



Health and Safety update December 2020



Health and Safety Busters

I am in the process of forming a small group of children from across the school, who will be a Health & Safety Busters team. This team will meet at least termly, tour the school site and give attention to any elements of the facilities/environment which they believe could be improved, always with safety in mind. Children are finely attuned to their environment and bring a different perspective to the adults in school, as well as seeing the world from a different height/angle! This will be a positive next step in helping our school to be excellent in all it does.

Covid-19 Update

At the time of writing, we have suffered from one positive case of Coronavirus this term. Of course, I would have preferred no cases, but I feel fortunate that our school community has not suffered more considerably.



The hard work of my CJS staff, coupled with the excellent approach of our school's families, has kept us all relatively safe. However, now is not the time to let down our guard. We must continue to socially distance, wash hands, sanitise...! I thank you for your ongoing consideration of others and your support in making Christchurch as safe as possible, under the circumstances.

As we approach the Christmas holiday, it is of utmost importance that you follow our school and Public Health procedures.

If your child tests positive for Coronavirus, after the end of school on Friday 18th December up to and including Thursday 24th December (yes...Christmas Eve...!), then I want to know as soon as possible as there are processes that I must then follow. I will then work with you to ascertain whether your child had been in school at any point in the 48 hours before they first had symptoms as they may have been infectious whilst in school. If they had been in school in this period of time, then I will trace contacts and make all affected families aware so that their children can self-isolate. Whilst this may not be popular, it is imperative that I go through this process. By doing so, together we might well protect a vulnerable relative or friend from becoming ill. As well as contacting school, parents should also go through the NHS Test and Trace process.

You will need to contact school by emailing details to office@cjsdorset.org and I will respond as soon as possible. Please include a direct phone number when you communicate with us.

WATER BOTTLES & SNACKS

A reminder to parents to ensure their child arrives in school with their water bottle and a healthy snack for break time. We encourage healthy eating at CJS and ask for no sweets, fizzy drinks or chocolate bars in lunch boxes. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this

80% of serious child road accidents are near school gates
AROUND 80 per cent of children killed or seriously injured (KSIa) on Surrey's roads are within 200 metres of a school gate, according to the latest findings.

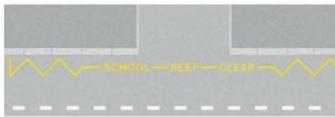
Pupil injured in 'serious incident' at school gates
The accident has prompted health and safety checks at every primary and infant school in Swanslea

1,100 children injured during the school run every month: stay safe this term
According to research by Road Safety Analysis, in 2012 there were more than 800 serious and fatal injuries to children during the morning and afternoon school runs

Parking/Traffic/Closure of school gates

You may have noticed that our school gates are now closed in the morning and afternoon during drop-off and collection times. You might be wondering why we are doing this, especially when the roads surrounding school are so busy. Simply, more and more cars have been entering the school grounds and we have had a number of near misses recently. The car park falls within my jurisdiction and therefore it is an area I can control. I will not wait until there is a serious incident before acting.

Please stay on the pavements around our car park, rather than cutting through the middle.



Do you know the law?



I know that our roads around school are hugely busy, but that is not an excuse to pull across residents' driveways or to drop your children on the yellow markings outside the school gates. It is actually **illegal** to stop on these yellow lines. Why? To help prevent serious injury or death! It is not to be taken lightly. I do not want any child to be injured - this would be awful for our community and could ruin people's lives. Do you want to feel responsible for a situation like this?

Let's make sure it doesn't take an incident/accident to change the behaviour of a minority of people.

I am in contact with our local police to request support and also with BCP Council to request a re-painting of the yellow zig zags. Check out our school's Twitter handle for details! @cjsdorset



To help CJS, I encourage parents to arrive earlier, park further from school and stride in, rather than needing to park close. I appreciate that this is not always an option, but the more people who do this, the better! Could you consider parking at the retail park and walking from there? There is a safe crossing point across Barrack Road.



Scooters on school grounds

We have had two scooter-related incidents in the last week. Both incidents caused injury (one included a hospital visit!) and they happened on school grounds. Please do not use scooters on school grounds. Generally, the areas around school are far too busy.

We do have signs up around school, reminding you of this rule. I am grateful to you for reminding your child.

As always, if you notice something you feel is unsafe or could be improved, then let us know.

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