

Ashton Keynes C of E Primary School

**Gosditch
Ashton Keynes
Nr Swindon
Wiltshire
SN6 6NZ**



Tel / Fax : 01285 861436

E-Mail :

office@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk

Head teacher :

Miss M Carleton

Ms A Lawrence / Mr. T Tamin
Education Transport Department
Wiltshire County Council
County Hall
Trowbridge
Wilts
BA14 8JB

cc. Mr. B Wolfson, Mrs. Carole Soden, Mr James Gray

November 22nd 2004

Dear Mr. Tamin / Ms Lawrence

My governors and I were extremely saddened by your letter of 8 November, informing us that you were unwilling to fund a replacement crossing patrol after Mrs. Iudge's retirement in December.

Over the past 3 years we have worked tirelessly on our Travel Plan and we have seen a real reduction in cars brought along Gosditch. A very large number of our children now cycle, scoot or walk to school on a regular basis. We have encouraged parents to park their cars away from the narrow school lane with the knowledge that their children will be able to cross the High Road safely with the help of a "lollipop lady".

This decision makes a mockery of all of our work encouraging parents to leave their cars at home and allowing their children to travel to school independently. The road children must cross is used as a cut-through for traffic between Cirencester and Swindon. There is also a garage with coaches and a bus stop nearby.

We would like you to reconsider this decision. If you do not provide us with a crossing patrol, you leave us with no alternative but to inform you that we would hold your department responsible should any of our children get hurt whilst trying to cross the High Road on their way to school.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Carleton
Head teacher

Mr. D Tarr
Chair of governors