



# St Dunstan's Catholic School

Drayton Road, King's Heath, Birmingham, B14 7LP



***As we Grow With God, We Learn From Each Other***

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have become increasingly concerned about the traffic situation before school. Some of the incidents that have taken place, have been alarming and put the personal safety of staff, parents and children at risk. It has also caused a nuisance to our neighbours on Drayton and Goldsmith Road.

For this reason school will be trialing the following drop zone arrangements from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. I will be marshalling a 'drop zone' for families to safely drop off their children, with other members of school staff.

**I must stress, this is a trial. It will only work if parents are compliant with the procedures we put in place.**

1. Staff will be on duty at the Drop Zone from 8.35am. Do not arrive before this time. Drive slowly up Drayton Road and stop where staff ask you to.
2. Pull up in front of school, apply handbrake but leave engine running. A member of staff will help your child/children out of the car from the rear passenger door behind the driver's seat, they will then be guided safely into school by other staff.
3. To ensure a quick stop and smooth drop off, please ensure your child/children have everything they need, ready to exit the car. If this is not the case, you will be asked to drive on.
4. Children will quickly become accustomed to the process.
5. Please listen to where staff ask you to stop. Children must not exit the car until asked to by staff.
6. The driver should not exit the car.
7. When staff indicate safe to proceed, please drive slowly down Drayton Road and on to the High Street.

If you are driving to school and not using the drop zone, please park away from Drayton Road. If you are walking your child to school, please avoid the drop zone area.

Some fine tuning may be necessary, however if the Drop Zone is a success, we will continue to use our staff to help you in the mornings. If not, we will return to enforcing the road closure. Our staff are trialing the Drop Zone to keep your children safe and avoid them coming into school upset by confrontation they have witnessed.

Vehicles not dropping pupils off at the Drop Zone will be stopped from entering Drayton Road, the same as they have been since the Local Authority restricted cars by implementing the road closure. Please ensure that these arrangements are communicated to any friends or family who may be dropping your children to school.

Let's make this work so we can start the day in a calm manner and the children can come into school ready for a day of learning!

**The trial Drop Zone will operate from 8.35 am to 8:50am. As soon as parents have dropped off their children they must exit the drop zone promptly.**

Yours sincerely

*M Tehan*

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Headteacher



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