

Hillborough Junior School

School Travel Plan Policy



Adopted: September 2020

Review : Annually

The school and its location.

Hillborough Junior School is a co-educational Junior School in Hillborough Road, Luton taking pupils from 7 to 11 years old. It has approximately 360 pupils in its school role with a very wide and diverse catchment area.

The school is situated at the top of Hillborough Road, which is essentially a no through road.

Pupils from Hillborough Junior School will generally move on to Stockwood Park Academy, which is located on Rotheram Avenue.

At present the school is not served by any crossing patrol facilities. An increasing number of pupils' travel to school by car which results in severe congestion at the school gates both before and after school.

Intended Aims:

- A commitment from Hillborough Junior School to involve its pupils in changing their environment.
- To recognise the need to reduce car traffic to and from the school.
- A commitment to encourage alternative modes of transport to and from school.
- To raise awareness to other relevant organisations of the problems faced at the school and within the surrounding environment.
- A commitment to pupil's safety, not only during school hours but also on the journey to and from school

Initiatives:

To provide a safer environment for the journey to and from school.

- To consult with the highways authority, the local council and the police in easing the obstruction at the school gates before and after school.
- To be registered with Modeshift stars and work towards and maintaining a bronze, silver or gold status.
- To have a team of pupils (Eco-warriors and Junior Road Safety Officers in conjunction with the School Council) who lead initiatives within school and drive for change.
- To work with all children to improve road safety skills.
- To identify opportunities for Road Safety education within the formal and implicit curriculums.

- To highlight to parents the importance of being careful and considerate with regard to children's safety through the school's prospectus, website and regular newsletters.
- To increase awareness of pupils and parents about the consequences of their travel choices.
- To include information about the school travel policy in the prospectus.
- To include opportunities for pupils to look at the consequences of their travel choices through the curriculum (geography, PSHE, science etc.)
- Participation in travel awareness days such as a Walk to School Week, International Walk to School Day, National Car Free Day or Bike Week.

To encourage sustainable travel to school.

- To work with the highway authority to develop an improved network of safe walking and cycling in the area around the school.
- To work with the highway authority to implement a TEZ scheme. Hillborough Road to be closed for an hour at either end of the school day with access only to residents and staff (Local Authority plans are currently on hold).
- Cycling proficiency courses to be made available if possible to children in year 5.
- Scooter training will be made available for years 4, 5 & 6.
- Road and cycle safety to be an integral part of the PSHE curriculum.
- A bike shed and pods are provided for pupils to store their wheels during the day. Pupils who use these facilities are responsible for making their vehicle secure and use these facilities at their own risk.
- The main gate to remain closed between 8:45 and 9:00 and 3:25 and 3:45 to discourage vehicular traffic on the school drive.

Monitoring and Review.

It is important that this document is seen as a living document and all partners involved are working towards the school's objectives. The headteacher and governors have endorsed its content and have undertaken to monitor progress and achievements. This travel plan will also be incorporated into the school development plan.

The school will participate in the Borough Council's annual monitoring surveys with a view to using the feedback and results from these surveys to assist the school in reviewing its travel plan.