

Speedwell Infant School Road Safety Policy

School opens at 8.45am and closes at 3.20pm.

Nursery sessions are from 8.45am until 11.45am and 12.20pm until 3.20pm.

All children should be accompanied to school by a responsible adult and must be collected at the end of the day or the session by a responsible adult.

Travel to School

Pedestrians – the school has two entrances, the path by the Clinic on Lime Avenue and the main vehicular entrance on College Avenue. Pedestrians using the main entrance should enter by the small gate, cross the school drive at the top and walk down the path on the school side of the drive. Where difficulties are encountered with the steps on the path, pedestrians will have to walk down the side of the drive and then across the tarmac path into school.

Cars – the school drive is very busy with staff cars, deliveries, support staff and visitors. In the interest of the children's safety it is school policy to ask parents **not to bring cars onto the school premises** except in an emergency and with prior arrangement with the Headteacher.

Parking is available on Lime Avenue and College Avenue. The yellow zigzag markings need to be avoided.

The school has a Travel Plan and participates in the national and local Walk to school/Travel smart initiatives.

Travel from School

Children are not allowed to leave the premises unaccompanied. Each class leaves the building by a designated exit. Parents should wait by this door for their child to emerge. If there is a change in arrangements as to who is collecting the child from school, we do need to be informed, either by word of mouth or by a telephone call. Any parents who need to make different arrangements on a long-term basis should contact the Headteacher in the first instance.

Should your child become ill in school and need to be transported home, this can only be undertaken by members of staff who have relevant car insurance.

School Journeys

All trips outside school and into the school grounds are risk assessed before they take place and the suggested procedures are put in place to minimise any risks. Risk assessments are shared with the children and the relevant forms completed and filed in the school office. Children are expected to be on their best behaviour and comply straight away with instructions. Hi-vis vests are available for children

to wear on trips outside school.

Only travel operators included on the Derbyshire County Council List are used. Insurance is taken out for all school journeys with the Derbyshire Schools Journeys Association.

Road Safety and the National Curriculum

For useful contacts and resources, see the purple file: 'Highway Safety Group Resources Guide', kept in the resources room on the PSHE shelf.

Whenever children are going out of school walking with their teacher and other responsible adults, the correct way to cross roads is first of all discussed in class, then demonstrated and practiced whilst out. This ensures that your child will receive Road Safety Education throughout their time at Speedwell.

Governor Liaison

The parent governors will be pleased to liase between parents and staff and governors, should parents feel that there is a particular road safety problem.

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