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SAFEGUARDING

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Did you know? Roads and pavements in severe Winter weather are gritted by Bristol City Council using rock salt to stop ice and snow. The Winter Weather Service Team use weather forecasts and road conditions to decide if any gritting or snow clearance is needed. If a road is unsafe because of ice or snow, it can be closed by Bristol City Council or the emergency services. Please take care this Winter when using the roads!

Safe around roads

If you would like a Road Safety Activity Book for your child, please contact the school.

It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe. Please find tips overleaf to help you to teach your child to be safe around roads this Winter.

If you are walking with your child, always be aware of what is going on around you – look both ways and wait to cross a road. Make sure you can hear and see what is coming. Avoid walking between cars. Always give cars and bikes right of way as they are less likely to be harmed if they do not stop.



Seat belt safety

Summary of seat belt and child restraint requirements

Driver or passengers	Front seat	Rear seat	Who is responsible?
Driver	Seat belt must be worn if fitted		
Child under three years of age	The right child restraint must be used	The right child restraint must be used. If one is not available in a taxi or minibus, the child may travel unrestrained	Driver
Child from third birthday up to 135cm in height (or 12th birthday whichever they reach first)	The right child restraint must be used	The right child restraint must be used where seat belts fitted. Must use adult seat belt if the right child restraint not available: - in a taxi or minibus; - for a short distance in an unexpected necessity; - if two occupied child restraints prevent fitting a third and suitable child restraint is not available in the front passenger seat.	Driver
Child 12 or 13, or over 135cm in height	Seat belt must be worn if fitted	Seat belt must be worn if fitted	Driver
All passengers 14 and over	Seat belt must be wom if fitted	Seat belt must be worn if fitted	Passenger

Please ensure your child is always wearing the correct restraint when travelling in a car. Don't use your mobile phone whilst driving. Making or receiving a call can distract your attention from driving and could lead to an accident.