

# Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Safety Around School

I hope you have all had a good Easter break and have settled back into the new term. I am writing to you all to provide an update on the traffic situation around the school. An incident took place before the holidays involving a driver, a parent and young child just outside the school. There have also been a number of reports of unsafe driving and parking on the roads around school in recent months as well as complaints from local residents.

I understand that pick up and drop off times are very busy however, a small minority of parents are driving and parking in a dangerous manner without due thought for pedestrians or our local residents. This parking can pose a safety risk to pupils and parents that walk and scoot to school, as well as to other road users. In addition to this, the concerns over unsafe parking can be a major barrier to increasing the levels of people walking and scooting to school.

This term you may have noticed the 'Parking Buddies' that have been placed on Cambridge Road to help prevent illegal parking. These have already proved to be both popular and effective within this first week back. We have also refreshed the signage around the school premises and have agreement from our local PCSO's who will be increasing their presence around the premises at peak times along with traffic enforcement officers who will issue penalty notices.

Now the mornings and evenings are getting lighter and the weather is becoming warmer I would also encourage parents and pupils to use more sustainable modes of travel to get to school where this is possible. I do understand that parents or carers will sometimes need to drive their children to school however I would, wherever possible, urge parents/guardians to park away from the school and then walk in.

Thank you for your support on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah  
Deputy Head

