



# MEDINA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday, as children were leaving school, a pupil got knocked over by a cyclist. The child was badly shaken up and has some injuries but hopefully will be fit to return to school very soon. I am informing all parents about this incident as a reminder that we are still without a Crossing Patrol Officer and to, especially at the end of the day, take extra care.

I would also like to remind parents to park appropriately and not on the zig zag lines or on the corner of Sixth Avenue. The visibility, when crossing Medina Road, is significantly reduced when parents park in these places. Also, I ask that when waiting for children, please do not stand by the safety rail outside school – again this reduces visibility when trying to cross.

A number of parents and members of the Medina community have contacted the school with regards to the safety of children crossing Medina Road, I would like to remind you that, regrettably, we, as a school, have no control over this and that Crossing Patrol Officers are employed by Portsmouth City Council and not by individual schools. For those parents that have expressed an interest in taking on the position, please apply via the following link: <https://careers.portsmouth.gov.uk/.../school-crossing.../>

I have asked all Class Teachers to spend some lesson time today talking about road safety with their pupils. Please be assured that all staff share your concerns and I have once again informed the Local Authority of my grave concerns for the safety of Medina's pupils.

Yours sincerely

H J Payne  
Headteacher

