

Wareham St Mary's Primary School

Travel Plan



School Details

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DfE Number 838/3032

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Number of pupils on roll: 166

Number of staff: 36

School Times

School starts: 08:45

School finishes: 15:15

Introduction

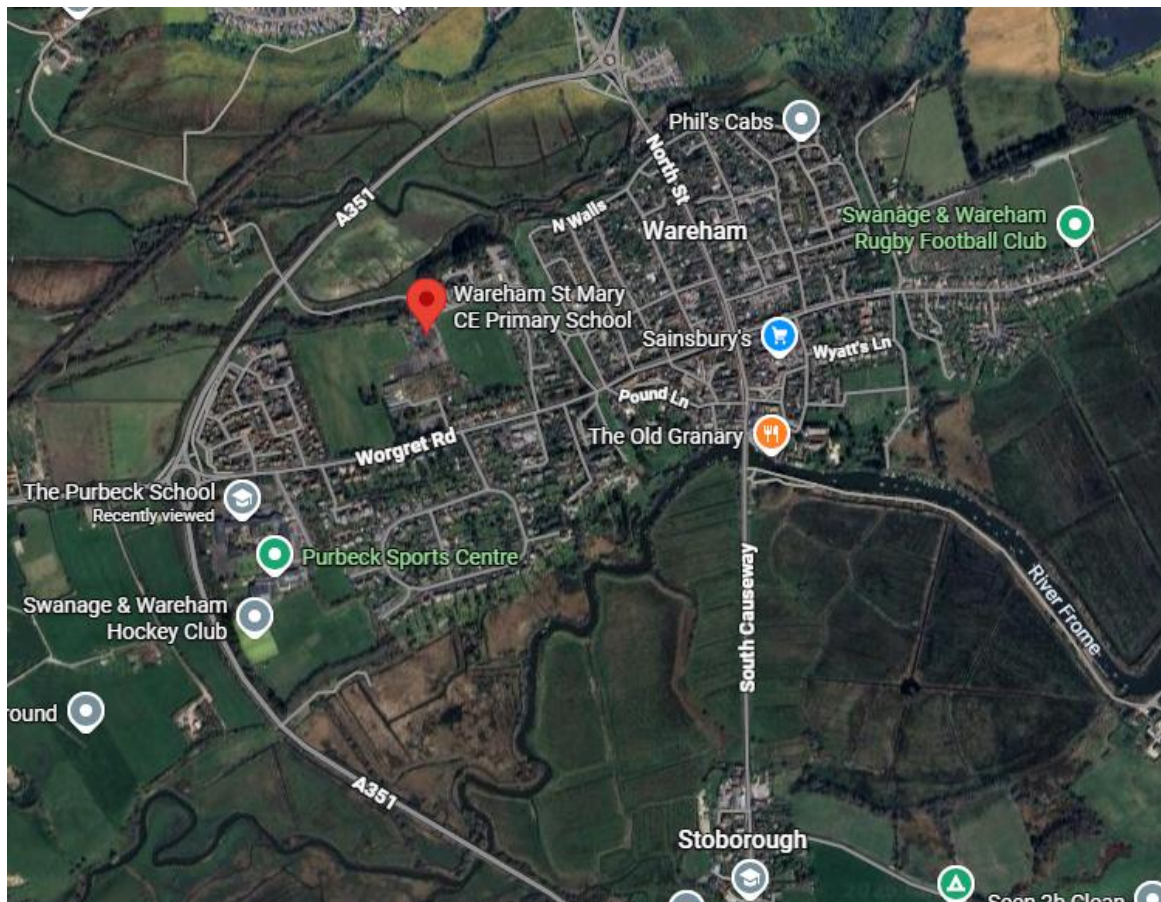
- In 1998, the Government introduced its White Paper on Transport, which emphasised the need to address the use of cars for the school journey. School Travel Plans are seen as a key component in addressing school journey issues.
- A School Travel Plan is a package of measures aimed to reduce the number of 'school runs' made. A series of different measures introduced by the school, through the Plan, all contribute to reducing the congestion outside the school. Pupils, staff and parents are educated about and encouraged to walk and cycle to and from school instead, thus helping to increase pupils' independence, safety and health and fitness.

Context

We are a small, Church of England school at the heart of our community here on the edge of the Jurassic Coast. Our catchment area covers the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wareham and includes Arne and the properties at West Holme, East Holme, Ridge, Stoborough and Creech)

There are some cycle lanes clearly marked around Wareham and there are good pavement facilities with drop kerbs. Wareham has a bus service served by First Bus and a train station with connections to London and Weymouth.

We have a small staff and visitor carpark, and some off-street parking is available in surrounding roads.



We believe that all children should be safe, healthy and happy. As our school began to grow in numbers of pupils and staff, it became clear that an overview of traffic, parking and safe transport was needed. This is a collaborative plan as parents, children and staff were all involved in researching and devising the plan.

However, there is a footnote that this is a changing plan which is sensitive to, and changes with the needs of the school and the environment around the school.

Overall Aims of our School Travel Plan

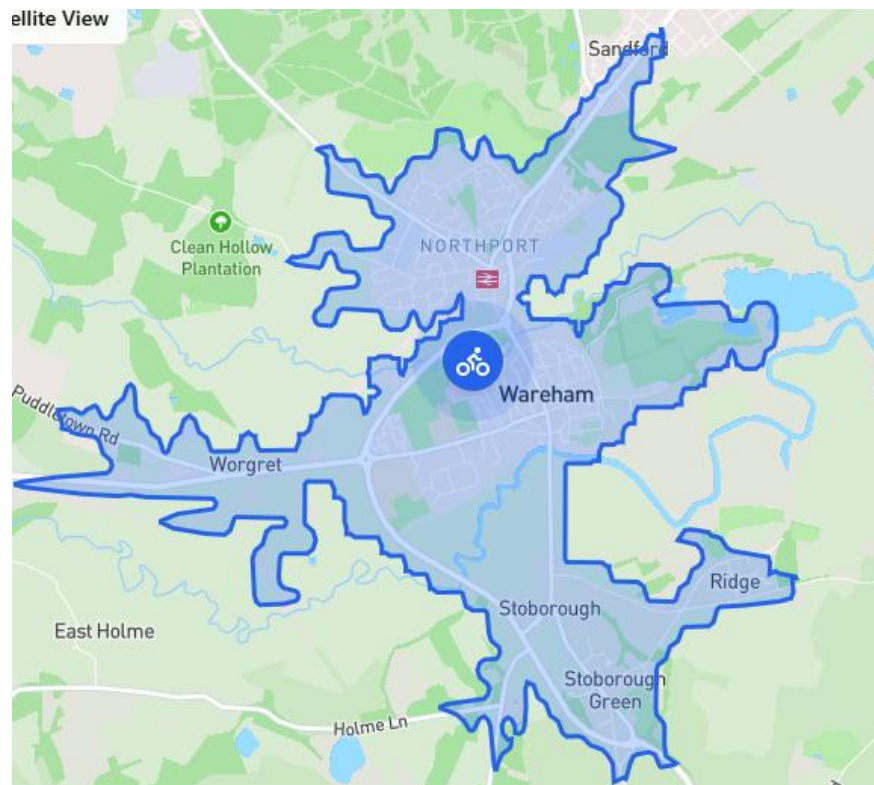
The Travel Plan aims to make overall journeys to and from Wareham Primary School safer, healthier and more enjoyable by:

What?	Why?
Encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting, wheeling and walking (active travel) wherever possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of the air the children breathe at our school • Improving both mental and physical health through physical activity. • Establishing positive active travel behaviour. • Promoting independence and improving safety awareness. • Reducing congestion and noise in the community. • Reducing the environmental impact of the journey to school.
Encourage car sharing where possible	Improves air quality at our school and teaches children to travel sustainably
Request that if you choose to drive your child to school, you park at least a 5-minute walk away. Below there is a map indicating an approximate 5-minute walking zone from the school to help you to plan your journey.	Stops a pollution bubble forming outside the school from all the vehicles, thereby gives children (and everyone else) cleaner air to breathe in school and for a section of their journey to/from school.
In the rare event that individuals drive closer to the school, you switch your engine off whenever stationary.	Each idling engine (when a car is stopped but with its engine running) produces 150 balloons worth of toxic gases every minute it is left on!

The map below shows the areas within a 10-minute walking distance from the school:



The map below shows the areas within a 10-minute cycling distance from the school:



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

- Actively promote walking, cycling, wheeling and scooting as a positive way of travelling.
- Celebrate the achievements of those who actively travel to school.
- Provide cycle and scooter storage on the school site.
- Offer high quality cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate by engaging with Bikeability.

To make cycling and scooting to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our pupils to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code.
- Check that their bicycle or scooter is roadworthy and regularly maintained. We offer Sustrans Dr Bike provision.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling or scooting.
- Wear a cycle helmet.
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.

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

- Encourage their child to walk, cycle, wheel or scooter to school whenever possible.
- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling or scooting.
- Consider cycling or scooting with their child on the school run; possibly joining with other families as a 'cycle bus'.
- Provide their child with equipment such as high-visibility clothing, lights, a lock and cycle helmet as appropriate.
- Ensure that the bicycles and scooters ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- If in a vehicle, switch off engines whenever their vehicles are stationary.

Please note:

- The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk safely to and from school rests with the parent(s)/carer(s). The school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.
- This policy covers the journey to and from school where the school has no responsibility or liability.
- Parents are advised that the school's insurance does not cover any loss or damage to pupil's bicycles and scooters left on the premises.