Friday 7th October

Dear Parent / Carer

**Walk to School Week and Safer Travel to School**

Next week is ‘Walk to School Week’ and as usual we want to encourage as many children and adults as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Wednesday has been designated ‘Scoot to School Day’, when the school in York with the most scooters can win a ‘scooter pod’ for parking scooters.

Apart from the health and environmental benefits of walking, cycling or scooting to school, we are also keen to promote this as a way of reducing the ongoing problems we have with parking. This was supported by everyone who attended the Parents’ Forum meeting I held last week to discuss this issue.

At the meeting we also agreed to take a number of other steps to tackle inconsiderate / unsafe parking and promote safer travel. These include:

* Reminding parents about our ‘Parents’ Parking Pledge’
* Carrying out a survey to find out why parents travel to school by car and what prevents them using other methods
* Photographing vehicles which are badly parked and issuing ‘parking tickets’
* Investigating other ways to encourage walking or cycling to school (e.g. setting up a ‘walking buddies’ scheme)

We will be working with parents and pupils to implement some of these strategies in the coming weeks. I hope you will support us in this work, which is aimed at keeping all our children safe. If you are interested in joining the group of parents who have agreed to be actively involved, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Rupert Griffiths