



School Travel Plan Policy

Our Aim

To encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle on journeys to and from school. This will:

Improve health and fitness.

Enhance the safety of all pedestrians and other road users in the school's locality with reduced traffic and improved visibility.

Reduce pollution.

Conserve energy.

Introduction

Location

Greentrees is a primary school serving the Bishopdown Farm, Hampton Park and Riverdown Park communities on the outskirts of Salisbury. The School is a split site school, the original site now the infant school, overlooks "The Green" (a public open space and cricket field) and is next door to the "One Stop" shop and a dental practice and vets surgery. It is on the corner of Sycamore Drive and St Thomas' Way. There is a large play area and field to the rear.

The Junior site is new, having been opened in January 2016. It is situated at the end of Saunders Avenue at the junction of Fiander Lane. The school sits on the edge of what will soon be a country park. It also now has a footpath that leads to Pearce way approximately ¼ mile away.

Access and movement between the two sites

The original Greentrees site accommodates the Infant department of the School, with the new school being used for the Junior department. Clearly parents will have children at both schools, start times at the schools have been adjusted allowing time for parents to walk between sites at the beginning and end of the day. It is understood that the dropping of children at two sites will increase the time taken by parents in dropping off and therefore, potentially increase the need to use vehicles. Part of this Travel Plan and associated action plan will look at the work the school can undertake to minimise this impact and therefore encourage sustainable transport.

Original site:

There are two pedestrian gateways; one allows pushchair/wheelchair access via a ramp, the other leads to steps. There is a main vehicular gateway leading to the car park. Only staff are allowed to park in the school car park. Parents who **have** to drive are

encouraged to **"Park and Walk"** via Ash Crescent i.e. park in the car park by the Pavilion Community Building and walk the very short distance across to the school. The aim is to keep Sycamore Drive clear of traffic and therefore improve visibility for pedestrians.

New site:

This site is accessed by Saunders Avenue and a path runs the length of this road. There is also a purpose built footpath that runs in parallel to Saunders road. This path leads directly to the main school gate, it is a wide path for the most part, and is crossed at no point by vehicles. The path runs behind the country park car park, but this is fenced as it goes behind the car park. Although the Car Park does not belong to the school it does provide parking at drop off and pick up times.

School Ethos

The School Travel Plan supports our **School Mission Statement**. The school promotes physical and emotional well-being and has been awarded the **Healthy Schools Silver Award Status May 2017**.

Summary of Concerns and Issues

It is important that the good habits that have been established are sustained as the school number on roll grows to capacity. In the main, this is the case, however due to the current lack of parking restrictions, a small number of parents do park outside the Junior site. This is actively discouraged.

The original site, now infant school, has had appropriate painted lines and signage to prevent parents parking near to the entrance and exit. These are generally observed, although there are occasional notable exceptions. The new site, Junior site, is on a brand new estate. The roads have not been adopted by the local authority and as such there are no lines. There is a plan for lines once the roads have been formally adopted.

In order for children, parents and staff to walk between the two schools, they must cross a road. There are a number of traffic calming measures near to the old site, making crossing easier, but there is no identified crossing such as a zebra crossing.

Targets

- 1) Increase awareness of the School Travel Plan and sustainable modes of transport.
- 2) Reduce the number of pupils arriving by car by increasing safety measures for those attending on foot or by bike and scooter.
- 3) Increase the number of children walking, cycling or using scooters to School and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Action Plan

This travel plan is supported by an ongoing action plan (Appendix A).

Next Review: April 2018

Signed _____
Headteacher

and

Chair of Governors

Date:

Does any aspect of this policy impact adversely on any pupil or adult with a disability?	
No	No further action required
Yes	What issues may arise? People with mobility or physical difficulties may require specific arrangements to allow easy access to the school. Procedures will be reviewed in the light of individual need.
	How will these be resolved? When required, staff will work with PASSIS and other agencies to devise an appropriate plan.

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN



The following guidelines have been devised by a group of parents, teachers and governors in consultation with *Travelwise* and Wiltshire Police.

We request that parents follow the guidance given below.

Our aim is to ensure that:

- ☺ Our children are **safe**,
 - ☺ Our children develop a **healthy** lifestyle,
 - ☺ We protect the **environment**,
 - ☺ We **conserve** energy.
1. If you live on Bishopdown Farm, Hampton Park or Riverdown Park – please WALK your children to school.
 2. If you live further away, and **have** to drive – please DO NOT drop your children on the roads near either school. If parking for the infant school, please use *The Pavillion* car park. If parking for the Junior site please use the car park adjacent to the school. Please escort your children to school from here and park here at the end of the school day when you collect your children. The school's car park is for **staff only**.



These measures will improve visibility for all children, and ensure SAFE access, immediately in front of the school site.

Thank you for your co-operation.