



Wendover CE Junior School School Travel Plan Newsletter September 2019

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Hands Up Travel Survey

We held our last Hands Up Travel Survey in the Summer Term with the following results for the whole school:

Walk	Cycle	Scoot	Taxi	Park & Stride	Car Share	Car
53%	3.5%	10%	1%	25%	0.5%	7%

The survey shows very healthy levels of walking and scooting particularly, and low car use. However, with Park and Stride at 25%, this is something we need to consider as it equates to 95 cars trying to park in the area which we would like to reduce.

Parents' Parking Promise

Park and Stride means that drivers should be parking outside the Active Travel Zone, ie away from the Wharf Road and Manor Road area. You will already have a copy of the MAPS guide which shows the Active Travel Zone, 10 and 15 minute walking zones and recommended parking points (copy attached).

Recommended parking points include:

- ✓ St Anne's Hall (20 spaces - opposite the end of Wharf Road)
- ✓ Wendover Library Car Park (67 spaces - free for one hour with a ticket displayed).

There are also various laybys that are free for up to one hour:

- ✓ Aylesbury Road (opposite Costa)
- ✓ High Street (outside the Post Office)

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- ✓ Tring Road (outside Tesco/chip shop)
- ✓ Aylesbury Road (outside Ashbrook Park - please don't block bus stop)

You could also consider parking at a friend's house.

Our aim is to avoid congestion in the area around the school campus to provide a safer, healthier environment for children and their families walking, cycling or scooting to school. Additionally, local residents are part of our community and it is only fair to them that we do our best to reduce congestion and park respectfully outside their homes.

Parents/carers may not:

- park around the entrance to the campus
- park on the yellow zig-zags in Wharf Road and Manor Road
- park on or near the School Crossing Patrol

By signing up to the Parents' Parking Promise you are pledging to park outside the Active Travel Zone. If you haven't already signed up please return the slip at the bottom of the attached form and we will send you a sticker to display on your windscreen. If you have already signed up but haven't received a sticker please indicate this on the slip and return.

Year 3 Parents

For Year 3 parents, this is the first opportunity to sign up at WCEJS. We currently have over 140 families who have made the pledge, so please return your slips as soon as possible so that we can increase the number. Stickers will be presented to the children by our Junior Road Safety Officers in assembly in October during Walk to School Month.

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National Road Safety Week

National Road Safety Week runs from 18-25 November and the theme this year is 'STEP UP FOR SAFE STREETS'. Watch out for more information nearer the time.

Finally, thank you for your continued support of sustainable travel to school. Now more than ever we are thinking about our impact on the environment and we are all doing our bit for cleaner air, less pollution and healthier children.

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