



**Parent Council
Gryffe High School
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Dear Mr Allan

The footway (pavement) running alongside the B790, Houston Road between Bridge of Weir and Houston – Safe Walking Routes to School

At our meeting on Monday, 29 August 2011 the Parent Council discussed the unsafe state of the footway which Bridge of Weir pupils have to negotiate whilst walking to and from Gryffe High School during the school session.

It was noted that the wall running alongside this pavement has collapsed down into the bordering field in three main sections. One of these sections includes the pavement which has also collapsed into the field leaving about three feet of crumbling footway for pedestrians to pass. This particular section needs to be repaired as a matter of urgency. Might I suggest that if the owner of the wall refuses to repair the wall, then Renfrewshire Council should affix mesh- type wire fencing to protect pedestrians?

Could I also suggest that the length of this pavement from Bridge of Weir boundary to Gryffe High School be resurfaced and I quote Part 3 of Renfrewshire Council's Local Transport Strategy 2007, Network Maintenance, Delivery Targets:

“Prioritise footway resurfacing to locations which address safety, high pedestrian flows and *frequent passage by school children* and people with mobility difficulties” such to be done on an annual footway programme by Renfrewshire Council.

The Delivery Target, Walking and Cycling Strategy reads;

“Prioritise investment in the improvement of walking routes where this supports the Council’s ‘Safer Routes to School’ programme.

This road has not been resurfaced in the last year, in spite of it being identified as part of the Safe Walking Route to School for Gryffe High School pupils walking from Bridge of Weir for session beginning August 2010.

The surface of this pavement is crumbling through to the gravel beneath in some sections. Also, the pavement is subsiding down the middle where pipes or cable have been laid for almost the entire length of the route. If the Safe Walking Route to School is not safe, it follows that Gryffe High pupils from Bridge of Weir are entitled to the reinstatement of the school bus.

Your early intervention to have this pavement resurfaced to a sound and safe standard, and to have the broken sections of wall repaired, would ensure that pupils walking from Bridge of Weir would have the greatest level of pedestrian safety that Renfrewshire Council can provide.

In addition, there is severe flooding along towards the school near the left turn where the road veers to the top of the hill and the pavement dips round the side of the corner. This is a particular concern as pupils use the wall to support themselves in an effort to keep their feet dry. We note that this wall does not appear to be stable. The flooding of the dip on the B790 appears not to have been successfully repaired either.

Yours sincerely

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