

Dear Parent/Carer,

In the summer terms, St. Laurence School, along with several others in Wiltshire, started using the HomeRun app. You will recall that the app. will enable us to collect the information that we need, to improve the ways that we travel to school each day. The benefits of these changes will be greater mental and emotional wellbeing for our students – as well as the physical benefits from exercise. In addition, we all need to consider how to address the significant problem of the air quality in Bradford-on-Avon.

At the start of the school year, with all of our students back in school – Yr7 & Yr11 included, we are relaunching the app. For this to be successful for everyone, we need you all to sign up. The data is absolutely secure and I am happy to outline this in more detail to any parents concerned. The app. is promoted and paid for by Wiltshire County Council and Bradford-on-Avon, who know that we need to do something about the way young people travel to school. Ofsted have rated the app. 'outstanding'. Please sign up as a parent/carer and also for your child's own account. We need all students to join in to give us a full picture of how we currently commute. This is not just for those of you using Sustainable Transport. We need to know about the car drivers too. The councils want to reduce congestion and we will only get it right with the correct information about journeys.

Our own internal promotions are continuing this term. Competitions will be coming through tutor time and gifts will be coming home via 'Lucky Lock' for those of you cycling in.

HomeRun connects parents, strengthens our school community and helps to make our students' school journeys safer, with a focus on wellbeing & the environment. It also enables you to abandon the 'school run' and form your own groups of students from nearby, to run a car share or allow them to walk together to school, safely. **Please sign up to this FREE innovative and exciting service** by clicking on the link below and following the simple steps to register with our St. Laurence School HomeRun Community:

<https://user.homerun-app.com/createAccountViaSchoolLink/4fDkjs0P/St%20Laurence%20School>

N.B. This link is exclusive for our school's parents and will not work for anyone else.

Here is how HomeRun can help you:

- **Community:** Connect with St. Laurence School parents across all year groups.
- **Better School Journeys:** Easily see which parents are looking to share the school run, or create travel buddy groups for your child's independent journeys.
- **Safeguarding:** If your child has their own smartphone, you can keep track of their journeys in real time and receive notifications when they reach school.

Take a look at the attached leaflet or visit www.homerun-app.com to find out more.

We look forward to you joining our St. Laurence School HomeRun community. If you have any queries then please contact me at St. Laurence School – matcro@st-laurence.com

Best regards,

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