



East Brent C of E Academy

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Dear Parent/Carers

Parking Arrangements

In recent weeks I have been in communication with East Brent Parish Council members with regards the parking situation on or near Church Road. Local residents had reached out to the Parish Council to ask for support and guidance on the matter as they were reporting daily incidents of blocked drives, unsafe parking and on occasions abusive verbal interactions with parent/carers. Some of the residents had previously contacted the school and reminders had been added to bulletins and other school communication, but the matter appeared not to improve.

On Friday 28th February, I attended a meeting where I was joined by a member of the Avon & Somerset Community Police team, School Partners, local residents and Parish Council members. The meeting was a good opportunity for me to share our views as a school community and to raise a number of concerns on behalf of parents and staff. A number of next steps have been set and I will be attending a review meeting in April to discuss the matter further.

Next Steps:

- The Parish Council team will be looking into the safety of Church Road and the associated speed limit as we all acknowledge it is a difficult road to navigate and the safety of our children is of paramount importance.
- Local residents now have up to date information on a weekly basis distributed to them to inform them of school events that may incur heavier than normal traffic flow.
- The school will issue a traffic survey to all parents to gather a broad and balanced view from all school users (please see below link)
- The school will continue issuing reminders for safe and appropriate parking where necessary via the school bulletin and purchase 'parking buddy' to be positioned on or near Church Road.

It would be extremely helpful at this point to gather all of your thoughts and feedback in relation to the matter and I therefore encourage you to complete the short survey attached (2-3 minutes):

<https://forms.office.com/e/wp70GvNuJN>

A paper copy is available on request via the school office.

A further update will follow, once our next meeting has taken place. Hopefully together with our local neighbours, we can ensure the safest arrangements possible for our children and families and make the school drop off and pick up a pleasant occasion for all.

Thank you in advance for your support on the matter.

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