

HEALTHY AND SAFE

The Governors of Steyning CE Primary School are great supporters of helping our children to be healthy. We are very happy that the younger children receive fresh fruit for their snack breaks and all the children are encouraged to eat healthily. We are also very proud of our sporting programme which caters to all ages and all levels of ability. We are, and have been, pro-active in encouraging our children to walk to school but we also want them to do this in a safe environment. To this end the Governors have decided to investigate the idea of identifying safe walking routes, using existing safe crossing points, from the four compass points across the town. We are at the very early stages of this project and know that we need to do a considerable amount of investigation and we also need to work closely with our local Council representatives, the Police, Police Community Support Officers and Neighbourhood Wardens. We will keep you informed of our progress but, in the interim, perhaps there is something we could all help with as a community. One of the objections raised by parents for using the footpaths, etc, is the amount of dog fouling which makes these unpleasant, and unsafe, places for young children to walk. Only a small minority of dog owners cannot (or will not) clear up after their dogs and this is certainly anti-social behaviour but there are some serious health consequences to young children who come into contact with dog faeces, which could even be fatal. So please, let's protect our children and grandchildren from

such risks and make sure we keep our footpaths and public places clean and healthy environments.

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