

School Travel Plan



Introduction

Wendover C.E. Junior School has had an active School Travel Plan since 2003 and we take pride in promoting healthy ways of travelling to and from school. We joined the Modeshift Stars Accreditation Scheme in 2012 and achieved Bronze Level in 2013, followed by Silver in 2014, which we sustained in 2015. Modeshift Stars is a national on-line scheme which encourages schools to engage in initiatives to develop healthy modes of travelling to reduce congestion in areas around schools, improve air quality and fitness, as well as focussing on road safety and ways to engage the whole community in 'shifting modes'. We run many initiatives and are working towards Gold Level this year.

Junior Road Safety Officers

Junior Road Safety Officers are appointed each year from Year 6 to help promote School Travel initiatives to the whole school. They generate new ideas and support campaigns. Currently they are Emily, Francesca, Fraser, Zac, Bill and Bond.



Getting to and from school

Approximately 75-80% of children and their families travel sustainably to and from school, either by walking, scooting, cycling or parking responsibly and walking the rest of the way. Recent trends have shown an increase in parking and walking and to this end we ask parents and carers to park responsibly. Last year we launched our Parents Parking Promise, part of the county-wide Perfect Parking Campaign and around one hundred families have signed up so far – parents/carers receive a car sticker to display on their windscreen. Parking Promise Registration Forms can be requested from the school office.

Safer Campus Campaign

The road through the campus is simply an access road and parking or dropping off/picking up on campus is prohibited as per the signs at the entrance on Wharf Road. With the support and active involvement of parents we have recently installed an automated barrier at the entrance to the campus to prevent unauthorised vehicles on campus at peak times. To raise funds towards the cost of the barrier, the whole school took part in a sponsored walk around the school grounds. We ask drivers to park responsibly in the surrounding area, ideally outside of the 'walking zone', i.e. beyond the Wharf Road/ Manor Road area. We offer some ideas supplied by existing parents to help drivers avoid driving so close to school: -

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- park in the village car park (10 minutes walk and free for an hour although a ticket is still required)
- park at St Anne's Hall (the church are kindly tolerant of considerate drivers)
- park at a friend's house and walk
- drop your child with a friend so they can walk with them
- some parking spaces are available on Aylesbury Road outside The Raj and some spaces on Tring Road outside Tesco

National Road Safety Week



Every year we support NRSW, which is sponsored by Brake, the road safety charity. This year the Drama Club performed the play, 'Walk the Walk' to the whole school, which demonstrated the benefits of walking and supported this year's theme of 'Drive Less, Live More'.

Scooting

We encourage scooting to school and provide two scooter racks in the Parent Waiting Area which hold 36 scooters. The Parent Waiting Area is a pedestrian only zone, so scooter riders should dismount for safety reasons. We politely ask parents and carers to ensure young scooter riders are supervised at all times.



Cycling



Children are very welcome to cycle to school and may make use of surrounding cycle paths. Cycle racks are currently situated in the Parent Waiting Area and hold 10 bikes. While the racks are getting busier, normally not all of our cyclists cycle on the same day and adjacent railings may be used but we hope to increase cycle storage in the near future. Each year we enter The Big Pedal, a national cycling and scooting competition and last year around 20% of the school took part. Additionally, we run Bikers' Breakfasts in the Summer Term.

Cycling Policy

Our Cycling Policy, encouraging safe and responsible cycling may be viewed on the website.

Bikeability Level 2 Cycling Training

Each year Year 6 pupils are offered the chance to undertake this very comprehensive cycling course. The course is run by Nationally Accredited Trainer Chris German. Additionally, this summer we plan to offer this essential training to our Year 5 pupils.



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Children learn how to check their bikes and undergo rigorous off-road training before going onto local roads. Children are awarded a badge and certificate on completion of the course.

Footsteps and Making Tracks Road Safety Training

We have successfully run Footsteps and Making Tracks training for several years. Children are taken out in pairs by a trained tutor onto the campus and Wharf/Manor Road to talk about road safety and take part in practical activities. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children and gives them a chance to ask questions in a very small group. Tutors are trained volunteer parents who give an hour per week during the Spring/Summer Terms to this very worthwhile initiative. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school office.

School Travel Plan Working Group

If you would like to get involved in the School Travel Plan please consider joining our working group. We meet once per term and discuss all aspects of travelling to school and plan ahead for new initiatives. We would like to get more involved with the community so please contact the office if you are interested in coming along to our meetings.