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Dear parents/carers

As you are aware, there has been a significant concern amongst parents, staff and children that following the introduction of further parking restrictions on Caldly Road, there is a perception that the traffic speeds of drivers using this route have increased, posing a potential serious risk to our children's safety.

It is a normal part of our curriculum that we teach children about road safety and keeping themselves safe, however due to the additional concerns, outlined above, we are running several Road Safety sessions in conjunction with Wirral council throughout the year. In the first of these, Year 6 children will be taking part in a special project to encourage drivers to slow down near our school. This project called, Kid's Court, is run by Wirral Council's Road Safety Team and Merseyside Police. After the success of the Kid's Court at Greasby Junior School and Black Horse Hill Juniors it was decided that Avalon School would be an ideal candidate to run the scheme again.

On the day, a Traffic Police Officer will be stopping speeding vehicles outside the school and giving them the option of taking either the points on their licence and a fine or facing the Kid's Court. Those that choose the Kid's Court and are deemed suitable by the Police Officer, (clearly if they appear angry, agitated, abusive etc. then they will not be given the option of facing the Kid's Court), will be escorted into the school building and will have to answer pre-prepared questions from the pupils. They will then watch a short film with a Road Safety Officer. Each session will last approximately 15 minutes. A Police Community Support Officer, School Staff and Road Safety Officers will be present throughout and the activity will be fully risk assessed.

The Road Safety Team has met with the children today to explain the purpose of the day, to go over the questions and structure and given some additional information about speeding and its consequences. Local media has been invited to take publicity photographs and local Councillors may also attend. The success of the Kid's Court is based around catching regular speeders and therefore discretion is essential. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact the Road Safety Team either on 0151 606 2173 or via email to roadsafety@wirral.gov.uk. If you do not wish your child to participate in the Kid's Court Project, please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Callaway
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