



God Love Family

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 22nd January 2024

Dear Parents,

I am writing to update you on an incident that took place at the end of the school day on Thursday 18th January.

As you may be aware, two children from Mansel Park Primary school were involved in a car accident on the crossing on Mansel Road West. This was a traumatic event for those involved and upsetting for those who witnessed it.

Mansel Park staff, as well as other members of the school and local community, acted swiftly to support the girls and ensured that they were watched over until the emergency services arrived; thankfully both girls are doing well and are back in school after a restful weekend.

All the teachers at both Mansel Park and Holy Family were briefed on Friday about the incident and sensitively addressed this with their classes through a road safety discussion.

This event has made us as a school community reflect on three key things:

- We urgently need a safe Zebra or Pelican crossing along Mansel Road West to support both our school and our Partnership school, Mansel Park. This would protect over 800 children and their families.
- The roads around school are busy and often overloaded with traffic. If you can walk to and from school, please walk to reduce the number of vehicles on the road.
- The community which we serve is wonderful! We are very proud of the everyone who acted so quickly in response to the incident. We thank you all for thinking of those in need and keeping our children at the centre.

Luckily, there was no fatality this time. The driver was driving slowly and the children were lucky to escape with a visit to hospital. Both children and driver were seriously affected by this event. It is very clear that a pedestrian / Zebra crossing is essential to support our families from Mansel Park and Holy Family, as this incident could have been much worse.

Please support us in our mission to get a safe pedestrian crossing for both of our schools and protect over 800 children by emailing your concerns and support for a crossing to your local councillors:

Alan Whitehead – MP for Southampton Test - whiteheada@parliament.uk

Councillor Christian Cox - Councillor.C.Cox@southampton.gov.uk

Councillor Steven Galton - Councillor.S.Galton@southampton.gov.uk

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Please stay safe on the roads, particularly when the sun is low and the nights are still dark early.

Yours Sincerely,

Gerida Montague
Executive Headteacher

Nikki Grace
Vice Principal