



Mayfield Preparatory School

Believe it! Achieve it!

Dear parents,

On Wednesday, I received a letter from Walsall Council regarding a consultation on the proposal to remove category 2 school crossing patrol wardens. In short, the council need to cut their budget by £86million over the next 3 years. First, they are trying to get rid out of our libraries and now they are proposing to remove lollipop ladies like Linda from school crossings.

I think it is an utter disgrace! I have given my opinion to the council in a strongly worded letter. I think school crossing wardens, and our Linda in particular, are vital to protect the safety of our children (and parents) when crossing busy roads, like Sutton Road. I have asked Walsall Council, "What price is a human life?" I vehemently reject their proposal to cut costs by ridding our community of such important people as Linda, our Lollipop Lady, for whom we fought so hard to get in the first place.

If you feel as strongly as I do, then you have the opportunity to tell the council by signing an e-petition by following this link:

<https://cmispublic.walsall.gov.uk/cmis/ePetitions.aspx> and clicking on 'Save our School Crossing Patrol Service'. It takes a minute to complete and if we have over 1500 signatories, the petition must be debated at council, so get all your family members and friends to sign the petition, too. I have also contacted the 38 other schools affected in Walsall and ask that they join our petition.

We are also in contact with the local media, so keep an eye out for an article in the local papers and on Radio WM, so please throw your support behind the campaign to save our School Crossing Patrol Service.

In the worst case scenario, that they ignore common sense, that they ignore the consensus of views among Headteachers, schools and the public, that they go ahead with their shameful proposal, the school Governors and I pledge that we will fight and do whatever is necessary to retain Linda as our Lollipop Lady, even if the school has to provide the funds to keep her. We promise this because the lives of all children, parents and families at Mayfield are priceless and invaluable.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M. Draper
Headmaster