

School Travel Plan



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1. Introduction

We actively encourage our students and staff to walk or cycle to school as they:

- keep us fit and healthy
- help our students develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion
- are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from

2. What we do

- We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
 - Cycle parking
 - Lockers for helmets/equipment
 - Public transport information
 - A separate entrance for school taxi's to drop off students
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by

3. What we ask of parents

- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes on school grounds

- Ensure that bicycles are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic.
- Consider providing your child(ren) with a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing
- Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike and that they know how to use it
- Ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for your child(ren)'s bicycle as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles on the premises or being used on the way to or from school

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

4. Driving to school

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked
- We ask parents to drop their child off in the town centre on the side of the main A4010 that the school is on. Suggestions are made that Horn's Lane car park is a good location
- We specifically ask parents not to park in or drop off on Merton Road, Clifford Road or Hawthorn Road. This request is repeated in newsletters
- If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents
- It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time.

5. What we ask of students

- Ask your parents if you can walk or cycle to school
- Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, cycling or using public transport
- Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school
- Push bikes on school grounds
- Check that your bike is roadworthy and properly maintained
- Wear a cycle helmet
- Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing
- Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter and that you use it