



Dear Parent/Guardian

It has come to our attention that there may be children who are being transported to school in a vehicle without the appropriate car seat.

Considering the age of the children at both Sitwell Infant School and Sitwell Junior School, it is likely most children will require a car seat of some kind, as this should be the case until children reach the age of 12 or they are at least 135cm tall – whichever comes first.

The same rules apply for disabled children and those with medical conditions. However, there are alternative seat belts and child restraints that are designed for their needs if the standard one is not suitable.

The primary reason we are working with Sitwell Junior School, Sitwell Infant School, and parents and guardians on this matter, is for the **safety of the children**.

Injuries to children in the event of a collision can be significantly reduced by use of a suitable child restraint, and this is why the use of seatbelts and car seats are written into law.

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that all passengers are wearing their seatbelts and that children who do not meet the above criteria, are also supported with a car seat that is suitable for their needs.

Failing to do this, will not only compromise the safety of your children, but will also result in further enforcement action by the police and partners as this would be a safeguarding concern. It could not only result in a fine of up to £500 being issued, but also further investigation as we all have a duty of care to ensure children are safe.

For further information you can follow this link:

[www.think.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DfT\\_SeatBeltBooklet.pdf](http://www.think.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DfT_SeatBeltBooklet.pdf)

Please be aware that there will be patrols in the area to monitor this, and enforcement action will be taken.

Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.


Kind regards,

Rotherham Central Neighbourhood Policing Team

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