



# Lindsworth School

## Keeping Our Students Safe on the Roads This Winter

As Winter settles in, the shorter days and colder weather bring added risks for young people travelling to and from school. At Lindsworth School, the safety of our students is our top priority, and we are asking for your support in helping them stay safe on the roads during this challenging season.



### Why Winter is a Higher Risk Time

With evenings getting darker as early as 4:00 p.m., visibility for both pedestrians and drivers is significantly reduced. The wet, icy conditions common to Birmingham during winter months also make roads and pavements slippery, increasing the chances of accidents.





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### Tips to Help Your Child Stay Safe

1. Encourage your child to wear bright or reflective clothing, especially if they walk or cycle. Reflective strips on bags, jackets, or shoes are an easy way to ensure they're visible to drivers in low light. Cyclists should also have working front and rear lights and wear helmets.
2. With distractions like phones and headphones, it's easy to miss oncoming cars or icy patches. Please remind your child to keep their focus on their surroundings when walking or cycling, especially near busy roads like Alcester Road South or Pershore Road, common routes for students in our area.
3. Wet or icy conditions make it harder for vehicles to stop quickly. Ask your child to use pedestrian crossings and wait for cars to stop fully before stepping out; avoid rushing and take smaller steps on slippery pavements and cycle cautiously, signalling clearly and sticking to cycle paths where available.

### Birmingham's Winter Travel Advice

Birmingham City Council highlights that rush hour traffic combined with poor weather increases the risk of accidents during Winter. Roads like the A435 and A38 often experience congestion, so it's especially important for students to cross at designated crossings and avoid shortcuts through poorly lit areas or parks.

### Together We Can Make a Difference

Please take a moment to talk to your child about road safety and ensure they have the appropriate clothing and equipment for Winter travel. By working together, we can help keep all our students safe as they travel through Birmingham's busy streets.

