council is holding a public consultation on its remaining School Crossing Patrollers, one of whom is currently operating near your school.

There are currently seven school crossing patrollers in the Wokingham Borough and the Council is asking residents and stakeholders views on a proposal to remove these services and replace them with safe permanent crossings (pelican/zebra crossings) where appropriate. These crossing would provide safe crossing points at all times (24hour) rather than just in the mornings and afternoons.

It is proposed the school crossing patrol service at these locations should cease at the end of this academic year (July 2018). The affected sites are: All Saints Primary School, Norreys Avenue, Wokingham; St Paul's Junior & Walter Infant Schools, Murray Road, Wokingham; Keephatch Primary School, Keephatch Road, Wokingham; Willow Bank Infant & Junior School, Duffield Road Woodley; South Lake Primary School, Nightingale Road, Woodley; Woodley CE Primary School, Hurricane Way, Woodley; Polehampton Infant & Junior Schools, London Road Twyford.

At each of these sites the Council will carry out an assessment in accordance to the processes described in the document produced by Road Safety GB entitled 'School Crossing Patrol Service Guidelines'. Where the assessment indicates a patroller would be justified, the Council will design and deliver where applicable a formal pedestrian crossings before the start of the new academic school in September 2018.

Consultation on these proposed changes will run until to Friday March 2. Schools, parents and guardians affected by the proposals can take part online. Follow the link: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/news-and-consultation/consultation-and-having-your-say/current-consultations/> or visit [www.wokingham.gov.uk](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk) and search for Consultations.

Kind regards

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