



Dear Councillors Luke Sorba, Paul Bell, Joan Millbank, and Louise Krupski,

I am writing on behalf of the children at Edmund Waller Primary School, specifically our Climate Champions—a dedicated group of 24 pupils from Years 2 to 6 who actively work to reduce our school community's environmental impact and promote local biodiversity. The Climate Champions are requesting your support in improving the safety of the crossing on Gellatly Road, which is in close proximity to our school.

Our pupils are committed to encouraging sustainable travel, such as walking, scooting, or cycling to school. However, they have expressed significant concerns about the safety of the current crossing. Many older children travel to school without adult supervision and find crossing Gellatly Road stressful. Several parents have shared that they would prefer to allow their children to walk independently, but the perceived danger of the crossing prevents them from doing so. Additionally, cars parked on pavements obstruct pedestrians, making it difficult for families with buggies or wheelchairs to navigate safely.

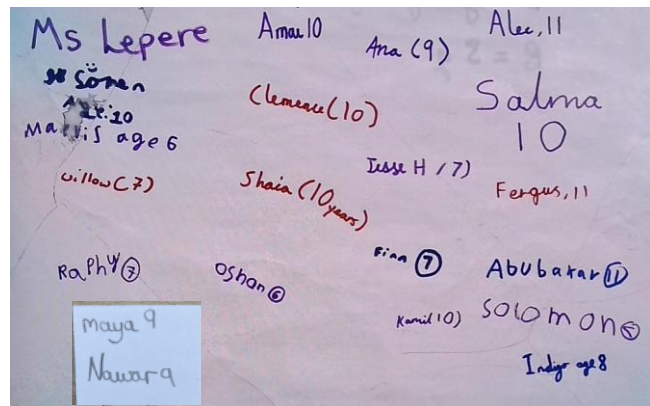
Edmund Waller Primary School is close to achieving *Gold Standard Accreditation* under the **Travel for Life** scheme, which promotes active, responsible, and safe travel among young Londoners. As part of this initiative, we have transitioned to using public transport for most school trips. However, escorting large groups of children across Gellatly Road remains a challenge. Visibility is poor due to pavement parking, and during a recent trip involving 120 pupils, an ambulance attending an unrelated incident further restricted space, creating a hazardous situation. Crossing the road immediately afterward compounded the risk, as vehicles approach quickly and the current crossing does not provide adequate safety.

We kindly ask you to consider these concerns and look forward to sharing your response with our pupils.

Ms Lepere and the Edmund Waller Climate Champions

**Signatories:**

- Anne Rennie, Headteacher
- Dan Absalom, Deputy Headteacher
- Liz Stone, Chair of Governor
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