

School Travel Plan



Lilliput CE Infant School

Achieving safer, healthier journeys
for our children to and from school

What is a School Travel Plan??

Our School travel plan is a document produced by the school in conjunction with the Local Authority. It looks at how our pupils travel to and from school with the purpose of identifying and solving any problems associated with the school journey.

This travel plan document deals with our specific travel issues and problems. Lilliput C.E V.C Infant School is committed to promoting children's safety and healthier lifestyles. From the information gathered by the travel plan, changes can be made to improve pedestrian routes so encouraging more children to travel to school in a healthier and more environmentally friendly way. It also aims to minimise the amount of traffic and parking problems in and around the roads outside and adjacent to the school, so improving children's safety



Aims of our School Travel Plan

To make travel to and from school a healthier and happier experience by;

- Creating a safer environment inside and outside of the school gate and surrounding roads
- Encourage more walking to school
- Encourage more car sharing
- Make more provision for those who wish to cycle to school
- Reduce inconsiderate parking and alleviate traffic congestion in the vicinity of the school
- Raise awareness of road safety issues through education
- Help reduce the carbon footprint
- To promote the schools ethos and environment that encourages a healthy lifestyle



The school have been in touch with the Borough of Poole's Transportation department, who have visited the site and have told us that unfortunately the site did not meet the criteria set down by the national guidelines for establishing a School Crossing Patrol Site. They also suggested the following which the school are looking into implementing:

"You might like to consider creating an Active Travel Map, identifying healthy ways to get to school to help reduce traffic congestion and improve safety for children. This is a great way to get the whole school community involved and is often led by the school council."

We can provide a tool kit for creating a map and mapping a 5 Minute Walking Zones. 5 Minute Walking Zones aims to encourage children and families to walk for at least part of their journey to and from school. They increase opportunities for healthy exercise, reduce traffic and congestion around the school gate and improve the local environment for the whole community.

A zone around each school is measured and mapped by pupils, and publicised to parents and families by way of a walking zone map. In some cases the zone is also marked out by easily identifiable signs (subject to agreement with us). Families who live in, or near the zone are encouraged to walk or cycle to and from school every day, while those with longer journeys who choose to drive are asked to park safely outside the zone and to walk the last five minutes of their journey."

Our current concerns:

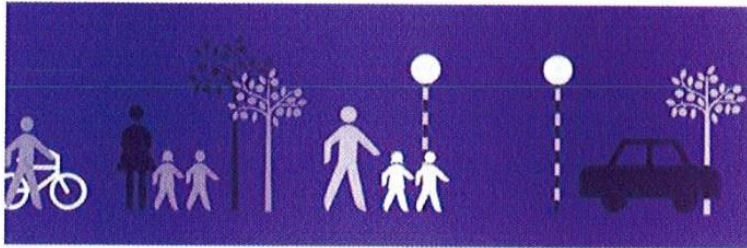
Our Concern; **Road Safety and speeding on Lilliput Road**

Our Solutions; Further representation will be made to the council to get more road safety signage and to request that a 20 mph zone be made on Lilliput Road near the school during certain times.



Our Concern; **Crossing Busy Roads in and around school**

Our Solutions; As we have been advised that we do not fit the criteria for crossing patrols we need to ensure that all parents cross safely on the journey to and from school by continuing communication from the school highlighting road safety and raising parking issues and offering solutions by asking car users to park on quieter roads around the school and walk the last part in.



The school have been in contact with our local community police and are in the process of putting in place a Community Speed Watch (CSW) gives local communities the opportunity to get actively involved in road safety. Community Speed Watch groups use hand held devices to record and monitor details of motorists seen speeding and can also note drivers using a mobile phone or not wearing seat belts. The police then send warning letters to these motorists.

Our Concern; **Inconsiderate and dangerous parking on Lilliput Road, surrounding roads and near the entrance to the school & church**

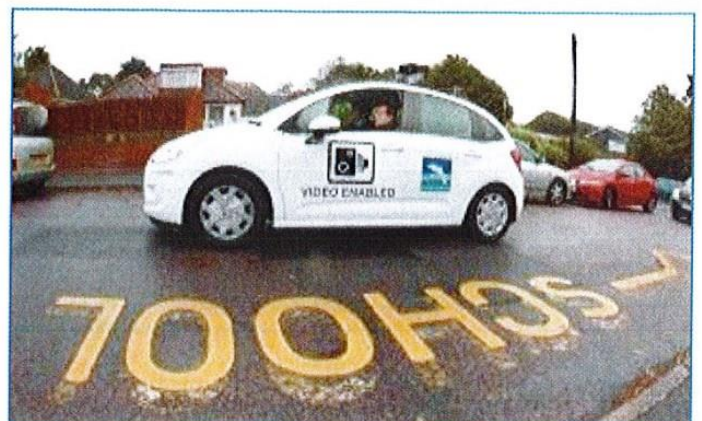
"Despite numerous communication throughout the year about inconsiderate parking, a small minority continue to ignore the requests and some when challenged have resorted to verbal abuse of not only school staff but church officials as well"

THIS IS UN-ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR AND MUST STOP

Our Solutions; The school will actively invite the local authorities to patrol Lilliput road and the surrounding streets on a more regular basis, so catching and prosecuting any offenders, there are 2 types of patrols.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Poole Borough council now has the responsibility for the enforcement of certain on-street parking restrictions.

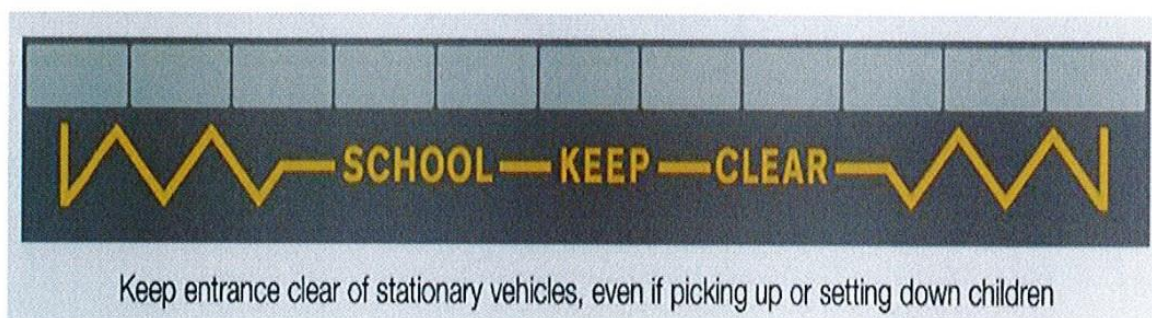


Poole Borough Council currently has a parking enforcement team; where this is not present, the police remain responsible for enforcement. Penalty Charge Notices can be issued for;

- Stopping on school zig zag lines and zebra crossings.
- Parking on double yellow lines and verges.
- Parking in residents' and disabled parking bays where a valid badge is not displayed.
- Obstructing pedestrian/vehicle access points where there are dropped kerbs.
- Double parking.

The Police have a duty to enforce other traffic offences, which can result in penalty points being issued on your Driving Licence. These include:

- Dangerous parking.
- Causing obstruction.
- Parking on pedestrian crossings.
- Other traffic offences.



Our Concern; **Dog Fouling and muddy footpaths**

Our Solutions; Although these areas are outside of the schools remit, the school have put wood chipping on the pathways around the school which have improved the surfaces and our PTA are encouraging parents to report the pathways slightly further away to the Borough of Poole for them to clear.

Further representation will be made to the council to try and get more Dog Bins to be placed along all the paths adjacent to the school.



Our Concern; Encouraging Walking to school

Our Solution; The PTA are looking into re-instating our Walking Bus but do understand that this takes a big commitment from several parents to set up and continue.



Our Concern; Not enough car sharing

Our Solution; If cars are to be used, then the school will actively try and promote Car Sharing between parents; this will see the amount of car journeys reduced so creating less traffic issues. Forms and volunteer lists will be produced.



SUMMARY

The School aims to;

- Get teachers and classes out walking the local neighbourhood to identify and resolve issues (*letters from pupils to local MP's work well!*)
- Ensure staff living within walking threshold leave their cars at home.
- Ensure the school has enough cycle parking facilities for pupils and staff.
- Parent parking has been removed from the school site and we have been encouraging parents to park and walk.
- Encourage parents to car share.
- Promote national walk and bike to school campaigns.
- Promote the availability of pedestrian and cycle training courses.
- Encourage informal walk buddies or formal walking buses.
- Make sure the school updates its School Travel Plan.

Remember pupils quickly spot 'do as I say' behaviour, so we need to make sure that the schools staff are genuinely engaged in the process!



Cycling and walking to school

The school run - a perfect way to fit cycling into your day, or try walking or scooting too!

Walking or cycling a short way to school can count towards the recommended hour of physical activity that children need daily. And, teachers find that pupils who walk and cycle arrive at school more relaxed, alert and ready to start the day than those who travel by car.

Over 40 per cent of Dorset children are already walking to school, but a large number travel by car. This causes congestion at the school and parking problems on neighbouring roads.

Cycling to school

The biggest concern of adults when it comes to children walking and cycling to school is traffic danger.

Cycling to school helps young people to develop road safety skills and learn how to manage risk gradually. As children gain the skills they need stay safe, they can develop independence, discovering a way of getting about for themselves.

Our school has cycle parking, with covered shelters, perfect for locking your bike or scooter.

When cycling to school, **PLEASE** make sure you can all be seen. Wear fluorescent, high visibility clothing during the day and reflective material when it is dark. It is important that other path and road users can see you.

If using a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians make sure you slow down, ring your bell and say thanks when passing!



Walking to school

Walking is a great way for younger children to learn and explore the area they live in and gives time in the day to chat to parents. For older children it's a chance to catch up with friends and have a sense of independence. By 2050 it is predicted that 70 per cent of girls and 55 per cent of boys will be overweight, but a short walk each day is easy, free and good for your health.

When walking to school, **PLEASE** make sure you can all be seen. Wear fluorescent, high visibility clothing during the day and reflective material when it is dark. It is important that other path and road users can see you.

If using a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians watch out for people on bikes. Always walk to one side and say thanks if a cyclist moves for you.



Top tips to get your child walking or cycling to school

- Plan your route together in advance, finding quieter roads and cycle paths where possible.
- Practise the journey at the weekend when the roads are likely to be quieter.
- Accompany your child for a few days. As they gain confidence, gradually reduce how far you go.
- Encourage them to find a friend to walk or cycle with them.

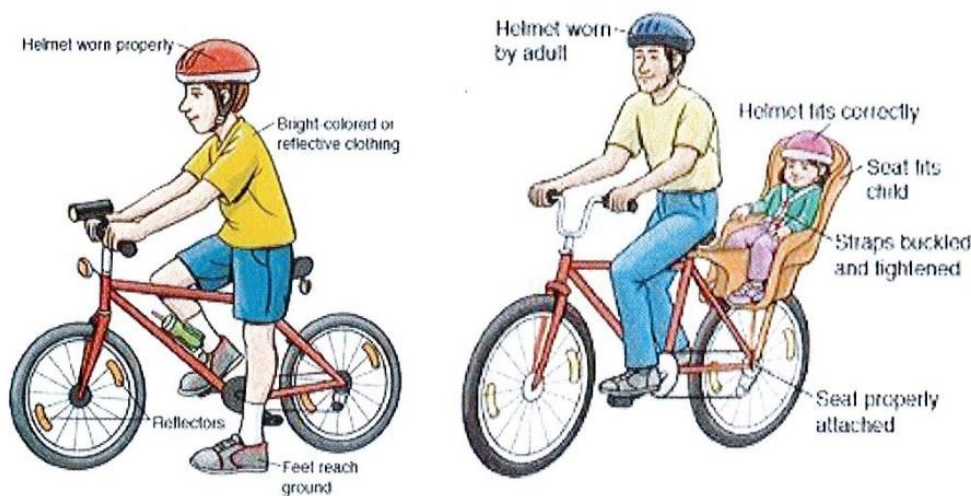
Did you know?

- Children who walk to school are healthier, fitter, and more independent and have a greater understanding of road safety skills and arrive at school more relaxed and ready to learn.
- Walking, cycling or using the bus reduces congestion on the roads and helps to reduce CO2 emissions.
- One in five of the cars in the morning rush hour is on the school run.
- Consider the cost of driving your child to school. Current figures put the average cost of the school run for a year at over £400 (based on approved mileage rates from the Inland Revenue).

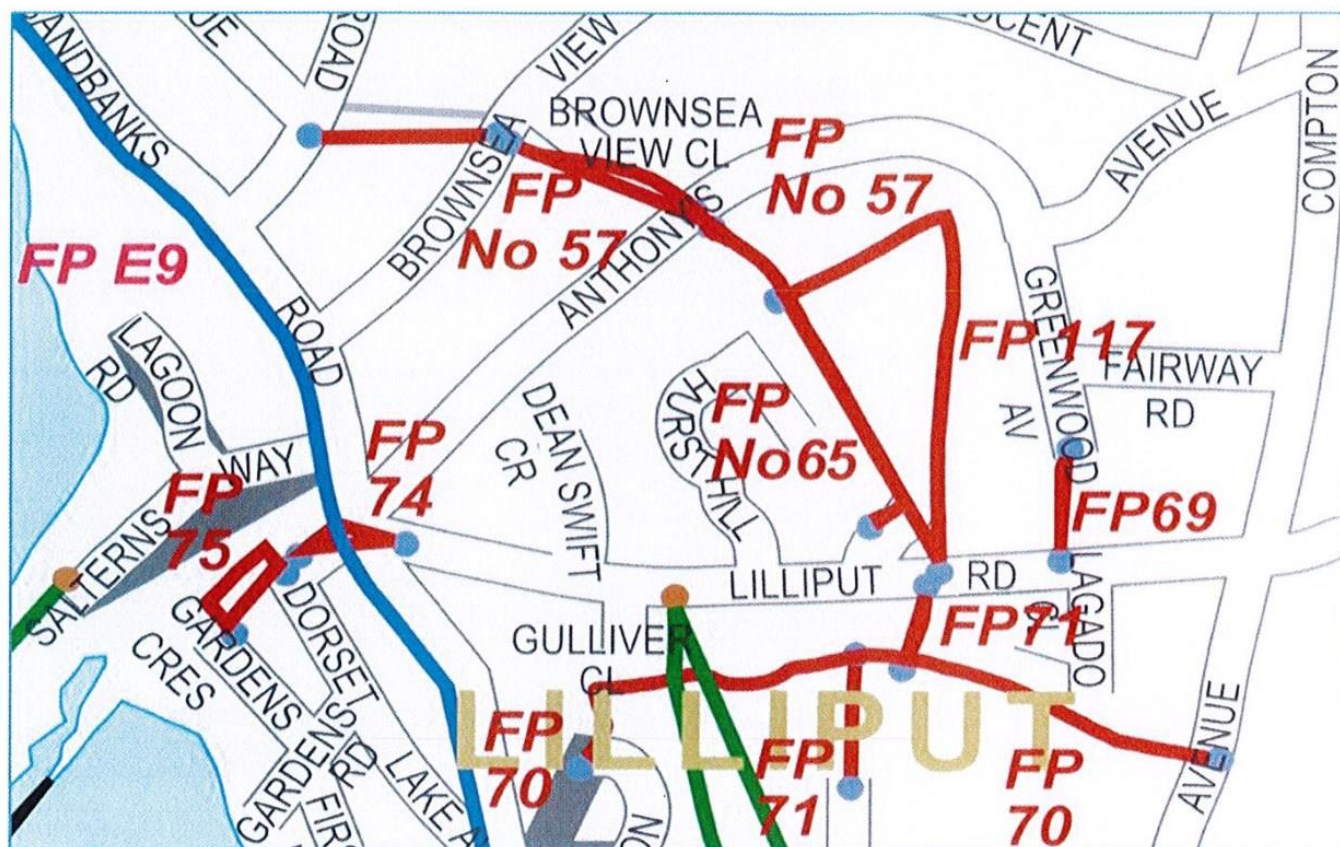
Where walking, cycling or public transport are not feasible, car sharing may be an option. This can save time and money and helps to cut traffic congestion and air pollution as well as being sociable for children.

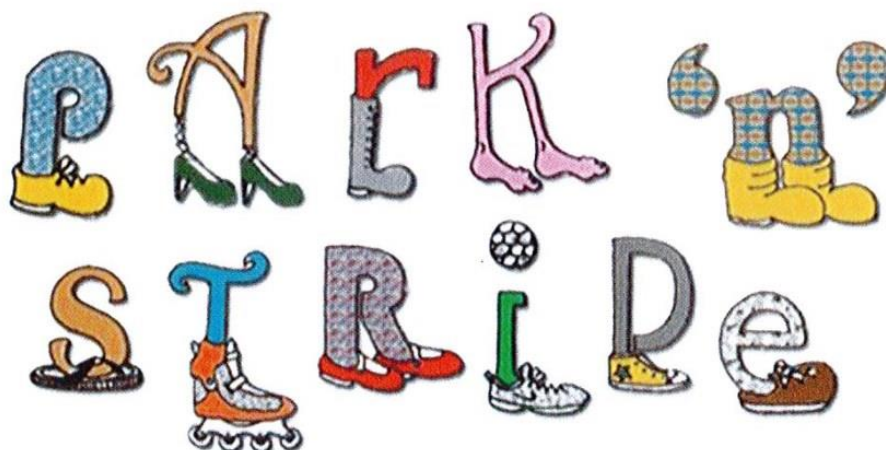
Bike buying guide

- Weight is the most important thing. Can you lift it? More importantly, can your child lift it?
- Keep it simple. Just a single-speed for under 5s and rear gears only for older children.
- Quality pays! More fun, less fixing, better bits, sell it for more when you are done with it.
- Buy from a good local bike shop and look for brands that also make good adult bikes - avoid toy branded bikes.
- Try before you buy if at all possible.



We are lucky here at Lilliput in that we have more than 1 route into the school, we are surrounded by Public Footpaths (FP on the Map) and it is possible to walk and Cycle from Blakedene Road via FP 57 through to Brownsea View Road and then through to Anthony's Avenue and onto school via FP 65 – (see below)





If driving to school is the only option, see how you can help make a difference.

Try parking in a PARKWISE location, about a ten minute walkaway from the school.

There are lots of benefits:

- You and your child can get fitter and healthier by walking
- Your child will be more alert in class
- You and your child will be able to talk to each other as well as friends
- It will reduce your carbon footprint
- Walking is free
- Your child will develop a greater awareness of their surrounding environment
- You won't get caught up in school run congestion
- Your child will gain vital road safety skills.

Did you know?

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children to school.*

Car Share

If you know someone in your locality that travels to the same school, why not arrange a car share? By sharing car journeys to school you can save time, cut expensive fuel bills and reduces wear and tear on your car.

You also help to reduce congestion at the school during the morning and afternoon peak times.



Why should you PARKWISE?

Is Lilliput PARKWISE?

Through the success of School Travel Plans, parents, teachers and pupils are making an effort to reduce car trips to and from the County's schools. Using alternatives to your car when travelling to school helps to provide pupils with regular physical exercise, reduces congestion outside the school and helps improve safety for all. However, it is appreciated that for some people driving to school is the only realistic option and, as a result, cars are parked in the vicinity of schools. This document aims to explain to everyone who travels to and from school by car how to park safely and considerately and become "PARKWISE"

Who can park in the school grounds?

There are NO parking spaces for Parents within the school grounds. You should check what the policy is at Lilliput, but generally, the only people eligible to park within the school grounds are:

- Teachers
- Support staff
- External visitors
- Those with disabilities and/or who have special prior arrangements made with the school.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Poole Borough council now has the responsibility for the enforcement of certain on-street parking restrictions. Poole Borough Council currently has a parking enforcement team; Where this is not present, the Police remain responsible for enforcement.

As a driver you have a responsibility to stop and think about whether you are parking in a safe and considerate manner. If you are not, you could be; endangering a child's life.

Penalty Charge Notices or PCNs can be issued for

- Stopping on school zigzag lines and zebra crossings.
- Parking on double yellow lines and verges.
- Parking in residents' and disabled parking bays where a valid badge is not displayed.
- Parking in taxi ranks.
- Parking outside marked bays.
- Staying too long in time limited waiting areas.
- Failing to pay and display a valid parking ticket where there is a parking charge.
- Obstructing pedestrian and vehicle access points where there are dropped kerbs.
- Double parking.

THE POLICE.

The Police have a duty to enforce other traffic offences, which can result in penalty points being issued on your Driving Licence. These include:

- Dangerous parking.
- Causing obstruction.
- Parking on pedestrian crossings.
- Other traffic offences.



Ways you can be PARKWISE

Never park on zigzag lines: this area needs to be kept clear as it is the busiest entrance to the school.

Try and park at least 10m from a road junction. This makes it safer for children to see cars approaching, for cars to see children crossing and helps maintain the flow of traffic.

Don't park on yellow lines. These restrictions are there to prevent cars parking in dangerous locations, and in areas that could restrict vehicle movements.

Avoid parking inside the school gates as this is designed to be a safe area for children to access the school buildings.

Never park on pavements, footpaths or verges as this damages the verges and obstructs the footpaths causing parents and children to have to walk out into the road.

Be courteous and don't park in front of residential driveways. THINK, if it were your driveway, would you like someone else blocking it?

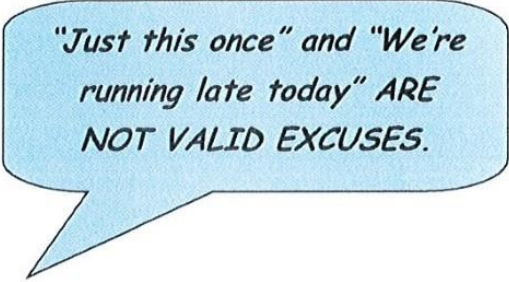
Do not park over bus stops or bus lay-bys because you could endanger the safety of those using public transport and restrict the movement of the bus on its approach and when it's ready to leave.

Never Double Park as this can block the road making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians when they are trying to cross the road.

Do not rush your journey to and from school; the entrance to the school is busy and requires your full attention. Leave

With enough time to allow for the journey length.

Take care when reversing in and out of parking spaces. Small children are impossible to see in rear view mirrors.



"Just this once" and "We're running late today" ARE NOT VALID EXCUSES.

Slow right down when passing parked cars, in case a child steps or runs out.

DO NOT use school entrances to turn your car around.

Park on the road facing the direction of travel.

Avoid parking in awkward spaces where visibility is an issue for passing cars and ensure that you're not parked in a location which could restrict emergency vehicle access to surrounding properties.

Always let your children in and out of the car on the pavement side, but be aware of pedestrians too.

Never mount a pavement to let another vehicle past. Think in advance to avoid such manoeuvres.

There is more information about parking in the Highway Code, which can be viewed on line at "direct.gov.uk highway code" paragraphs 238-252.

PARKING ROADS AROUND THE SCHOOL



Please note, the roads with RED markings have parking restrictions.

Please park in the following roads and walk whenever possible;

- Lilliput Road (East)
- Bingham Road
- Compton Avenue
- Fairway Road
- Blakedene Road
- Austin Avenue
- Partridge Drive
- Brownsea View Avenue
- Dorset Lake Avenue
- Anthony's Avenue

“Let’s ALL work together to make our School entrance a safer place to be”

Please see our travel survey results in our parent information section under policies.