



A message from Mr Bladon:

Over recent weeks it has been reported to me that there have been at least 3 “near miss” incidents where a child’s safety was put at risk by drivers on our school grounds. Observing how children leave the school this week has caused me great concern for our children’s safety.

I know that the safety of all our children is as important to you as it is to me and to this end, could I remind you to please observe the Health and Safety procedures that are in place in and around the school grounds:

- Please accompany your child to and from the School carpark using the paths provided and especially when crossing roads.
- Please do not allow children to run or walk on the road. If you are walking without children, could you also use the paths please, not only for your own safety but to set a good example to children.
- Please mind your speed on entering school grounds. Recent observations indicate that some cars approach and leave school (including West Street and School Close) far too fast.
- Crossings are there for children’s safety. They help the children understand where it is safer to cross and also serve as a “sleeping policeman” to slow cars down. Crossings are easily identifiable by the zigzag paving, raised ramp and tactile paving at the kerbside. Please do not park on them as it restricts access and obstructs children’s vision.



- Please only park in the car park bays. Although these aren’t marked with lines, they are easily apparent.
- Only Blue badge holders, members of staff, delivery drivers and taxi/minibus drivers should drive up to the top carpark. The gate to the staff car park will be closed at 8.30am from this point forward in order to ensure children’s safety when crossing the road to go to and from the bus.
- The area at the top of the hill may be used by school transport and the school minibus only. This area is clearly marked No Parking.

I have talked to all of the children about road safety over the past couple of weeks and we have discussed how to leave school safely by walking (not running) down the hill, using the paths provided. They know what is expected of them and which paths to use. I know you will help to support them. We will also be holding a ‘road safety awareness’ week in due course for the children.

We all lead busy lives. I understand the school run can be busy and that the car park gets quite full. I also know that many parents are respectful to each other and leave promptly so as to leave space for another. Walking up to school using the path takes just a couple of minutes – it won’t drastically affect your arrival time but it will mean that you and your child arrive at school safely.

I also know that the majority of parents abide by these safety procedures and for that I thank you. The safety of children and visitors to this school is paramount and with your help I know we can continue to teach the children good road safety and awareness, a life skill that will be invaluable to them.

Term Dates (*more dates on [school website](#)*)

Mon 5th & Thurs 8th Feb:
Parents Evening
(appointments are being sent home)

Tues 6th Feb: 5.30-6.30
Bampton MAT Parents
Consultation Meeting

Mon 12th -16th Feb: HALF
TERM

Thurs 22nd Feb: Devon and
Somerset Fire Safety Talks
(Y2/5)

Sun 25 Feb: 1st Exmoor
Challenge Practice Walk

Tues 6th - Fri 9th March: Y4
Bristol Residential

Thank you in anticipation of your help and co-operation

Gary