



Worplesdon
Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It is with great sadness that I am writing this letter to you today, in the knowledge that many of you will already be aware that Steve Brierley, our School Crossing Patrol Officer, has today resigned with immediate effect. You will all know what a wonderful job Steve does each and every day: he ensures that drivers do not park dangerously or illegally around the school entrance; he ensures that cars drive slowly when approaching the school; he provides a safe crossing for our children as they come in to school and leave the school grounds and also seems to have eyes in the back of his head for any toddler who may not be aware yet of the dangers of the road.

Many of you will have seen Steve's open letter to the community or spoken with him directly about his resignation and some of you have asked me to clarify the events that have led to this outcome. In these unusual circumstances I am writing to explain to you all how we have come to this sorry pass. As Steve has told you, a formal complaint was made against him by a member of the school community which I responded to in line with the School's Complaint's Policy and after taking advice from the Local Authority. Unfortunately, Steve resigned before we could meet formally according to the school's procedure and therefore I have not been able to establish the final outcome.

I am very sorry to see Steve go as we will all miss him as we recognise his commitment to the role and keeping our children safe.

As a staff team, we will be holding a collection for Steve's parting gift in recognition of all his hard work over the years. It would be wonderful to collect messages from our community to thank Steve for all his hard work. If you or your child would like to contribute, please send your messages via your child's class teacher.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss the content of this letter further.

Many thanks & best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien