

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### **Road Closure/ Safety Outside School**

For many years, parents, carers and pupils have voiced their concern around the safety at drop off and pick up times. In 2021 we were involved in the 'School Streets' pilot in which the council closed the road daily to help keep everyone safe. However, due to budget cuts within the council and other issues, this did not work out as a long term solution. Road signs were put up to deter stopping and parking outside school but these are very rarely followed.

**Last week alone, we had three near misses in which pupils were very close to being hit by a car.** As well as this, the lack of space and time-issues are leading to arguments amongst parents that the children are observing before coming into school. This can result in up to 20 complaint emails that staff then have to address, taking time away from school life.

**As a school we have decided to continue closing the road daily from Friday 28th March 2025:**

- In the morning the road outside school (starting from the mini roundabout) will be **closed from 8.30am - 9.00am.**
- Afterschool, the road outside school will be **closed from 3pm - 3.30pm.**

**If you do park on the road, we will not be able to let you leave until we feel it is safe enough to do so and traffic has died down.**

As you will all be aware, our school has a Resourced Provision for children who are Visually Impaired. These children are brought to school in taxis. They need safe access to the car park and adults to then guide them into school. Some parents do have access to our car park - this is prearranged. **You should not be entering the car park without approval from school staff - you are putting our most vulnerable children at risk.**

Not only will this scheme help us tackle the issue of safety but we hope it will encourage more children to walk or cycle to school as well as providing cleaner air for our children to inhale during playtimes. Guidelines state that children should be doing a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity a day in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle. We understand that some parents live further away and need to drive however, the large majority of our families live within the 1.2 miles walking distance.

If you do need to drive to school:

- **Set off in good time and park further away.** Even a short walk will be beneficial to your child's health and well-being.
- **NEVER park or stop on the mini-roundabout.** This is illegal! We encourage parents to report dangerous parking on [parkingissues@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:parkingissues@bradford.gov.uk) or <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it/report-nuisance-obstructive-parking>
- **NEVER stop in the middle of the road** and let your children jump out. There are not enough adults outside to ensure they get into school safely.
- **Be mindful of residents** and their need to get off their driveways and go to work/ school drop offs.

## Physical Activity for Children and Young People

Children should be physically active for at least 60 minutes every day

60 active minutes should be split between schools (30 minutes) and outside of school time (30 minutes).

- Active break times
- PE lessons
- Extra-curricular clubs
- Active lessons
- Sport and physical activity events
- 1K-A-Day

- Walking to and from school
- Sports clubs
- Play in the park
- Swimming
- Junior parkrun

Drink more water instead

around **6-8** glasses per day

A can of soft drink with added sugar takes a child over their maximum recommended daily intake of sugar.

Physical activity and sport is linked to

- improved concentration
- classroom behaviour
- pro-social behaviour
- peer relationships

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Nearly a third of children aged 2 to 15 are overweight or obese.

Children aged 11 and from the poorest income groups are

**3 TIMES**

as likely to be obese compared to their most well off counterparts.

Children who are aerobically fit have higher academic scores.



As always, we are here to help. Should you have any feedback you are welcome to email the school office or speak to a member of the team. We really hope we can all work together to make the start and end of the school day a safer and more enjoyable experience!

Yours sincerely

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