



# Road Safety Policy



All of our policies are underpinned by our Vision and driven by our Values of Friendship, Family and Fulfilment.

This document sets out the Policy of Pitton Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School with respect to Road Safety.

## 1. Road Safety Education

Road safety education aims to contain and reduce the number and severity of road accidents, and therefore the effect of them in terms of personal and social consequences and cost, by preparing the child to be a lifelong responsible road user. At Pitton Primary School we believe that the focus of road safety education is best left with individual families as each family situation is different.

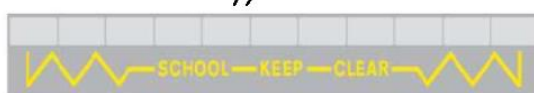
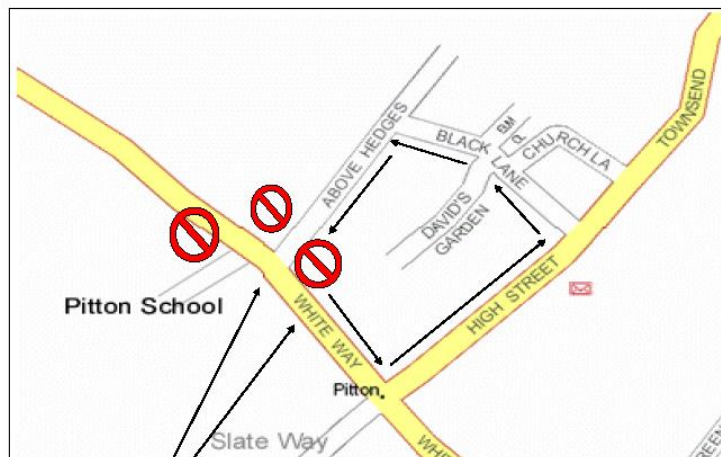
Pupils from Year 6, and occasionally Year 5, are given the opportunity to take part in the national Bikeability scheme. This gives them the opportunity to further their knowledge and understanding of the traffic environment and teaches them how to ride their bicycles safely on quiet roads.

## 2. Parental Co-operation

The school is situated in a small village with narrow country roads, few pavements and no road lighting. The majority of parents drive their children to school. To increase the safety of pupils and their families whilst using the school, the school has implemented a number of procedures which all parents are asked to follow.

### One Way System & Parking

We strongly encourage an informal one-way system at drop-off and collection time, to keep congestion in the roads around the school to a minimum. Parents are asked to drive along Black Lane from the High Street and then turn into Above Hedges, using the junction between Above Hedges and White Way as an exit route only. The agreed route is shown by the arrows on the map below.



Parents are encouraged to observe the yellow zig-zag lines and to avoid parking right on the junction opposite the school and adjacent to the entrance – the ⓧ points on the map. Vehicles parked in these places severely restrict visibility at the school entrance and increase the chance of road accidents. Parking is available along the top of Black Lane and throughout Above Hedges as well as along White Way above and below the school.

Information on the one-way system is in the Information Booklet that is sent to all parents each September and is regularly mentioned in both the Pitton News and the Head Teachers newsletters.

### Drop & Go

During times when there is limited parking in Pitton village due to snow/flooding/funerals etc the school adopts a 'drop & go' procedure. Children can be dropped off at the end of the school road and are watched into school by a member of staff. This procedure reduces the number of parked cars in the village. When the 'drop & go' procedure is in force a notice board is placed at the end of the School Road highlighting this fact and the procedure is included in that week's Pitton News.

Information on funerals affecting drop-off and pick-up times is also included in the weekly Pitton News, increasing awareness to parents.

### **3. Road Hazards**

There are a number of road hazards which the school is aware of and has worked to mitigate the risk of an accident:

- The school road is a quiet road used by members of staff, visitors and deliveries only. Parents and pupils are asked to use the pavement and not walk on the road.
- When cars are parked along White Way, the crossing point between School Road and Above Hedges has reduced visibility. Whenever possible, the Head Teacher or another member of staff on duty during drop-off and pick-up times wears a High-Vis jacket and stands at the crossing point to assist with crossings.
- Cars parked along the narrow roads reduce space for families to walk to school. Pedestrians generally have to walk outside the parked cars. Adults are expected to be aware of cars wishing to pass them and to ensure their child/ren walk sensibly and safely along the road.
- Drivers are asked not to use the junctions as turning circles. Instead they are asked to use the one-way system.

**ROAD SAFETY**

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