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Dear Parents,

Like all of our wider school community, we the staff of St. Matthew's Primary School have been shocked and saddened by the sudden and untimely death of our esteemed colleague Mrs Gabrielle Feeney. We, of course extend our heartfelt condolences to all of Gabrielle's family and friends and trust that they find solace in their strong Christian faith and the support of the parish community.

Sadly, the Education Authority has refused to sanction a replacement for Gabrielle's key role as our school 'lollipop lady' despite the Board of Governors presenting an impassioned plea on account of major safety concerns at this location.

In addition, they have also highlighted the fact that school staff are not covered by insurance to assist children in crossing a busy main road.

Therefore, it appears that we have no option but to appeal to parents to assist us in providing maximum safety in the delivery of your children both into and out of the school.

This will entail parents and guardians crossing their children safely in the mornings and collecting all children from P1-P7 at staff car park at the end of their school day.

Your continuous support and co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Ann-Marie Kealey

Ann-Marie Kealey
(Principal)

Liam Begley

Liam Begley,
(Chairperson of Board of Governors)

Small enough to care, Big enough to inspire