

Juniper Hill School

School Travel Plan Policy



Kindness Enjoyment Achievement

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We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, scoot or cycle to school as they:

-  Keep us fit and healthy.
-  Help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently.
-  Help keep our local air clean, and our streets free from congestion.
-  Are life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from.

What we do:

-  We have an active travel plan committee.
-  We have signed up to Modeshift STARS to update and monitor our school travel plan
-  We will be promoting safe and active travel as much as possible by using our displays, newsletter and website www.juniperhill.bucks.sch.uk
-  We encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school where possible. We recognise that our current site does not lend itself to cycling or scooting to and from school. However, our long-term plan is focused on improving access in a number of ways and we are committed to improving the access year on year.

To support this, we aim to offer:

- ☐ Annual Footsteps training in Years 1, 2 and 3
 - ☐ Parking for families at the local Football ground to encourage Park and Stride, managed by our own Crossing Patrol Person
 - ☐ Year 5 and Year 6 children have the option with parental permission to be dropped at the Green Dragon Football Club, cross the road safely with the Crossing Patrol person and walk onto school.
 - ☐ NOCARS Travel Tracker to track pupils travel modes to school and to encourage active travel
 - ☐ The class who records the most active travel each month and has the highest engagement with the travel tracker will be presented with the Golden Boot.
 - ☐ On our website we provide various travel and parking guidelines, including our 5minute Walking Bubble Map.
 - ☐ JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) conduct assemblies to make the whole school aware of Road Safety issues.
 - ☐ We will host Walk- to-School days / weeks with a Shoe Mufti Day reward, to promote active travel to school
 - ☐ Bikeability is offered to children in Year 4 and Year 5 each year
 - ☐ Improve cycle and scooter parking (new for 2026 – 2027)
 - ☐ Storage for helmets/equipment (new for 2026 – 2027)
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-  We ensure that all children wear high visibility jackets on local walks

-  We let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school at our new parent meetings and all parents are encouraged to sign a Parents' Parking Promise.

What we ask of parents:

-  Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible.
-  Sign up to our Parents' Parking Promise.
-  Please share our Parking Guidelines with whomever may be dropping off or collecting your child(ren) from school, including Grandparents, Childminders and Taxi drivers.
-  Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters on school grounds.
-  Ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic.
-  To provide your child(ren) with a cycle helmet.
-  Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high-visibility clothing.
-  Make sure your child(ren) has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it.
-  Ensure you have appropriate insurance for your child(ren)'s bicycle or scooter as the
 - school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or being used on the way to or from school.
-  If you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey?

We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school.

-  Where a car must be used, we ask parents to drive only part of the way and park away from the school, so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted.
-  We ask that parents are respectful of our neighbours and follow our Parking Guidelines, see Appendix A
-  If you do have to drive your child(ren) and stop in the near vicinity, please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents.
-  **It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time.**

Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parent(s) or carer(s) to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision.

What we ask of pupils

-  Ask your parents if you can walk, scoot or cycle to school.
-  Behave in a way that shows you and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using public transport.
-  Ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school.
-  Push bikes and scooters on school grounds.
-  Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained.
-  Consider wearing a cycle helmet.
-  Make sure you can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high-visibility clothing.
-  Make sure you have a lock for your bike or scooter that you use it.

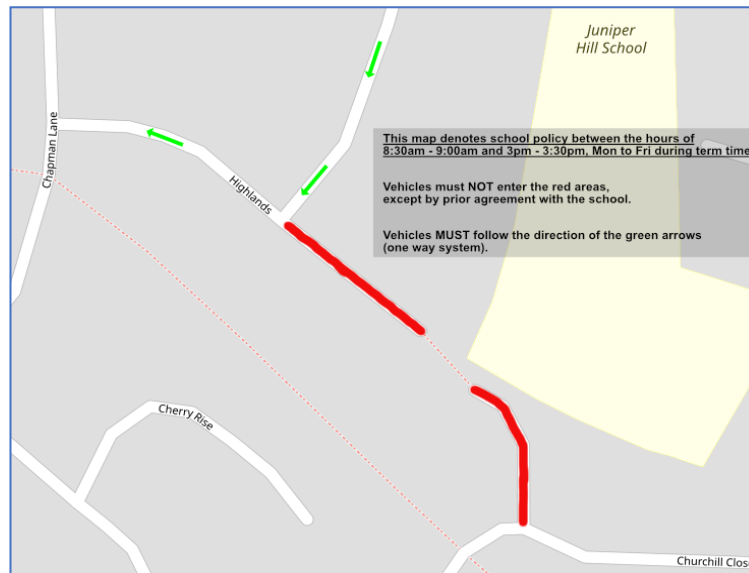


Appendix A

School Parking Guidelines

Parking at Juniper Hill is exceptionally challenging. Our school is situated in the middle of a residential area with limited parking. We have an active Travel Plan and ask all of our families to follow the School Parking Guidelines below. Thank you

1. **NO** cars must enter the sections of the roads which are closest to the school except by prior arrangement with the school. This means **NO** entry into Highlands beyond the junction with Greenlands and **NO** entry into the spur within Churchill Close that leads directly to the school. We operate a one-way system down Greenlands and Highlands to reduce congestion.



2. Cars **MUST NOT** park:

-  Where any residents' access might be obstructed;
-  Within 10 metres of a junction (Highway code rule 243);
-  On corners that affect visibility for pedestrians or other drivers;
-  On grass verges or pavements (Highway Code rule 244);
-  Directly opposite other parked cars as this could prevent access for emergency vehicles.

The roads around school get very busy and congested, but please be aware that the way YOU park YOUR car could affect the safety of many other children. Please do consider parking further away from school and walking the remaining distance. This could actually save the time of battling through the congestion and also has benefits for the health and safety of our children and community.

I will park my car in line with the School Parking Guidelines

I will not park in the areas listed above

I am committed to making everybody's journeys to Juniper Hill as safe as possible

Please share this information with everyone who brings/collects your child on your behalf, such as Grandparents or childminders.

Thank you to all who show consideration for the safety and wellbeing of everyone within our school and local community.

LET'S NOT LET OUR SCHOOL BECOME AN ACCIDENT STATISTIC

Please cut off the slip below and return it to the school office

PARKING GUIDELINES

Child's name

I/we agree to follow the Juniper Hill School Parking Guidelines

Signed..... (parent/carer) Date.....

Appendix B

Parking Promise

Juniper Hill School is keen to promote road safety awareness in our children, but this is not just the responsibility of the school. We all have a duty of care to ensure our roads are safe. We can all make a difference by choosing to drive safely and parking in a considerate and legal manner. One initiative we are taking part in, is the Parking Promise: Please read the bullet points below, look at the map further down and sign up for the Parking Promise.

You will receive a car windscreen sticker for your efforts, this will further advertise the scheme and act as a reminder to anyone passing your car that we all need to make the effort in order to keep our children safe.

-  I will protect the safety of the children by being a considerate driver;
-  I will Park & Stride as often as I can;
-  I will avoid the "red zones" and will park with care and consideration;
-  I will not park with my engine idling in consideration of local residents air quality;
-  I will adhere to the Highway Code.

Your name:

Your child's name:

Your email:

Signed:

Date:

