

Bishop Road Primary School

Bishop Road, Bristol BS7 8LS



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Update Letter

This week we began to prepare the school for the Christmas season with the delivery and dressing of trees, decorations around school and the expectations and hopes for the season are very much in the air. Children in school have been greatly enjoying recording their class contributions to the Christmas Celebration ahead of the end of term. The restrictions on singing inside have brought about some challenges but some opportunities too. In the wider community, the Bristol Sings event has attracted a lot of interest as people in their neighbourhoods join in a doorstep carol singalong, together yet still apart. The event is taking place at 5.30pm on Saturday 5th December, when people across Bristol will be opening their front doors and filling the skies with festive song. Search 'Bristol Sings' online and on social media to find out more.

COVID Symptom Study

Bishop Road Primary is participating in the Covid Symptom Study to help make sure our students are as safe as possible and to support the scientific dataset of COVID-19 in children.

We are inviting parents and carers to join the Covid Symptom Study now, by downloading the free app and taking less than 1 minute a day to report how your child/children are feeling each day. The information you report will be helpful to scientific research into Covid in children and for public health purposes. The app is available to download from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. To join our school network in the app and receive personalised Covid insights about our school, go to Edit Profile for your child's profile > School Network > enter our school's Unique School Network Code (see below) > select the Bubble that your child belongs to.

- Our Unique School Network Code is **AVHIKK6**. To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school.

For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the Covid Symptom Study app please head to: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

It is important to note that parents will still need to report any absences in the normal way, covid related absences via the info@bishoproadschool.co.uk email and other absences via the absence line telephone 0117-903-0483.



Road Safety

The large numbers of people around the site makes road safety a priority. We will be talking to the children about road safety again next week in assembly and ask that parents and carers are mindful of parking safely and legally around the school site. Following a visit from Bristol City Council, we understand there are plans to clamp down on illegal and dangerous parking in particular on Clevedon Road by the side of the prison. Please support us by parking safely and legally at drop off and collection. The Road Safety Department are willing to staff and fund multiple crossing patrol officers for our school but have not been able to appoint to these roles. If you are interested, or know anyone who is, please contact the school office for more information.

Other news & reminders

As you will be aware, Ofsted, whilst not undertaking inspections at this time, are visiting schools to gather sector wide information about school responses to Covid 19. Following this visit, the letter to parents can be [found here](#) and describes some of the areas we discussed with inspectors.

In addition to **strictly observing the guidance around social distancing** we ask that you adhere to the following:

- Please notify us of Covid related absences before 8 am each day via info@bishoproadschool.co.uk
- When you receive a negative test result please let us know before your child arrives back at school
- Any notifications regarding collections for medical appointments should be sent through 24 hours in advance to the info email address. Staff will bring your child to the black main entrance gates (off Bishop Rd) at the specific time to reduce visitors entering the buildings.
- Please do not come to the school office unless you have a pre-arranged meeting.
- Ensure your child has what they need for the day and do not bring in any items late.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah
Deputy Head Teacher

