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Dear Parents/Carers.

Join us for Travel Smart Week -Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May 2024

Next week is Travel Smart Week. Travel Smart Week takes place each May and October. This is where we encourage pupils to make the most of their school journey to help them keep fit, arrive at school alert and ready to learn, reduce road congestion and pollution, as well as making sure they remember to travel safely.

As a school, we will be supporting this excellent initiative. Your child has come home with a leaflet about Travel Smart Week today, so please ask them about this. I hope as a family you can commit to supporting a safer, healthier, and more environmentally friendly week of journeys to school.

Teaching staff will have shared this event with the children and the opportunity to enter a travel sustainably poster competition. The PTA have donated prizes for the best poster designed by an EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 pupil. **Closing date for the competition is Friday 24th May.** We would like to display all entries to promote walking, scooting, cycling and 'park and stride' as healthier and more environmentally friendly ways to come to school.

Competition Time...

Could you help encourage our pupils and parents to choose healthier, more active journeys to school?

Active journeys also help to reduce the number of cars around school which helps to make the roads feel safer and the air cleaner.

Could you make a poster to display around our school entrances?



Maybe your poster could encourage people who live outside of Duffield to 'Park and Stride' at one of the car parks in the village and walk or scoot the rest of the way.

Places to 'Park and Stride' from include: The Viceroy carpark, The Cherin Golf Club carpark and the Eyes Meadow carpark.

Entries into school by **Friday 24th May** - remember to put your name on the back.

With this in mind, **Tuesday 21st May** it is 'Move More on Traffic Free Tuesday' We would like to make all of Vicarage Lane a traffic free zone on this day and actively urge you to support this if you are physically able to. This will make the roads feel safer and the air cleaner. On 'Traffic Free Tuesday' we have Rob Bounds, Senior Transport Officer in school with his 'pedal powered smoothie maker'.



Throughout the day classes will take part in an exciting workshop with Rob and their teacher to see how the smoothie maker is powered by kinetic energy. They will all have the opportunity to have a go at cycling to power the machine and make a delicious smoothie shot to try if they wish.

This supports the theme of Thursday 23rd May 'Eat well and rest on Feel Good Thursday'.



Local business supports healthy eating and traffic free Tuesday.

Owners of Kale and Corn, Benn and Megan Caley have very kindly donated fruit for our smoothies when the children have a go using the pedal powered smoothie maker.

An engine free Travel Smart school journey helps to reduce air pollution as well as helping to cut carbon emissions.

Even if you must travel by car, you could still play your part by:

- ✓ asking if you can share your car journey with other car passengers.
- ✓ making sure you park away from school and walk the last distance.
- ✓ avoid parking across residential driveways, drop kerbs or within 10 metres of junctions.
- ✓ turn off your engine when you are waiting or parked.

Make Vicarage Lane Traffic Free on Tuesday 21st May 2024

During our last traffic free day in the Autumn, we had 98% of families supporting us to make Vicarage Lane a car free road on the journey to school. We hope to equal or better this on Tuesday 21st May. However, within our parental body I am aware that some of you, or your extended family members, may have specific circumstances and disabilities that require you to park closer to school. Although space is limited along St Alkmund's Close, parking here is acceptable under those circumstances. I ask that other parents are sensitive to older family members with limited mobility or those with disabled badges who need to park closer to school.

If you are in receipt of a disabled badge (Blue Badge)

Do not park where it would endanger, inconvenience, or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Examples of dangerous or obstructive parking that apply to our locality include the following, although there are others:

- school entrances, on a bend, or near the brow of a hill.
- parking opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.
- where it would make the road narrow, such as roadworks.
- where it would hold up traffic, such as in narrow stretches of road or blocking vehicle entrances.
- where emergency vehicles stop or go in and out
- where the kerb has been lowered or the road raised to help wheelchair users, our pupils crossing and residents leaving their properties.

Remember the Blue Badge is not a licence to park anywhere. The badge and its concessions are for the person assigned to the badge and they must be travelling in the car when the badge is being used for parking purposes. It is a criminal offence for you or anyone else to misuse the badge. Doing so could lead to a £1,000 fine and confiscation of the badge.



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Please ensure it is clearly displayed on the dashboard.

- You must not park on school 'keep clear' markings.
- You must not park on a pavement, unless signs permit it.

The Blue Badge scheme: rights and responsibilities in England

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england#places-where-you-cannot-park>

If you must drive into the village, it would help if you could 'Park and Stride' at one of our Safe Parking Spaces available locally.

Parents can park in the following places locally and walk the remaining distance to school.

- The Methodist Church at the bottom of King Street – the only time this will not be permitted is if there is a funeral taking place and a sign will be displayed.
- The Viceroy Restaurant car park – available free of charge until 4pm each day for village parking.
- Enjoy the warmer weather and take a longer stroll or scoot by parking at the Eyes Meadow car park or the car park at the Chevin Golf Club just off Avenue Road. The Chevin Golf Club welcome parents to sit and enjoy a post drop off coffee in the 'Fairways' restaurant overlooking the Chevin.

See the updated 'How to get to William Gilbert Primary School' travel plan attached with this letter.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible fully engaged in this initiative to promote healthy and environmentally friendly journeys to school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E H Britten
Headteacher

