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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you everyone for your support and patience over the last 2 weeks with coming back to school whilst dealing with the prolonged snow and ice.

As you all know, parking and traffic around school during drop off and pick up is an ongoing problem. We are constantly looking into ways to help alleviate this problem whilst ensuring the children are given the right amount of time in school.

Unfortunately, I am unable to make any changes to the road layout or the location of the school and so we must think of other ways to manage the problem. We have linked up with a charity called 'Living Streets' who help the school find ways to reduce the traffic, congestion and pollution around schools by introducing 'active travel'.

Some members of the school council are taking part in a School Route Audit to identify areas that could be improved to make walking, cycling and scootering to school more attractive. This will be conducted at the end of January. The findings will be written into a report and recommendations sent to the Highways at Bradford Council.

We are interested in your views as to how safe the area is for walking and suggestion in how it can be improved. Please scan the QR code or click on the link and answer a few questions to help inform Living Streets on your opinions and how things can be improved.



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QSXL68D







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Another way we are encouraging children to walk, cycle or scooter to school is by launching WOW, walk to school challenge. Please see the launch video and share it with your child

WOW - the walk to school challenge

If the children travel to school in an active way, including parking further away from school and walking for 10 mins, then they can work toward the WOW badge for the month.

There will be a launch assembly in school for the children on Tuesday 21st January 2025 followed by WOW ambassador training. WOW ambassadors are 2 children in each class to encourage children to actively travel to school and assist the class teacher with the travel tracker.

I hope you will participate in both the survey and the WOW walking to school challenge to make the area around school safer and the air cleaner for all of us.

Thank you for your support.

Your Sincerely,

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Mrs Kirsty Hutchinson Headteacher



