Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers and most importantly, car-users in and around Winterfold PS!

Our Road Safety and Traffic committee has re-established again this year to address concerns about road safety for our children around the school, and this year...

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Last year we worked with the school, our school community and the City of Fremantle to highlight areas that required immediate attention in order to improve road safety conditions for students as they travel to and from school.

We are grateful for the co-operation and support we have received from the school, the input from the school community, and the response from the City of Fremantle in implementing measures to encourage drivers to drive and park safely in the school zones. We are also grateful that the City is also working with Christ the King school to develop a safer road environment in surrounding streets.

Unfortunately, we are continuing to see unsafe driving and parking practices along Annie Street and adjacent streets as well as at the back of the school along Wardle Road and Wardle Place. The congestion that is created from these dangerous practices has recently resulted in a couple of extremely concerning incidents where student safety has been threatened. Thankfully no-one has been seriously hurt though one incident resulted in a student receiving minor injuries.

Our aim is to keep our number of students hurt at ZERO but to do this **we need you** to adhere to the following when driving to and from school:

- Unfortunately there are just not enough car bays for everyone to park directly outside the school, however there is plenty of parking on adjacent streets. **Please park safely within a 1-2 minute walk away from the school if there are no car bays available. Also consider parking east of Annie/York Street and encouraging older children to take advantage of the crossing attendant on York Street.**

- Signs have been put in place to remind drivers not to park on resident’s verges. There is a risk to children walking to and from school who navigate around cars. **Please do not park on verges.**

- Please take note of no stopping/parking bays and refrain from double parking. No stopping/parking bays must be kept clear to maintain a clear line of sight for drivers and children crossing roads and double parking creates dangerous congestion. **Please do not park or wait in no stopping/parking zones or double park.**

- Please take note of new signage and road markings. **Please do not park on yellow road markings.**

- There is particular concern for drivers using teacher’s parking bays for drop off/pick up on Wardle Place. **Please do not park or wait in teacher’s parking bays or use these for drop off/pick up.**

- Please remember the school zone speed limit is 40km/hour from 7.30-9am and 2.30-4pm on school days. **Please slow down within the school zone and take extra care close to the school where children are crossing roads.**

Over the course of 2016 we will continue to work with community, school and council in addition to WA Police and Main Roads to ensure that our goal of a safe road environment for our kids is achieved.

With help from you we can do this quickly and easily.

Thank you.