

# Friday 16 December 2022

## End Term 2 Newsletter



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Value of the term: Thankfulness

Learning behaviour: Collaboration

We've had an amazing Term 2, with lots of highlights to reflect upon. We really hope you all enjoyed the many opportunities to join us in one capacity or another. It is always our pleasure to enable our families to come into the academy and see our wonderful children at work or play. Thank you to all of you who have helped us to raise much needed funds for the school by purchasing draw tickets, hot chocolates or sweets. The funds raised will be spent wisely. We wish you a wonderful holiday and look forward to hearing all about the adventures you get up to on our return in January 2023. Team FVA

### We are Thankful



A lovely song for children that is catchy and reminds us all of the things that we have to be thankful for.

Click on the image above.

### We are Thankful



Unboxed have a great video of our wonderful city. We have a lot to be thankful for.

Click on the logo above.

### We are Collaborators



What is collaboration and why is it important? Why might this benefit us all?

Click on the logo above.

## Frome Vale Citizens

Our children have been showing the wider community what it means to be a Frome Vale Citizen.

Our Reception children visited a local residential care home where they sang, crafted and enjoyed conversations with our older local residents. Both young and old had a lovely afternoon working together.



## Admissions for Reception Class 2023

Register now if your child will be 4 years old by 1 September 2023 and tell your friends—virtual tour and more information



Last Open Event is Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 2pm

Book your space by telephone 0117 353 2902

Click **HERE** for more information

School Applications must be made by 15 January 2023

## Key Dates for your diary

Wednesday 4 January 2023

First Day of Term 3

Friday 6 January 2023

Year 3 Bath Trip

Friday 6 January 2023

Year R and Year 1 Trip on First Bus

Monday 9 January 2023

Whole Academy Music Day

Tuesday 17 January 2023

Hot Chocolate and Donut Sale

Thursday 19 January 2023

School Spring Census Day

Thursday 19 January 2023

Hot Chocolate and Donut Sale

Friday 10 February 2023

Last Day Term 3



It is essential that we have your correct email address and mobile telephone number in order to support you.

If you think we may have incorrect contact details, please email [info@fva.clf.uk](mailto:info@fva.clf.uk) to provide us with your correct information

# Houses of Parliament Trip

What an amazing day our Year 5 and Year 6 children had when they visited the Houses of Parliament on 8 December.

A very early start for all of the children (and parents and staff) lead to a thrilling day in central London. The children were lucky enough to see debates taking place in both the chambers. They had a tour of the historic venue and even ended up seeing Big Ben, the Millennium Wheel and Westminster Abbey.

The children were blown away by the day and really enjoyed this amazing opportunity to see our government in action.

Debates in school will never be the same again!



## Collecting your Child

Our end of day collection points for the children are changing in Term 3.

Years 5 and 6 will exit the building through the main front door.

Years 1,2 and 4 will exit through the main green door onto the KS2 playground.

Year 3 to continue to exit through the hall doors.

Year R to continue to exit through the classroom garden door.



## Kerry Leaving



As many of you will know, Kerry's last day at Frome Vale Academy is Friday 16 December. She will be missed hugely by the staff and children alike. Kerry has been an integral part of our school community for over 12 years. Kerry's warm smile and ability to spin several plates at once has been very much appreciated by us all.

Kerry wanted to thank you all for the kind wishes that she has received over the last few weeks.

We wish Kerry the best of luck in her new venture and we are sure many of you will still see Kerry in the community.

We hope she will pop back from time to time to say hello. Good Luck Kerry x

## Bikeability

Our children have been completing their cycling skills with the help of Bikeability. From signalling a right hand turn to stopping safely our children have been out on the open roads ensuring that they learn how to be safe when they are on their own.



**CLOSING SOON**

To apply for a school place now

Click the button above

Is your child aged 3 or just turned 4? You must apply for a primary school place a year before your child can start school. Applications are now open and close on 15 January 2023.

# Your Holiday Hub

Children and young people who are eligible for free school meals will once again be able to access free holiday activities and nutritious meals this winter break.

With over 180 activities to choose from this holiday, including festive arts and crafts, cooking workshops and even Ninja Warrior, eligible families are encouraged to find out what's on this winter through the [Your Holiday Hub](#) website. Children and young people aged four to 16 who are eligible, and in-receipt of free school meals can access Your Holiday Hub for free.

Food is central to the programme, as with each activity children and young people will also receive a hot meal and learn about food and healthy living. 1,960 activity packs and food parcels will be delivered to 45 organisations across Bristol this winter.

A full list of organisations and activities is available on the Your Holiday Hub website.

Eligible children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or an education, health and care plan are welcome at YHH. Families can contact the organisation or session they would like to attend to discuss their child's individual needs.



## School Consultation

Following DfE guidelines, every school has to consult on their admissions policy every 7 years.

Frome Vale Academy now have to consult on our 2024 admissions policy with our community.

We have not made any changes to our admissions policy, however, please note that you can review our admissions policy [HERE](#)

If you require any further information, a copy of the policy or would wish to discuss any matters relating to the 2024 admissions policy, please contact Mrs Ovens on 0117 353 2902



## Flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

1. **Protect your Child:** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. **Protect you, your family and friends:** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. **No injection needed:** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
4. **It's better than having flu:** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
5. **Avoid costs:** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit

[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

The NHS logo, consisting of the letters 'NHS' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

# Community Information—Cost of Living

Please find below a bumper Christmas list of local and citywide events, news and useful information:

- **The Oldbury Court Elves invite you to a Christmas Feast** on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 5-8pm @ The Oldbury Court Out of School Club - All invited to this free event. There will be a buffet and lots of entertainment for kids and adults [Click HERE](#)
- **Saturday Lunches @ St Mary's Church**, Manor Road, Fishponds, BS16 2JB (Behind Fishponds Park). Organised by a group of volunteers, they provide hot soup and fill rolls with ham and cheese. Cakes and biscuits. Free and open to all. 12.00 - 2.00pm every Saturday [ including 24th December] [Click HERE](#)
- **The Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing are holding regular coffee mornings** through January - March 2023. They are for anyone who wishes to attend; especially deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people who would like to learn or practice BSL. [Click HERE](#) to see the dates/venue information.
- **The Bristol Clean Air Zone** came into effect on 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please [Click HERE](#) for the attached community toolkit for all relevant information.
- **Community Learning West** offers a wide range of FREE courses to people living in Bristol and/or surrounding areas, aged 19 or over who have few or no formal qualifications and face significant barriers to further learning and employment. See their attached programme [Click HERE](#) for their upcoming courses at the beginning of 2023.
- **Do you need cost of living advice and support?** Visit Bristol City Council's cost of living webpage [Click HERE](#) for guidance on topics including housing, benefits and financial help and mental health and wellbeing.
- As temperatures drop don't forget about **Bristol's network of Welcoming Spaces** that are open across the city. The local ones are The Vassall Centre, Colliers Gardens, The Oldbury Court Childrens Centre and Hillfields Community Hub. They are not only places for you to keep warm but are also there for you to socialise with others and access cost of living advice and support. What happens at each space varies for each venue but could include access to Wi-Fi and electrical charging points, community meals and activities. Find out where your nearest one is [Click HERE](#) or you can call the #WeAreBristol helpline for free on 0800 694 0184 Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm.



**If you're struggling to afford food at the moment:**

North Bristol and South Gloucestershire Foodbank <https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk/>  
 Bristol North West Foodbank and Homebank [www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk)  
 South and East Bristol Foodbank <https://eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk>  
 Visit the Too Good to Go website to find out how you can buy food from cafes, restaurants and shops at a reduced price, when it hasn't sold in time.

<https://toogoodtogo.org/en>

On the Olio website you can find people giving away free food to their community.

<https://olioex.com/>

After some top tips to help you save money on food?

- Plan your meals - buying food for the week helps to cut down on impulse buys
- If you can, buy food like rice and pasta in bulk - it is often much cheaper per 100g than smaller bags
- 'Reduced to clear' foods can help save money - but think about when/how you'll eat them before you buy

Buy what you need - buying loose fruit & veg can help you save money by buying only what you are going to eat



# Community Information—Cost of Living

## Support in Difficult Times



A list of support available in Brislington, St Anne's, Broomhill and wider Bristol area over this winter.



### Welcoming Spaces (+ more to come)

A warm place where people can meet up, chat, and access support. The list is being added to:  
 St Anne's Park Children's Centre 0117 377 3189  
 Broomhill Children's Centre 0117 353 4276  
 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

### South Bristol Advice Service

An independent charity giving free confidential and impartial advice on debt, financial capability, and welfare benefit matters:  
 0117 903 8358  
[www.southbristoladvice.co.uk](http://www.southbristoladvice.co.uk)



### WHAM - Warmer Homes, Advice & Money

A project giving advice on energy, money, benefits and carrying out home repairs:  
 0800 062 2234  
[www.cse.org.uk/advice/contact-us](http://www.cse.org.uk/advice/contact-us)

### The Samaritans

A phone line where someone will listen and help you talk through your concerns, worries and troubles:  
 call: 116 123  
[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)



### CASS - Community Access Support Service

Provides information on mental health support services in Bristol:  
 0117 304 1400  
[www.cassbristol.org](http://www.cassbristol.org)

### Weekly Food Club To Reduce Food Waste

Sign up to receive a range of fresh veg, meat and cupboard essentials worth £10-15  
 £1 joining fee + £3.50 per food box  
 Email: [eastbristol.childrenscentres@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:eastbristol.childrenscentres@bristol-schools.uk)  
 0117 353 2899  
 St Peter's Methodist Church, 170 Allison Road, BS4 4NZ  
 Tuesdays 12.30pm - 2.30pm



### Food Bank

Emergency food parcels are available for those in need. Local agencies can issue you with a food bank voucher, such as housing support officers, children's centres etc, or call: Citizens Advice Helpline 0800 208 2138  
[www.eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help](http://www.eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help)

### Cost of Living Support Guide

Bristol City Council's advice webpage & freephone number  
[www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/people-and-communities/cost-of-living-support](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/people-and-communities/cost-of-living-support)  
 We Are Bristol helpline 0800 894 0184



### Venue information

- 1. Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Fishponds, BS16 2QQ**  
 Offering a warm and welcoming space Monday-Friday 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm with free tea and coffee. On Tuesday and Friday there is free hot drinking for BSL residents. See website for further information and other activities.
- 2. Colleen Gardens, 16 Colleen Gardens, BS16 2NA**  
 Offering hot drinks and an opportunity to socialise at the 'Friends Aging Better Café' every Friday 2pm-4pm. Community activities - Watercolour Art group - Wednesday 10am-12pm. Singing group - Thursday 2pm-4pm.
- 3. Oldbury Court Children's Centre, Froeseley Rd, BS16 2DB**  
 Open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Direct access to mental health wellbeing support. Stay and Play age 0-5 - Monday 9am-11am. Under 5's Hub - Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am and Future Explorers (Aged 2+) - Wednesday 10am-11.30am. Food Club - Thursday 1pm-3pm.
- 4. St Mary's Church, Colgate Road, BS16 1LB**  
 St Mary's opens its doors on Saturday afternoons twice each month from 10am-12pm, giving people the opportunity to pop in for a drink, warmth, chat, companionship or conversation. While open we offer soup, sandwiches, biscuits and cake as well as a variety of drinks, all free of charge.
- 5. Fishponds Baptist Church, Domesday Rd, BS16 5AS**  
 Toddler Time - Monday & Friday 10am-11.30am. Thursday Lunchtime Club where you get a 5 course meal for £5. Food Bank - Friday 12.30pm-1.30pm.
- 6. Fishponds Library, Hocking Ln, Fishponds, BS16 5HE**  
 Computers and photocopier available for use. Baby Stories & Rhyme Tuesday 2.30pm. See website for opening hours.
- 7. Hillfields Community Hub, Thicker Avenue, BS16 4BN**  
 Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 10am-5pm. WiFi, hot drinks, engineering, newspapers and board games/puzzles, phone charging points.
- 8. All Saints Church, Grove Rd, Bristol BS16 2BB**  
 Coffee Morning - every 1st Saturday 10am-12pm. Church open, book stall and coffee and tea available.

### Warm and welcoming spaces

**Bristol City Council has to make budget cuts:**

**What will the impacts be?**

Come and meet Terry Black from Bristol City Council to get a better understanding of the council's budget.

This is an opportunity for you to find out more about the council budget and the potential changes that may affect you and your city.

**Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Time: 11:00am to 12:00pm**  
**Venue: Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ**

**BSL Interpreters will be provided**

Please contact the Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People to confirm your space:

Phone: 0117 9398653  
 Mobile Phone / SMS text/ WhatsApp: 07545 264840  
 Email: [office@chd.org.uk](mailto:office@chd.org.uk)



# Online Safety

## What Parents Need to Know!

Each newsletter we will provide a helpful fact page on an online game or issue. We know children will want to play online games with their friends and this can be a great way for children to have fun. However as you will be aware with every benefit there is also a disadvantage. Being aware of what these can be will help to keep your child safe.

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, News and Tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing these risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

## TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at [videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games](http://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games).

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## 'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

## DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

## APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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## CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

## WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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## LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

## IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register, entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

## STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which? PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and ITV News at Ten. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.



# Outside Learning @ FVA



You can stay in touch with what is happening at the academy by logging onto our Twitter feed.

Click [Here](#)



## A guide for **parents and carers** on applying for a **primary school** place for the school year **2023–2024**

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2023



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[www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



## What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

- Check the guidance on applying for schools – available at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or by contacting School Admissions. The guidance contains details on how & when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. **With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community schools the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.**
- Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. Contact the school directly for further details on open days.
- Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
- You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
- Make sure you apply on time. The deadline is 15 January 2023.

School Admissions (CH)  
Bristol City Council  
PO Box 3399, Bristol, BS1 9NE  
[www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
e [school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk)  
t 0117 903 7694



## Why apply online?

- The system helps you by checking for errors.
- There is no risk that your application will be lost in the post.
- It is quick and easy to do.
- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
- You will receive an email notification of the outcome of your application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.
- The system is available 24 hours a day until the final submission time of midnight on 15 January 2023.

Apply online [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

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St Mary's Church, Manor Road,  
Fishponds, BS16 2JB  
(Behind Fishponds Park)



# ANIMATED PUPPETRY WORKSHOP!

Free creative animation workshop with  
LUNCH included- suitable for 7 - 12 yrs.

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2022

10:00-14:00

LOCATION: HILLFIELDS COMMUNITY HUB, BS16  
4EH



Join Imayla to design, make, animate and film  
your own 'Imaginary friend' puppet character!



**Priority given to children on benefits related free  
school meals**



## Booking Required:

Contact [louisa.garvey@imayla.co.uk](mailto:louisa.garvey@imayla.co.uk) or  
07702511131 for more information.



## Group A Strep (GAS)

GAS is a common bacteria which causes a range of infections including scarlet fever. These infections are usually mild.

### Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

It can also cause a rare, more serious infection called Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS). This occurs when GAS bacteria gets into parts of the body where it causes serious disease, like the lungs or bloodstream.

## Group A Strep (GAS)

Parents should trust their judgement when their child is poorly. Speak to your GP or call 111 if your child is poorly and getting worse.

### Always call 999 or go to A&E if your child:

- ▶ Is having difficulty breathing - such as grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- ▶ there are pauses when your child breathes
- ▶ child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- ▶ is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

## Group A Strep (GAS)

Cases of Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS) are rare. Some current cases are presenting with sepsis-like symptoms.

### Be aware of important sepsis symptoms:

- ▶ Blue, pale or blotchy skin, lips or tongue - on darker skin, check for blueness on the lips, tongue or gums, under the nails or around the eyes
- ▶ rash that doesn't fade when you roll a glass over it
- ▶ difficulty breathing
- ▶ weak, high-pitched cry - not like their normal cry
- ▶ not responding like normal, not interested in feeding or normal activities
- ▶ being sleepier than normal or difficult to wake.



Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People

# Coffee Mornings

Join our coffee morning to chat and meet new people!

## January 2023

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>
Thatchers Cafe (Gloucestershire Cricket Club) 10:30am - 12:30pm	Bristol Beacon 10:30am - 12:30pm	The Beacon Cafe, Hanham 10:30am - 12:30pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>		
Zion Cafe, Bishopsworth Road 10:30am - 12:30pm		

## February 2023

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>
Bristol Beacon 10:30am - 12:30pm	Thatchers Cafe (Gloucestershire Cricket Club) 10:30am - 12:30pm	Bristol Beacon 10:30am - 12:30pm

## March 2023

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>
The Beacon Cafe, Hanham 10:30am - 12:30pm	Bristol Beacon 10:30am - 12:30pm	Thatchers Cafe (Gloucestershire Cricket Club) 10:30am - 12:30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	
Bristol Beacon 10:30am - 12:30pm	Zion Cafe, Bishopsworth Road 10:30am - 12:30pm	

For more information please contact the Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People:

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Mobile Phone / SMS text / WhatsApp: 07545 264840

Email: office@cfid.org.uk



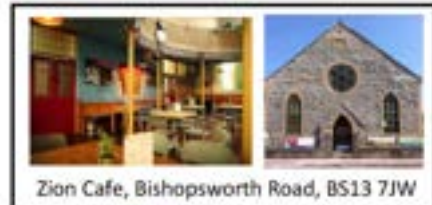
Bristol Beacon, Trenchard Street, BS1 5AR



The Beacon Cafe, Hanham Methodist Church, Hanham, BS15 8SD



Thatchers Cafe at Gloucestershire Cricket Club, The Seat Unique Stadium, Nevil Road, Bristol, BS7 9EJ



Zion Cafe, Bishopsworth Road, BS13 7JW



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November 2022

# Bristol's Clean Air Zone

## Community toolkit

Use this toolkit to share information about how the Clean Air Zone works and help make the air we breathe cleaner.



Clean Air for Bristol



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"We have a moral, environmental and legal responsibility to make Bristol's air cleaner. Our city is already benefitting from positive changes, including improvements to bus infrastructure, walking routes and cycle paths. Now, the Clean Air Zone will reduce air pollution, support people and businesses to upgrade their vehicles and help us become a healthier, more sustainable and inclusive city."

**Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol**



## What is the Clean Air Zone?

Road traffic, particularly diesel engines, is a major source of air pollution in cities. Air pollution affects everyone in Bristol, especially in the most polluted areas of the city. The council has a legal and moral duty to reduce pollution in the shortest possible time. The government has directed Bristol and other cities to do this by introducing a Clean Air Zone. No vehicle is banned from driving in the Clean Air Zone, but the most polluting vehicles will have to pay a daily charge to travel within the area. The zone will also encourage more people to switch to alternative ways of travelling, such as public transport, walking and cycling.

**The majority of vehicles that travel in Bristol already meet the zone's emission standards and will not be charged.**

## Where is the zone?

The zone is designed to improve air quality in the central area where it's worst. As more people switch to cleaner vehicles or change the way they travel, air quality will improve throughout the city and not just in the zone. We also estimate the zone will reduce the traffic travelling into the city by approximately 1,500 vehicles per day helping to ease congestion as well as reducing air pollution. Visit our website to [view an interactive map of the zone](#).

## How to know if you've driven in the zone

Look out for road signs that will tell you if you are approaching or entering the Clean Air Zone. These are placed at regular intervals as you approach the zone boundary. Signs have a clearly marked green cloud with the letter 'D' inside.



## How the zone works

Only vehicles which do not meet the zone's emission standards will be charged.

- Charges do not apply to Euro 4, 5 and 6 petrol vehicles (roughly 2006 onwards)
- Charges do not apply to Euro 6 diesel vehicles (roughly end of 2015 onwards)

The zone uses automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras to register vehicles driving into and through the zone. If a vehicle does not meet the zone's emission standards it will automatically register a charge.

Daily charges apply 24 hours a day (midnight to midnight), seven days a week, all year round when entering or driving in the zone.

Because charges apply daily, you can enter or leave the zone on multiple occasions each day you pay a charge and only be charged once for that day.

If you drive in the zone across two days, for example before midnight and after midnight, you will need to pay two daily charges.

Charges for vehicles that do not meet the zone's emission standards		
	Private car	£9 per day
	Taxis	£9 per day
	Vans	£9 per day
	Heavy goods vehicle	£100 per day
	Buses	£100 per day
	Coach	£100 per day

Charges do not apply if a vehicle is parked in the zone but does not move. If you live within the zone and drive a vehicle that is subject to the charge, you will only be charged if you make a journey.

## How to pay

Charges must be paid via the [government's online payment system](#) or by calling their Clean Air Zone Support Centre on 0300 029 8888 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm, Saturday, 8am to 2pm).

**Please note** you will **not** receive written notification or an alert when you have entered the zone and a payment is due. You are fully responsible for managing all payments.

You can pay the charge to enter Bristol's Clean Air Zone from **up to six days before until six days after you enter the zone**. If you do not pay the charge before the end of this window you may be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice of £120 (which is reduced to £60 if you pay it within 14 days).

## What should I do now?

We estimate that 71% of vehicles already meet the zone's emission standards so won't need to pay the charge.

The best thing you can do is to check if your vehicle will be charged and encourage your friends, family and colleagues to do the same.

Use the government's online Clean Air Zone Checker to [see if your vehicle will be charged](#) to drive in Bristol's Clean Air Zone.

If your vehicle meets the zone's emission standards you will not be charged and don't need to do anything. We still encourage you to think about how you travel and whether there are any changes, big or small, you're able to make which will help us on our journey to cleaner air.

### Financial support

Support is available for eligible residents and businesses most impacted by the zone to help them upgrade their vehicles or switch to a cleaner way of travelling. Go to our website to [find out how we can help you](#) and register your interest in financial support.

### Temporary exemptions

Several exemptions are available to give eligible businesses and individuals time to prepare for the zone. All residents in the zone with a vehicle that doesn't meet its emission standards can apply for an exemption from the charge. Go to our website to [find out more about exemptions](#).

## How can I make a difference?

We can help you and your community to change your travel habits.

### Get free travel vouchers

If you live or work in Bristol, we can provide free travel offers to help you save money and find new ways of getting about.

Our free offers include bus, train and e-scooter vouchers and car club credit.

[Apply for vouchers on our website.](#)

### Free loan bikes

The Travelwest [loan bike scheme](#) is perfect for people that want to try cycling but don't know where to start. It offers electric, folding or hybrid bikes for up to a month without charge.

### Cycle training for all levels

Whether you want to try cycling for the first time or you're looking to build your confidence on the roads, we can help. Visit the [Better by Bike website](#) to find out more.

### Travel to school

If you're thinking of refreshing your school run, visit Travelwest's [Back to School pages](#) for tips and support.

### Journey planning

Our experienced travel advisors can help you discover the best route options to travel by walking, cycling or public transport. [Find out more and access our free support](#) on the Travelwest website.

### Avoid excessive idling of your car

Switch your engine off when you're stationary for a minute or more. The easiest place to do this is at traffic lights. It's especially important to be mindful of turning off your engine if you're outside a school or if you're pulled up and waiting on the street. [Find out more about idling](#) on the Clean Air for Bristol website.

## Spread the word

Spreading the word about the changes explained in this toolkit will make sure everyone knows how the Clean Air Zone works.

Below are several resources to help you share information about the zone.

### Make a video

When it comes to spreading the word there is nothing more powerful than hearing from real people. Let us know how you are raising awareness of the Clean Air Zone.

Simply record a one-minute video of how you are helping to keep our air clean. You don't need fancy equipment – your smartphone will work just fine!

Share your video with us on Twitter via [@BCC\\_Clean\\_Air](#) or email it to [CAZSupport@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:CAZSupport@bristol.gov.uk)

### Share in an email or newsletter

#### Bristol's Clean Air Zone is here – do you know what to do?

Bristol City Council has introduced a Clean Air Zone to reduce harmful pollution from vehicles.

The zone is in the central area where air quality is poorest. No vehicles are banned from driving in the zone, but older and more polluting vehicles will have to pay a daily charge to drive in the zone.

71 per cent of vehicles already meet the zone's emission standards. The council is offering financial support and advice to help people upgrade their vehicles or switch to a cleaner way of travelling.

#### What you need to do now

Get ready for Bristol's Clean Air Zone by following our three easy steps:

- go to the government's clean air zone pages to [check if your vehicle will be charged](#)
- check our [interactive map](#) to see how the zone affects you
- if you do need to [pay a charge](#), make sure you pay within six days
- find out if you are eligible for [financial support or an exemption](#)

Reducing air pollution is everyone's responsibility so please consider how you travel. Most people can travel into and around the city centre without using a car at all. Visit the active travel pages on Travelwest to see how we can support you to [take more journeys by public transport, cycling and walking](#).

If you want to [find out more about the Clean Air Zone](#) visit our website or email [CAZSupport@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:CAZSupport@bristol.gov.uk)

## Share on social media

Post	Post content
Post one	Bristol's Clean Air Zone is here, do you know what to do? Find out more about the zone and how it could affect you at <a href="http://bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone">bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone</a> #CleanAirForBristol #CleanAirMatters
Post two	Cleaner air is coming to Bristol. We're making changes to help all of us breathe cleaner air and you can too. Visit <a href="http://bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone">bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone</a> #CleanAirForBristol #CleanAirMatters
Post three	Bristol's Clean Air Zone is here, if you drive an older vehicle, you may need to pay a charge. Check your vehicle at <a href="http://bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone">bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone</a> #CleanAirForBristol #CleanAirMatters
Post four	Bristol Clean Air Zone – find out more about the zone and what @BristolCouncil support is available at <a href="http://bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone">bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone</a> #CleanAirForBristol #CleanAirMatters
Post five	Bristol's Clean Air Zone is here. We're asking all #Bristolians to visit <a href="http://www.bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone">www.bristol.gov.uk/cleanairzone</a> to make sure know what to do #CleanAirForBristol #CleanAirMatters
Post six	Bristol's Clean Air Zone is here. Have you thought about trying a different way to travel? There's lots of free support to help you walk, bike and bus your way across #Bristol <a href="http://travelwest.info/active-travel">travelwest.info/active-travel</a> #LeaveTheCarAtHome #CleanAirForBristol #CleanAirMatters

## For further information and support

- visit [our website](#) and [the Clean Air for Bristol website](#)
- email [CAZSupport@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:CAZSupport@bristol.gov.uk)
- follow [@BCC\\_Clean\\_Air](#) on Twitter
- search for the hashtag #CleanAirForBristol

## Spread the word – download social media content



A4 downloadable poster



Facebook/LinkedIn image



Twitter image



Email signature



Instagram image



Nextdoor image



Instagram stories image

If you would like help with any further materials to help you share information on Bristol's Clean Air Zone please get in touch with us by emailing [CAZSupport@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:CAZSupport@bristol.gov.uk)