

Hatch Warren Infant & Junior School Road Safety Guide



Lucy Gladwell

- Winner in Road Safety competition



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The Safety Guide

This simple school safety guide is aimed to keep our children safe when coming to school. It's designed to highlight the dangers your children might face when travelling to and from school.

Please take the time to review this leaflet and importantly, take action and spread the word to prevent what could be a serious accident waiting to happen.



Park Safely



Parking illegally or inconsiderately not only causes inconvenience to local residents and undermines the school's efforts to be a good neighbour but creates road safety issues, including danger to pedestrians crossing roads. To date it is extremely fortunate that no-one has been seriously injured (or worse) as a direct result of such bad parking but the potential for such an occurrence is ever present. Please can we ask parents and residents to report issues that may endanger someone's life to ensure the ongoing safety of all to the Traffic wardens, police or PCSOs.

Please consider these issues when parking. This may mean parking a little further away from the school.

By parking in a legal and considerate manner, congestion will be reduced and safety increased along with enjoying the benefits of easy access to the school and enhancing the relationship of the school with its neighbours.

Runners Up

Congratulations to our Runners up Ella Robertson and Alice Robbins.



Ella Robertson



Alice Robbins



What do the children think?

In the Summer, School Councillors and Junior Road Safety Officers asked the children across the school to comment on how they felt regarding their safety coming into school or going home each day. They were also asked about their views on traffic and parking outside school.



"The traffic outside is getting much better outside of the school however, we have loads more work to do. We need to make sure that we have as fewer cars outside of school as possible to keep our air clean."

Ethan C

"Children should be aware of the dangers of the road outside of our school, children are still not making sure that they can be seen or following any of the guidelines to cross."

Skye L



"The road is dangerous because there are so many cars so it makes it hard to cross the road and sometimes they are blocking things."

Joseph and Ethan



"The road is very busy which makes us worried about crossing the road."

Harry and Pedro



"We need people to start walking and using the park and stride which will mean less cars are out the front of the schools."

Anya and Junior

Do



Set a good example to your own children by taking a little extra exercise and thinking of the environment.



Park safely in the The Portsmouth Arms Park and Stride car park - walking safely down the lane takes less than eight minutes and now has a virtual pathway. Children should always be accompanied by an adult. Hold your child's hand and always keep between them and the traffic.



Park safely in the Brighton Hill football pitches Park and Stride car park - This also takes less than eight minutes.



Be a considerate driver and put your children's and other parents' children's safety above everything else.



Give yourself an extra five minutes in the morning to prevent serious accident or worse.



Do your best for your own children and build on your children's prior knowledge of road safety by explaining the importance of travelling safely. Ensure you are paying due care and attention when walking with your children.



Don't



Underestimate the scale of our safety problem at Hatch Warren. Many car drivers are simply not aware of the number of children and parents who have experienced "near misses".



Don't park in unauthorised areas for example bus lay-bys, on zig-zag lines or on any yellow lines.



Don't block resident's driveways, park on the kerb or block road junctions.



Never let your child get out of your car on the road side.



Never cross behind a vehicle which is reversing.

How you can help?

Parking is a problem outside both schools as parking spaces are extremely limited. If you can walk then please do. This will help to reduce traffic and have a positive impact on air quality.

Park and Stride

If driving your child to school is the only option, why not use one of the Park and Stride approved car parks at The Portsmouth Arms and the Brighton Hill Playing Fields. There are lots of benefits:

- Walking improves fitness and health;
- Your child will be more alert in class;
- It may reduce your fuel consumption and therefore your costs;
- You will avoid any congestion near to school.

Park on my drive

If you know people locally, why not ask if you can park on their drive and walk into school to avoid the congestion at the school gate.

WOW Scheme

If you actively travel to school at least once a week your child will be rewarded with monthly badges.

Car Sharing

If you know someone in your neighbourhood who travels to the same school, why not arrange a car share?

By sharing the school run you can both save time, cut fuel costs, reduce wear and tear on your car and you will be helping to reduce the congestion outside school at peak times.

Scout from the boot

The children love using their scooters. Why not use one of the Park and Stride car parks and scout from these into school. The scooter rack has been relocated down by the Year 2 classrooms for the Infant School for you to be able to leave your scooters locked up during the school day.

Cycling

There is storage for bikes between the infant and junior schools. Your bikes can be locked up here safely during the school day if you choose to cycle in.



The following parties are liaising and are continuing to work on a number of initiatives aimed at improving school road safety at Hatch Warren Infant and Junior Schools; Hatch Warren Infant and Junior Schools, Hatch Warren Infant School pupils' and parents, Hatch Warren residents, Hatch Warren Councillors, Police Community Support Officers, Basingstoke and Deane Council, Landlord of The Portsmouth Arms Hampshire County Council School Travel Team

