



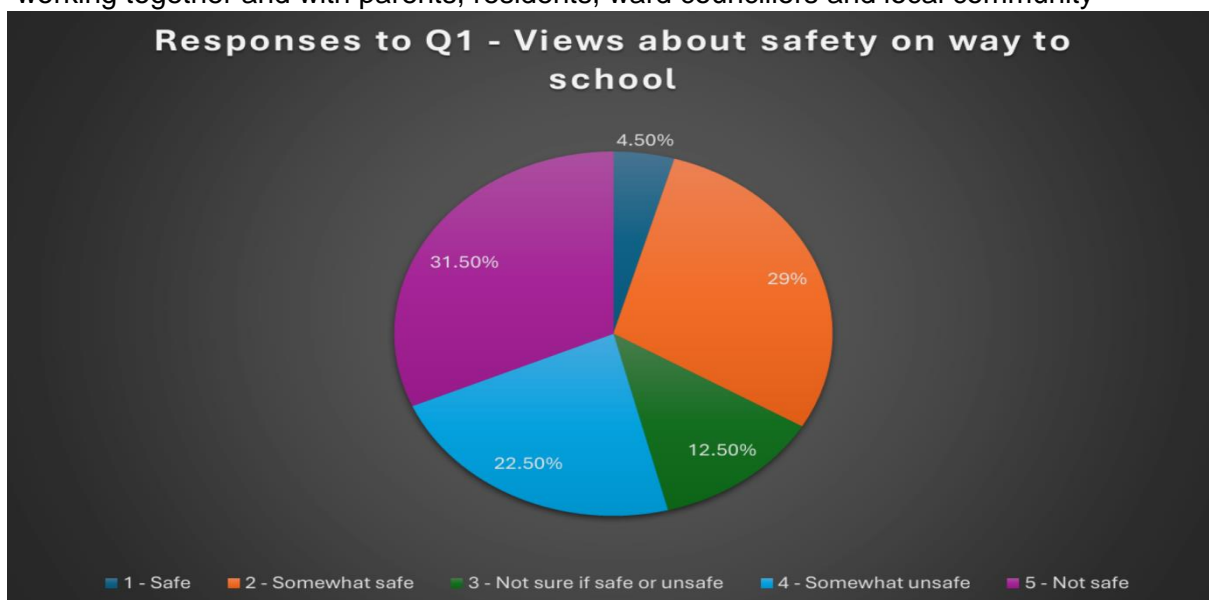
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Zebra Zone

As you will be aware both Allens Croft Nursery School and Allens Croft Primary School are working together and with parents, residents, ward councillors and local community



organisations to tackle some of the safety issues that have been of concern to us for a while.

Thank you to the 89 people across both schools who completed the survey we sent out in April. We wanted to share some headlines with you. The chart below shows that over half of respondents felt the journey to and from schools felt unsafe.

Description of safety concern	Percentage who selected each item	Number of respondents
Bad parking near the school	89%	79
The amount of dog poo	79%	70
Speeding on Allens Croft Road	75%	67
Vehicles that don't stop at the zebra crossing	74%	66
Piggy Lane at the Allens Croft Road end.	55%	49
Speeding on Brandwood Park Road	52%	46
Using the rest of Piggy Lane and the car park	47%	42
Vehicles illegally using Dawberry Fields park	42%	37
Crossing Brandwood Park Road	36%	32
Anti-social behaviour	24%	21
I don't think there's a problem with any of these	1%	1

Even parents and carers who considered that overall, the journey to school was safe, almost everyone did identify at least one area of safety concern in the roads and area surrounding the schools. These safety concerns are ranked below in terms of how many times they were selected in the survey.

In addition to the survey of parents' views, some counts have been carried out of driving and parking issues outside the schools.

The counts took place between 8.30-9.15am on each occasion at the main entrance for both schools. They were undertaken by Cllr David Barker, Cllr Lisa Trickett and were supported by parents and community members.

Issues were counted in relation to the following:

- Parking on the pavement
- Parking on yellow/white lines
- Parking on the zebra crossing
- Speeding
- Dangerous manoeuvres
- Not stopping for zebra crossing

The results were as follows:

- Friday 7 March: 34 issues
- Wednesday 9 April: 48 issues
- Friday 11 April: 48 issues

This is an average of 43 issues each morning during this 45 min time period.

Launch of the Zebra Zone – 28 April

We started the new term as schools declaring ourselves as part of a new Zebra Zone, along with Dawberry Fields Park. You will have noticed a dazzle of zebras in the form of banners with brilliant artwork from the children, street signs and wooden cut outs along Allens Croft Road, Brandwood Park Road and along the Piggy Lane entrance to the park's car park. The park has a large zebra artwork in the skate bowl, a banner and stripey notice boards too!

Is it making a difference?

We are really pleased to share the results of three further traffic counts which have happened during the last few weeks, using the same counting criteria.

- Wednesday 30 April: Total: 14 issues
- Wednesday 7 May: 18 issues
- Friday 16 May: 17 issues

This is an average of 16 issues each morning during this 45 min time period.

That is a REDUCTION OF 63%!

We share the roads with the whole community but just want to say a massive thank you to anyone in our school community who has recently made a change in the way they bring their children into school.

You are making a difference!



There is, of course, further work to do and we will be meeting with the city council's Highways Engineer and other council officers to discuss more permanent measures to increase the safety of the children attending our schools and in the wider community. If any parents or carers from either of the schools would like to get involved in the Zebra Zone campaign, please contact Suzanne Carter, a school governor at Allens Croft Primary School on s.carter@allcroft.bham.sch.uk There is an active WhatsApp group for generating ideas and sharing news.

Kind regards,

Allens Croft Nursery School and Allens Croft Primary School



**Are you...
Feeling the buzz yet?**

**BRANDWOOD
BUZZ**

Tell us what you think of the new murals!
(Plus Zebra Zone and Dawberry Corner Community Garden - are we 'Boosting Brandwood' yet?)
<https://forms.gle/huFhLY7qQX1NeN2k6>

Please take a tiny feedback survey. Only 4 questions!

