



Downview Primary School



School Travel Policy

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1. Introduction

The safe and sustainable methods of transport for children, staff, parents and visitors to Downview Primary School are very important. It is the school's intention to build upon sustainable and healthy travel to school and that children understand healthy lifestyles by participating in numerous sporting opportunities including walking, scooting or cycling.

2. General Information

School Type and Size

Downview Primary School is a large Primary School. It is its own Academy Trust. The school has three classes in each year from Reception to Year 6. The school is open from 8.40am to 3.20pm. Extended schools provision comes in the form of many after school clubs and hire of the hall for community run clubs including Karate and Zumba.

School Location



The school provides two locked entrances and exits for cyclists and pedestrians with a large covered area for bikes and scooters, which can be secured. There is staff parking for 30 cars, inclusive of two disabled bays.

There is a train station approximately 1.4 miles from the school. The 67 bus runs along Wroxham Way serving the town centre and as far as the Shripney area.

Local Highway

The school can be approached along the A259 Felpham Way and then onto Downview Road and Wroxham Way:

Downview Road

- Pavements either side
- 30 mph speed limit
- Lighting
- Traffic calming - road humps

Wroxham Way

- 20 mph speed limit - School safety zone.
- Pavements either side
- Lighting
- Traffic calming - road humps

A footpath approaches the school from Felpham village. The footpath, increase in cycle and scooter storage on the school premises, and a School Safety Zone provides Downview Primary School with more accessible and safer routes to school by walking and cycling.

There is also a footpath that runs adjacent to the school playing fields from Wroxham Way to Goodwood Avenue. There is a cycle path between Felpham Way and Felpham Road are widened to make it more accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

The School Safety Zone installed on Wroxham Way is a combination of new road markings and signs, including flashing amber lights, which operate between school opening and closing times when an advisory 20mph speed limit applies.

3. Our School Aims

At Downview Primary we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking wherever possible. To help with this we work with West Sussex County Council, Modeshift STARS to make sustainable and active travel easier for everyone.

For pupils unable to come by foot or bike, we like to encourage use of public transport or car-share.

Some of the benefits of active travel:

- Improving both mental and physical health through physical activity
- Establishing positive active travel behaviour
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community

To encourage pupils to cycle, scoot or walk to school frequently the school will:

- Actively promote cycling, scooting and walking as a positive way of travelling
- Celebrate the achievements of those who cycle, scoot and walk to school
- Provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site

To make cycling, scooting and walking to school a positive experience we expect our **pupils to:**

- Wear a cycle helmet
- Ride and walk safely and to follow the Highway Code
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high-visibility clothing

For the well-being of our pupils, we expect **parents and carers to:**

- Encourage their child to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible
- Provide their child with high-visibility clothing, lights, a lock and cycle helmet
- Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy

4. School Travel Committee

Our School Travel Policy is a working document and the School Travel Plan team is responsible for the development and monitoring of the plan.

The School Travel Plan Co-ordinator is the Deputy Headteacher, also on the Travel Committee is:

- School Council
- Headteacher
- Chair of Governor
- Premises Manager

5. Action Plan, Initiatives and Promotion

Downview's Travel Policy including the action plan is on Modeshift STARS. Modeshift STARS is the national school award scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated commitment in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. The Travel Plan and initiatives are regularly evaluated.

6. Curriculum and Health Links

Health and social benefits are promoted in assemblies as well as in PSHE/SCIENCE/PE. Our

curriculum is built upon the following key skills/values:

- **Teamwork**- We want all children to work effectively together to promote their learning
- **Aspiration** -We encourage all children to have big dreams and believing that they can be achieved.
- **Resilience** -We want all children to try things in different ways so they can succeed
- **Independence** -We want all children to confidently take responsibility for themselves and their learning
- **Communication** -We want all children to express themselves clearly and effectively and actively listen and respond to others

These skills/values apply across every area of the curriculum and all learning journeys. The children use these skills in lessons across the day. By improving these key skills, we are helping the children to be...

- **Successful** learners, who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve
- **Confident** individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives
- **Responsible** citizens who make a positive contribution to society

7. Commitment statement

At Downview Primary School we believe in the importance of sustainable methods of transport for the environment and promoting safe and healthy travel choices for all those who attend our school.

