



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, the situation with the roadworks remains unchanged and the footpath opposite the school remains largely closed to pedestrians.

There are signs on the roadworks advising children that if they have to turn right (go downhill) to get home, they should not cross the road where the school crossing patrol person is located. Children should remain on the school's side of the road and walk down to the traffic lights to cross. Our school crossing patrol (lollipop man) Neil, has been advising the children to do this since Monday.

### School Crossing Patrol Arrangement for Thursday and Friday

We have been notified by the council's Road Safety Team, that we **WILL NOT** have a School Crossing Patrol service this Thursday or Friday, so it's very important that the following advice is followed.

- Children who are walking home without adult supervision and live downhill, **MUST** walk home towards the village store using the footpath on the school side of the road. They can then use the pedestrian crossing near the shop to cross safely.
- Children who are walking home without adult supervision and live uphill, are still able to cross in the usual place, but we will not have a school crossing patrol service.

**If parents and carers have any concerns about these arrangements, they should accompany their children to and from school. School cannot take responsibility for escorting children across the road.**

### INFORMATION FROM DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL'S WEBSITE STATES:

**Who is responsible for making sure children are safe?**

Although we recognise the need to provide a school crossing patrol service for our schools, we do not have to do so by law. The responsibility for ensuring the safety of children to and from school is still a parental one. Even where a patrol is provided parents and carers remain responsible for their children's safety.

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/media/6128/School-crossing-patrol-policy/pdf/SchoolCrossingPatrolPolicy20131202.pdf?m=636736460399070000>

Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs R Woods  
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