



# Highfield South Farnham

*Member of the South Farnham Educational Trust*

## Travel Plan 2024

### Introduction

Our school plan is designed to support all members of Highfield South Farnham School and residents. This plan is primarily directed at reducing unnecessary or unsustainable car travel made by staff, pupils and their parents made to and from the school.

The key benefits which can result following the implementation of a travel plan are outlined below;

- ✓ Less cars, traffic congestion and irresponsible parking on Talbot Road, Ryle Road and Weydon Farm Lane.
- ✓ Healthier, happier and more active pupils, families and staff.
- ✓ Less pollution around school reducing motorised traffic and increasing pedestrian traffic to make everyone feel safer and encourage interaction with other individuals on their journey to school.

### Mission Statement

At Highfield South Farnham School, we are committed to fostering a healthier, more sustainable future for our pupils, staff, and local community. Our School Travel Plan aims to reduce our carbon footprint, encourage safe and active travel, and promote a culture of well-being through walking and public transport.

We strive to create a school environment that prioritises safety, physical activity, and environmental responsibility. By encouraging our school community to make more sustainable travel choices, we aim to reduce congestion around the school, improve air quality, and support the health and well-being of everyone who travels to and from Highfield South Farnham School.

Through collaboration with our pupils, families, staff, and local community, we will continue to create a safe, enjoyable, and accessible journey for all members of our school community, ensuring that travel to school is an enriching experience that aligns with our ethos and values.

### Issues with Cars around our School

The main entrance to school is on Weydon Lane with a secondary smaller entrance on Ryle Road. Weydon Lane is a main road whilst Ryle Road and Talbot Road sit within a residential area.

The vast majority of parents and carers park carefully and considerately around the school and, in doing so, help safeguarding our relationship with local residents.

Unfortunately, a few anti-social drivers, who do not consider the whole community, continue to park on pavements and in front of driveways and on private land.

We receive complaints from neighbours about parked cars and unsafe driving. We encourage people to report unsafe driving to us at [HSF Parking Awareness](#).

## School Context

Highfield South Farnham stands on an attractive two-acre site sitting in the south of Farnham. We are a Primary and Nursery School situated on Weydon Lane. The school opened in February 2015 as part of South Farnham Educational Trust, welcoming pupils in the age range 3-11 years. We currently have approximately 480 students.

The learning environment includes a well-equipped library, a music studio including three small group learning rooms, an additional learning zone and food technology area. A multipurpose hall, used on a daily basis, offers a full range of gymnastic apparatus and performance space. The two acres of play area include grassed sports fields, EYFS playground, a football court, an adventure playground, and a woodland learning space.

The school can be accessed by car (staff, blue badge holders only) through one main gate situated on Weydon Lane, additionally we have pedestrian gates that are accessible via Weydon Lane and Ryle Road. There are always staff members on each gate at both drop off and pick up time.

## How do we currently travel?

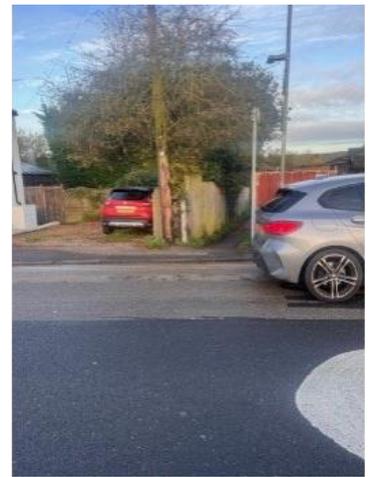
We surveyed students to see which mode of transport they used the most, when coming to and from school.

Mode of transport %	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Walking & Scooting	34%	34%	42%	31%	43%	29%	23%
Car	66%	62%	56%	69%	57%	69%	71%
Public Transport	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	6%

## Challenges

- ✓ Weydon Lane serves Weydon School, a large residential area and an industrial area. HVG lorries frequently travel along Weydon Lane daily, including peak drop off and pick up times. Especially when the bridge on Wrecclisham Road is closed. Weydon Lane is congested during school drop off and pick up times.
- ✓ The lane situation on Weydon Lane facing Highfield does not have a crossing or a pedestrian pathway and safety is a concern.
- ✓ The lane to the east of Highfield passing Buildbase can only be accessed during dry weather due to flooding. This lane can be access from Upper Way and Arthur Road.
- ✓ Ryle road is a narrow residential road with houses opposite and to each side of the school.
- ✓ Parking is extremely limited due to the nature of people's driveways.
- ✓ Paths are adequate but generally congested with cars parking on or partially on the pavement, which causes children and parents to walk in the road to navigate them.
- ✓ We have had two visits from the Waverly Transport Department who have sited we are high up on the priority list, we are now awaiting an outcome.

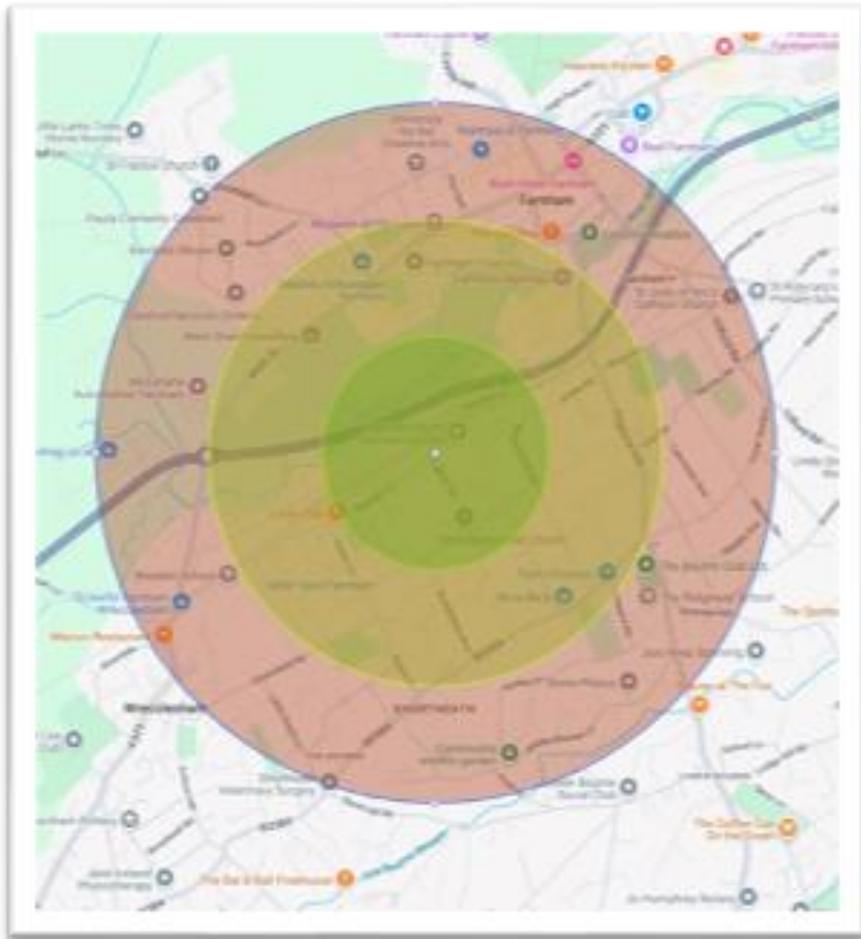
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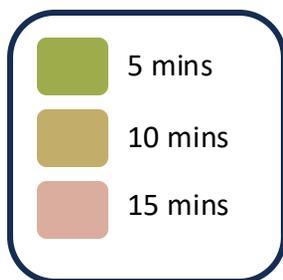
## Ryle Road Entrance



## Walking Zones Map



How long will it take you to walk to school?



## What we have done

- ✓ Ongoing promotion of walking to school with assemblies.
- ✓ Walk to school week in May.
- ✓ Members of SLT are on duty each day to greet families and children at drop and pick up.
- ✓ Requested frequent unannounced visits from the traffic wardens during drop off and pick up times.
- ✓ Ensure communication is sent to parents regarding appropriate parking and respecting residents in the newsletter.
- ✓ Bike ability and feet first training for students May 2025.



## Useful Links

FS and KS1

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/teds-tumble/>

<https://roadsafety.scot/learning/early/go-safe-with-ziggy/road-safety-awareness/whats-that-sound/>

KS2

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/take-the-lead-game/>

All ages

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/road\\_safety\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/road_safety_games.html)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=road+safety>

## Travel Action Plan 2024

Action	Date completed and evidence
Appoint Travel Plan Coordinator	Gregory West
Undertake initial travel survey	November 2024 – 100% pupil response in school, 35% parent response (published in travel plan above)
Prepare Travel Plan Charter and included in School Starter information packs	From September 2023 a Travel Plan has been included in all new starter information packs.
Provide cycle parking	Can be accommodated but due to council safety information and guidance it is currently not safe for pupils to cycle to school.
Investigate provision of Pedestrian and Cycle Training with relevant providers /Surrey CC	Bike ability and Feet first booked for Summer term.
Implement car share database for staff and parents	Implemented at the start of every academic year. Current numbers 2 staff members.
Co-ordinate / provide Personal Travel Planning for those who seek advice	Advice readily available when requested.
Set up the TPWP & Residents Forum	Residents regularly feedback.
Re-issue travel surveys to staff and pupils	Easter 2025
Achieve Modeshift STARS 'Bronze' Level accreditation	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025
Achieve Modeshift STARS 'Silver' Level accreditation	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025
Update the Action Plan and submit the updated report to Surrey County Council	August 2025 prior to the new academic year starting.
Include travel related information in newsletters	Travel tips included in weekly and half termly newsletters.
Organise sustainable transport events such as 'Walk to School Week', 'International Walk to School Month' and the 'Golden Boot Challenge'	Walk to school week in May.