

LONDON MEED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to share with you our new Travel Plan. As a school, it is of paramount importance to us that all of our school community is safe while on school grounds. The Travel Plan has been designed to ensure that there is minimal risk to children or adults being involved in a road traffic accident while on our site; that people with disabilities, or their carers, are able to access the school grounds; that emergency vehicles are able to gain entry to the school should they be needed; and that staff are able to park on site, and be able to leave.

You can find the full details of the Travel Plan attached to this email, but the main points are as follows:

What we are going to do as a school

Friday 11th November

This morning we held a whole school assembly to introduce the children to our new Travel Plan. I spoke with the children about keeping our school community safe, particularly within our school grounds and about parents/carers parking responsibly outside the school. I spoke about the benefits of walking/biking or scooting to school where possible and about the park and stride facility that is available to our school community.

We continue to have an agreement with the local council that parents and carers can park for one hour free of charge at drop off and pick up times (8.30am-9.30am and 2.30pm - 3.45pm) at Queens Crescent car park, which is a seven minute walk from the school. Every child will bring home an additional permit to use in the Queens Crescent car park in the next few days.

Large bike / scooter sheds are available inside the school gates, which children, parents and carers are welcome to use. These are secured behind locked gates during the day.

Starting on Monday 14th November:

Parents or carers will not be permitted to drive onto the school site (from the large wooden gates right round to the exit past Woodlands Meed) between 8am and 5pm, unless they are a Blue Badge holder. This includes parents or carers who have previously pulled up in front of the school to 'drop and go'.

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Blue Badge holders will be able to park in any available spaces, including the layby on the left as you come into the school grounds, but they should not park on double yellow / zigzag lines, or block members of staff in. Blue Badges must be displayed.

Starting on Monday 28th November:

We will introduce a 'Parking Patrol', comprised of Year 6 volunteers, both before and after school.

How you can support the school

In order to show your support of our Travel Plan to maintain safety on school grounds, we are asking all parents and carers to complete our 'Safer Parking' declaration using the link below. There is an expectation that all parents and carers complete this declaration, and adhere to it.

<https://forms.gle/xZLsoAsuNem2GUQG8>

As we outlined in last week's newsletter, although we share the concerns raised by numerous parents and carers regarding traffic and parking on the roads around the school, it is not something that we, as a school, can control. We have raised concerns to Mid Sussex District Council and the police about issues in the surrounding roads. If you share these concerns please support us by contacting the relevant authorities directly at

<https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/about-us/contact-us/> or <https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/>

Thank you for working with us to make sure that our school is a safe environment for all.

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