



Scoil Mhuire Abbesside

Supporting Smarter Travel

Dear Parents & Guardians

When Waterford County Council was making it's bid for Dungarvan to become a Smarter Travel town in 2010, Scoil Mhuire Abbesside backed the initiative, lending support from the Board of Management, The Parents Association, the staff and the pupils at the school.

As the largest primary school in the area we gratefully accepted the opportunity to be involved in this exciting project. Already the teachers and students have benefitted from many of the Go Dungarvan initiatives such as Cycle Training, Road Safety Training and Teacher Walking Training with many more programmes planned for the new school year.

Go Dungarvan started a lengthy consultation process with local residents and the school back in 2012 to find ways of making the area safer for pedestrians and cyclists and in particular for your children as they travel to and from school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in this process and especially the local residents for their time and patience.

Over the summer holidays various improvement works have been carried out in the vicinity of the school, in Murphy Place, Friar's walk and Sheares Street. Murphy Place is now a cul-de-sac making it very safe for children walking and cycling to school along the track. New footpaths have been built on Sheares Street and Friars's Walk and The Pond area will be developed in September to create a safe drop-off zone for older children.

Overleaf is a plan of the area which shows you the new footpaths and safe crossings along with the areas that are now deemed exclusion zones. i.e. should not be used for parking or set down for the school. We would like to make the following recommendations for the new school year:

- Children who live close enough to the school are encouraged to walk
- Children from 3rd Class upwards are encouraged to cycle to school
- Younger children are encouraged to cycle but must be accompanied by an adult
- Parents dropping or collecting children at the school by car should only park/set down in designated ZONES as follows:

Zone A	Junior & Senior Infants, 1st & 2nd Class
Zone B or C	3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Class Students
Zone D	Due to be completed in September 2013

We would call on all parents to make a big effort to follow these recommendations which we hope will go a long way towards easing congestion at the school and making it safer for pupils, parents, teachers and local residents.

Thank you for you co-operation

Ruaidhrí de Paor,
School Principal



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