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School Crossing Patrol and Parking at Begbrook

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that Mr Day, our School Crossing Patrol, will be leaving at the end of the academic year. We have placed the advert for his vacancy around the school gates in an attempt to support the local authority in filling the vacancy this will leave.

To date, the vacancy has not been filled. This means that there is the possibility of us not having a School Crossing Patrol when we return to school in September. The academy is looking into alternative plans should this eventuality arise. As you are aware, there is a lot of traffic around the school entrance sites at drop off and pick up time and this important role supports us in keeping our children and families safe at these busy times. We would greatly appreciate you passing on the news of this vacancy to friends and family who may be interested in applying for the job.

We would also greatly appreciate it if drivers would **stop parking dangerously around our school site**. We have received multiple complaints from neighbours and families in recent weeks. We have been shown photographs of cars parked **on double yellow lines, on the safety zig zags, in front of driveways and half way onto pavements** which our children and families have to walk on in order to get home. Please can we ask all drivers who drop off and collect from our school site to park considerately and safely so that we can avoid any major incidents from happening in our community and to our children.

Please remember that we have an agreement with Begbrook Social Club that all families can use their car park to park their cars and then walk to the school site safely during drop off and pick up time. I believe this historically was known as the '**Park and Stride**'. We will also be asking our local PCSO to attend site more often at drop off and pick up times in order to support us in making sure the area is safe.



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For members of our community who wish to notify Bristol City Council of any concerns, please use the link below:

<https://bcc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=2365214eb7c64b1da49bc904611e108e>

What you can report

You can use the tool to tell us if you have a concern about road safety, for example if:

- parked cars cause a problem, such as making it hard to see oncoming traffic or for emergency vehicles to pass
- drivers regularly speed through a particular area or on a specific road
- a road is difficult for pedestrians to cross safely
- drivers cut through residential areas to avoid traffic on main roads, known as rat-running

We thank those families who do regularly park safely and considerately. We know that there are many of you and we are grateful for the care and concern you show for our children and their safety at these busy times.

Kind regards,

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