

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

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Modes of Travel to and from the School

Walking, Driving, Cycling, Scooters, External club drop offs

Visitors to the School

Pupils, Parents, Contractors, HCPs, Other Schools, External Clubs, WSCC employees

Infrastructure

- Local railway station within 10 minute Walk
- Bus stops on Chanctonbury Road (main road just outside school). Chanctonbury Road and Holmesdale Road are main roads that lead to school. These roads have cars parked on both sides that makes access difficult and both roads are very congested, especially at peak times.
- One-way system operates from Chanctonbury Road into school, however, both entry and exit roads are two way due to housing on these roads.
- There are no cycle paths that operate to or around the school. There are residential pathways that surround the school but there are no designated crossing areas at present close to the school. There is traffic crossing by the Hammonds Ridge estate which allows safe crossing across a very busy main road.
- Staff Parking for 6 plus 1 disabled vehicles on school grounds behind the kitchen. Additional staff parking for 23 vehicles on the one-way road just outside the school. We have a facility for storing and securing bikes/scooters.
- Woodlands Meed School is next door to London Meed and this causes increased congestion in our school area due to the amount of parents, minibuses dropping and picking children up.

Actions that have already been implemented

- Agreement with local council for parking permits for the Queens Crescent car park. This allows parking for 1 hour free of charge at drop off and pick up times. (8.30am-9.30am and 2.30pm -3.45pm). This is a 7 minute walk away from the school.
- No parking anywhere on school grounds between 8am and 5pm.
- No parking on the double yellow and zig zag markings outside the school between 8am and 5pm. This is a legal requirement and includes Blue Badge holders.
- Adhoc patrols of the parking areas at pick and drop off time to encourage sensible parking and to maintain free flow of traffic.
- Member of SLT outside school grounds undertaken between 8.35-9am and 3.05-3.30pm.
- Traffic enforcement officers called to patrol the school area for when people are illegally parked.
- Regular features in our weekly newsletter about making use of the drop and park at the Queens Crescent car park and also about car sharing where possible.

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- Parents were asked to sign a 'Safer Parking' declaration which includes their agreement to use the park and stride facility. – (155 responses)
- Every child is given a laminated parking permit for the Queen Crescent car park to take home for parents. All new parents given a parking permit.
- Junior Patrol Officers within our Year 6 were trialled for 2 months but had to be stopped due to abuse from parents.
- New signage and road markings were created around our school grounds. This included new double yellow lines in front of staff parking, new London Meed staff parking signs only. New disabled bays and disabled signs were created.
- Every member of staff was given a parking cone to put outside their car.
- Investigate with Woodlands Meed installing metal gates or barrier at the school entrance.
- Meetings held with Woodlands Meed to coordinate our efforts in reducing traffic congestion.
- Whole school assembly with regards to parking around the school, encouraging the children to walk/cycle to school.

Target

- Ensure access for emergency vehicles to the school via the Chanctonbury Road entrance at all times.
- Stop double parking in nearby access roads.
- To stop all unauthorised access and parking within the school grounds.
- To increase the number of users of our Park and Stride car park facility.
- Raise Driver's awareness of the dangers and hazards once they enter the school zone
- Raise awareness of resident's requirements for access to their properties and when parking, park responsibly.
- Increase the number of pupils who walk or cycle/scooter to school.
- Allow staff to park on school grounds, and leave when they wish.

Actions to Undertake

- Arrange another meeting with Woodlands Meed to collaborate on parking solutions.
- Collaborate with local fire station to try and access road at school pick up or drop off time to show parents the difficulty in accessing the school.
- Undertake parent survey to understand issues around parking.
- Re-Issue safer declaration parking agreement.
- Collaborate with local police for advice to tackle parking issues.
- System for ensuring only Blue badge holders are parked in disabled spaces.