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Dear parents and carers,

Planned changes to the road and crossings outside school — consultation and safety concerns

Link - <https://haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk/upperdonvalley>

We have been made aware of proposed changes to the road layout and pedestrian crossings immediately outside the school. The plans include the removal of railings and a change to the position of traffic controls. On the face of it, these alterations would mean pupils and families may need to cross at two busy junctions and across the school car park to reach the school gates.

We are concerned that, as currently proposed, the changes could increase the risk to our children and families at drop-off and collection times. Specific concerns include:

- Removal of the protective railings that currently separate pedestrians from moving traffic.
- Relocation of traffic controls that would require crossing at two separate junctions to reach the school entrance.
- Increased interaction between pedestrians and vehicles within the school car park, especially at busy times.

Consultation event — please make your views known

A public consultation is taking place next week at Christ Church, Church Hall on Tuesday 6 October 2026 between 2:00pm and 6:00pm. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to see the proposals, ask questions and make your views known to the council and designers.

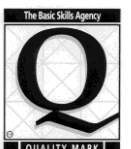
How you can help

- Attend the consultation at Christ Church, Church Hall on Tuesday 6 October 2026, 2–6pm, and speak directly to the project team.



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- If you cannot attend, please put your concerns or comments in writing and send them to the school office by 4:00pm on Monday 5 October 2026. We will collate responses from our school community and forward them to the council. (If you prefer to contact the council directly, please use the consultation details on their website.)

- When commenting, it helps to be specific. Useful points to include: how you currently travel to school, safety concerns for particular crossings or times of day, the impact on children with additional needs, and any practical suggestions (for example, keeping railings, relocating crossings to favour direct routes to the school gate, or retaining a pedestrian-only route across the car park).

Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of every pupil. Your voice as parents and carers is crucial in ensuring any changes do not compromise that safety. Please do come to the consultation if you can, or send your comments to the school office by 4:00pm on Monday 5 October 2026.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright