



THE WESTGATE SCHOOL

Hampshire's First 4-16 'All Through' School

*"The Westgate School is a community of learners where partnerships inspire success for all:
learning together – achieving excellence"*

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The Westgate 'All Through School' Travel Plan 2020/21.

Aim

The primary aim of our School Travel Plan for 2020/21 is to:

'Minimise single occupancy car trips associated with the school, by promoting and encouraging the use of more sustainable alternatives.' (*HCC School Travel Planning Team*). We actively encourage our pupils and staff to walk, use their scooter or cycle to school thereby achieving the following benefits:

- Keeping us fit and healthy
- Help our pupils develop road safety skills which will keep them safe as they travel further afield and more independently
- Life skills that everyone should be able to benefit from
- Creating a safer environment for our pedestrian routes into our school from Cheriton Road and Green Lane
- Environmental benefits

Our Travel Plan objectives for 2020/21

- Use Modeshift STARS national awards to update/ monitor our school travel plan and work towards the three levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) for achieving a shift to sustainable modes of travel
- Promote safe and active travel as much as possible using, displays, newsletters and website : www.westgate.hants.sch.uk
- Encourage all members of our school community to walk, cycle or travel by public transport for the journey to school. To support this we provide:
 - Cycle training (Bikeability)
 - Pedestrian awareness
 - Cycle parking
 - Scooter parking
 - Public transport information
- Local school trips are made by public transport where possible, or on foot if the destination is close by
- Creating a safer environment for our pedestrian routes into our All Through School
- Let all new pupils and their parents/carers know that we promote healthy and sustainable travel to school before the child starts at our school

What we ask of our parents

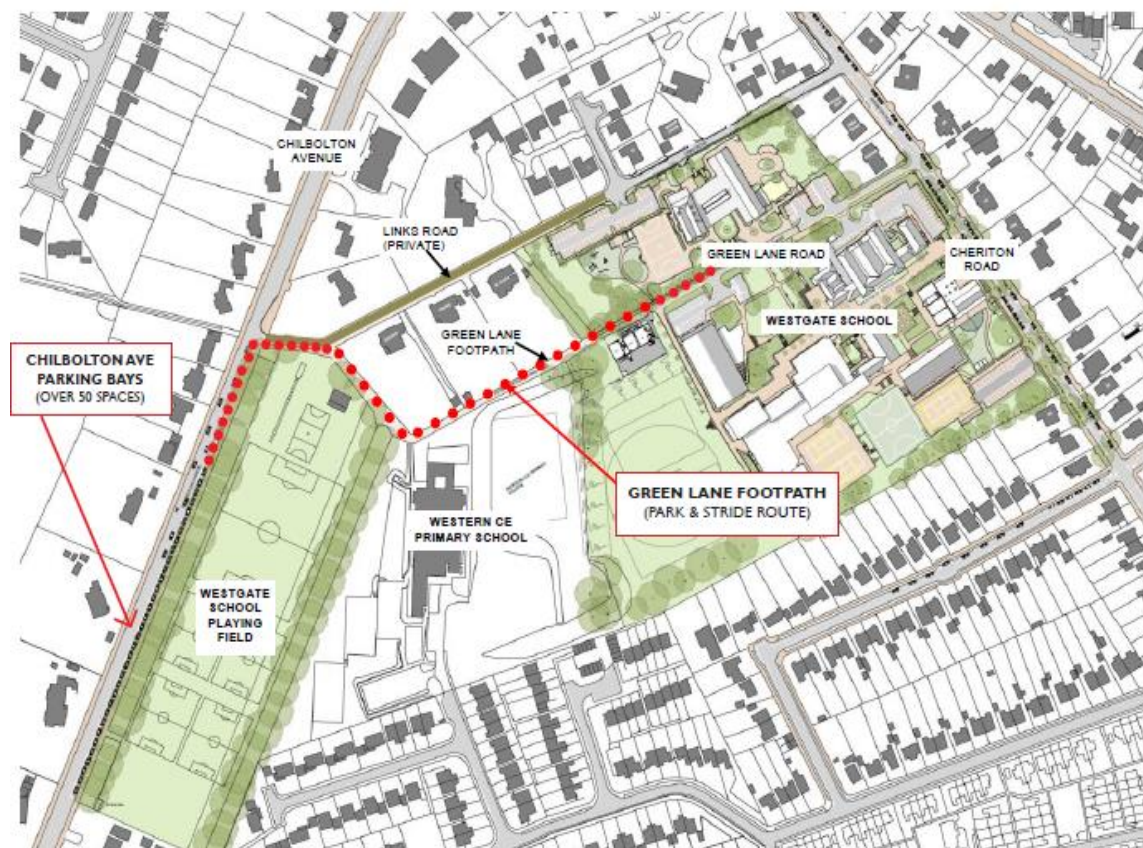
- Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible
- Ensure your child(ren) walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push rather than ride bikes and scooters on school grounds

- Ensure that bicycles and scooters are serviceable and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic
- Strongly promote the wearing of a cycle helmet
- Ensure your child(ren) can be seen by fitting lights to their bike and 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 cover 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 whilst it is being used on the way to or from school

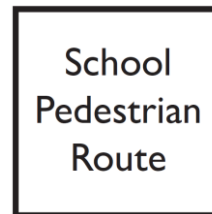
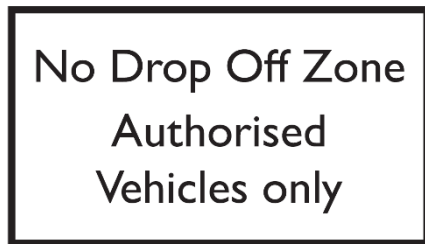
We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school, but:

- Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child(ren) off away from the school. The map below demonstrates where this can be achieved, with over 30 spaces provided on Chilbolton Avenue, so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted
- Our Upper School parents are strongly encouraged to use these bays to drop off and pick up their children and to avoid Cheriton Road

5 minute Park & Stride Route & Drop off/ Pick up zone.



- 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, across residential driveways for any period of time or, on the school grounds
- Green Lane is used as a pedestrian route for our pupils and parents therefore **must not be used** for school drop off/ picks-up. In the interests of 'our site safety' please adhere to the following signage along this road:



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 our 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 rather than ride bikes and scooters on school grounds
- Check that your bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained
- We strongly advise the 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 and that you use it (removing accessories)



Your consideration/ participation will help in making our school a safer environment for our children.