

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Complaint relating to Bournemouth Echo Article dated 13/10/26

I am writing to clarify the information contained in the recent article on the Bournemouth Echo, dated 13th October: *"Bournemouth among dangerous places for school run collisions"*.

The article cited inflammatory material with particular reference to Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School which is factually incorrect and unsubstantiated. Some of the data published had been sourced from *ScrapCarComparison* on 15th September ([click here to view](#)) which stated that Bournemouth, as a whole, ranks tenth outside London with most collisions near schools, with 171 recorded collisions across 48 schools over five years. This is an area-wide statistical finding; it does not, in itself, establish that our school has a particular road safety problem.

Of particular concern is the fact that the article published a photograph of our school alongside the derogatory tagline, *"The worst individual school in Bournemouth is Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, with 21 collisions recorded nearby in the five-year period"*. The school issued a formal complaint to Bournemouth Echo, stating our disappointment with associating the school with misinformation and negative representation.

We fully recognise the importance of road safety and share the commitment to keeping children safe as our highest priority. However, we are concerned that using an identifiable photograph of our school alongside this headline risks creating a misleading impression that Corpus Christi has been specifically identified as a dangerous location.

We respect the important role of local journalism in reporting matters of public interest. Equally, we believe that reporting involving schools and children should be accurate, fair and appropriately contextualised. As a result, the school made the decision to pursue this as a formal complaint to the Bournemouth Echo.

Although not connected with the Bournemouth Echo article, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers to observe the parking restrictions in St James' square during school drop-off and pick-up times. St James' Square is a confined space and irresponsible illegal parking creates congestion and is a danger to our children. I ask that you take this into account when parking in the St James' Square or the surrounding area.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Lennon
Headteacher