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School Travel Plan Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school is updating its Travel Plan. Our current plan is on the school website, in the 'community' section, if you wish to read it. As a rural village school where the majority of pupils currently get here by private car, it is essential that we review our plan on a regular basis. We appreciate your patience with the current flooding and the impact of road closures. Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to our travel survey this year. This has helped us to understand the current situation.

What is a Travel Plan?

A school travel plan is a written document setting out a package of measures designed to reduce car use and promote sustainable transport for journeys to and from the school site. It aims to improve safety on the school journey, cut congestion at the school gate, improve health and fitness through increased exercise, improve the environment and build links with the local community.

What do we currently provide?

- staggered start and finish times
- taxi drop-offs
- breakfast club from 7.30am
- after school clubs
- a 'drop off' point from 8.15am where parents can leave their child with a member of staff. Please be mindful and if you wish to speak with a member of staff that you park in the carpark rather than the 'drop off' zone.
- installed '20 is plenty' signage outside the school to encourage drivers to drive more slowly.

New Car Sharing App

We are pleased to announce that we are re-introducing 'HomeRun' – an innovative app with a focus on strengthening school communities and improving school journeys for all. HomeRun increases journey sharing, allows journey monitoring (for those parents whose children travel independently) and enables parents and the school to share information without the need for contact details. We encourage all parents to sign up to the service to support a more connected school community, improve our school runs and ensure that parents do not miss out on travel information. HomeRun provides a secure private network for our school. **Please find attached a digital leaflet with the key information regarding the app. Keep a look out, as we will email you a unique activation link to use the HomeRun platform.**

What's happening?

We have gathered views through the Wiltshire Council Travel Survey from staff, parents and children. We are also meeting with our Chair of Governors Anthony Brinkworth and the parish council this Thursday to further discuss our plan. We are focusing on the option of creating a one way in and out system into the village hall carpark which would then become the new drop off zone, rather than the on the road. We will keep you updated on whether this proposal is agreed. We are working with Wiltshire Council and the local police to identify other solutions worth trialling eg park and stride.

What could you do right now?

If you live within the designated catchment area for the school, your child may be entitled to free taxi transport from Wiltshire Council. See: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-transport-eligible, email: educationtransport@wiltshire.gov.uk or call: 01225 712852. Could you park away from the hall car

park at an alternative point in the village and walk/scoot the last 5 minutes? Or could you arrange to car share with other parents for one day a week using our Home run app?

We'll share more about the plan as it develops.

Kind regards

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Miss Priestley
Head Teacher

'Love One Another As I Have Loved You' John 15:12

