



# Travel Plan 2017/2018

## **Context**

Wordsworth Primary School is a large school in the Shirley area of Southampton with 593 children currently on roll. The school has a car park for 24 vehicles, including 2 disabled bays. Teachers and Senior Leaders park on site. The site also has 2 large sheds for storing bikes and scooters.

Recently there have been a few 'near misses' on the crossing outside the main school gate and the Travel Plan Group are considering ways to decrease congestion and raise awareness of the need for caution, consideration and safety in this area. It is important that children and families travelling to and accessing our site do so in the most safe and sustainable way.

A school travel group have recently met to implement this plan and any actions that may support a safer environment and guidance to alternatives routes and decrease the traffic flow outside the school at opening and closing times of the school day. The group would also like to encourage more families to walk to school where possible leaving cars at home! The Travel Plan Group will meet to review the plan and any actions termly.

## **Travel Survey Information**

A survey in March 2018 of 576 pupils indicated that 222 children come to school in a car which is 39% of those surveyed. 313 children walk/cycle to school which is 54% of those surveyed. 41 use public transport which is 7% of those surveyed. 37% of children in YR, Y2 and Y5 come to school by car and 49% of children in Y4, 5 and 6 children walk.

## **Existing arrangements**

- Main gate to school opens at 8.30am for start of day
- Main gate to school opens at 3.00pm for end of day
- Rainbow gate opens at 8.40am
- Any year group can use the main gate for entry in the morning
- Some Yr2 and Years 3, 4, 5, 6 can use Rainbow entrance for entry in morning
- Curriculum support to ensure children have an awareness of road safety

## **Travel Plan Actions**

- Main gate to school and Rainbows gate will open at 8.30am but unattended like the main gate until 8:45
- Year 1-6 can access the building from the Rainbow gate in the morning
- SLT member of staff on the main gate will encourage parents to move away from the crossing until they are ready to cross as this can confuse drivers of pedestrian's intentions.
- Parents are encouraged to consider walking or choosing alternative routes to school that do not mean you are sat in traffic outside the school due to the busy crossing such as accessing Victor Street from Church Street to avoid the pedestrian crossing. If you have parked in Sainsbury's turn right out of the car park or exit from Church Street again. You will probably find this is quicker for you in the long term.

## Parents Information and guidance

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility and school and parents need to work in partnership to prevent injury or risk to lives outside our school environment. Therefore we actively encourage parents to

- Walk to school with children when possible. A much healthier option for all and an opportunity for you to teach your children about road safety.
- Not let your children out of the car at the crossing, or pull up on to the pavement to let children out. This is dangerous for your child and other members of the public.
- Remember there is a crossing that can be used outside the Salvation Army building just a little further on in Victor Street.

## Other initiatives

The school has made representation to the Planning Authority in respect of the large residential development on the House of Fun site with the suggestion that a new pedestrian crossing be installed on the car park access road.

## Highway Code Extracts

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At all crossings. When using any type of crossing you should

- always check that the traffic has stopped before you start to cross or push a pram onto a crossing
- always cross between the studs or over the zebra markings. Do not cross at the side of the crossing or on the zig-zag lines, as it can be dangerous.

You **MUST NOT** loiter on any type of crossing.

Laws ZPPPCRGD reg 19 & RTRA sect 25(5)

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Zebra crossings

- Give traffic plenty of time to see you and to stop before you start to cross.
- Vehicles will need more time when the road is slippery.
- Wait until traffic has stopped from either directions or the road is clear before crossing.
- Remember that traffic does not have to stop until someone has moved onto the crossing. Keep looking both ways, and listening, in case a driver or rider has not seen you and attempts to overtake a vehicle that has stopped.