



## Travel to Shirley Infant School

### Shirley Infant School Travel Plan



#### MODESHIFT STARS: The National School Travel Awards

**Scheme.** We are committed to the safety of our children on the roads around our school. We have teamed up with Southampton City Council and Modeshift STARS to create a new travel plan for children attending our school. The majority of our pupils live within a mile of the school and many families already enjoy walking, scooting or cycling. With the help of STARS, we aim to continue and build on this tradition.

Active children become active adults. STARS provides us with the tools to reduce car use and increase the number of children walking, scooting or cycling on the journey to and from school. This means a cleaner, safer, greener and healthier environments around your school.



'Walking is good because you can get fresh air and talk to your friends'

### Best Foot Forward!

Getting to school doesn't need to be a stressful journey in a car; it can be much more fun to take your bike, walk or scoot with your friends! It's good for health, the environment and is cheap and helps you focus more at school.

Congestion near the school is a major safety issue for our pupils and parents. The school is located in a very busy area, where an infant, a junior and a secondary school are all within 200 metres of each other. **We encourage all parents to avoid all car travel on Bellemoor Road and Wilton Road directly around the perimeter of the school.** If you approach the school from the Hill Lane direction, there are numerous alternative routes that can be taken to disperse the volume of cars on the lower end of Bellemoor Road. If you approach the school from Winchester Road, please do not come down Wilton Road, alternatively use our 'Park & Stride' locations on Winchester Road.

There is a bus lane at the junction where Bellemoor and Wilton Roads cross. This is no entry to cars, **please do not drive through the bus lane.**

Our map shows walking zones – **if you live within the 5 and 10 minute walking zone** we ask that you **walk to school**. Walking to school is a good start to the day, contributing to the recommended 30 minutes exercise a day for us all to lead a healthy and active life. Teachers find that children who walk to school arrive more relaxed, alert and ready to learn. Kick start your day with a leisurely walk. Walking together is a great time to chat with children, parents and friends. Children learn social and safety skills that they will need as they become older and more independent.

### St James' Park

We are lucky to have an award-winning park on our doorstep. There are 28 varieties of wild flowers planted in the park. Why not walk through the park on your way to school and see how many varieties you can spot?

On your way home from school you could stop off at the park for a play on the swings and slides.

### Park & Stride...

If you are one of the few families that live too far from school to walk then why not 'Park & Stride'?

We are pleased to announce that we have an agreement with the following businesses for parents to park in their car parks at school run times;

**The Range, Pets at Home, Currys, Fitness First and Halfords.**

This provides parents and pupils with ample parking opportunities and an easy walk to school.

Many parents now use 'Park & Stride'. It's easier than searching for a parking space in the streets outside the school, you won't be blocking the streets for local residents and it helps to reduce the amount of pollution around the school.



### 5 good reasons to walk to school

1. Save money
2. Boost your brain power
3. Become street savvy
4. Enjoy quality family time
5. Kick start your day

'Walking to school is fun because you can walk through the park'

### Useful websites and contacts:

[www.myjourneysouthampton.com](http://www.myjourneysouthampton.com)

Plan journeys and keep up-to-date with Southampton's travel activities.

[uk-air.defra.gov.uk](http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk)  
Get air quality updates.

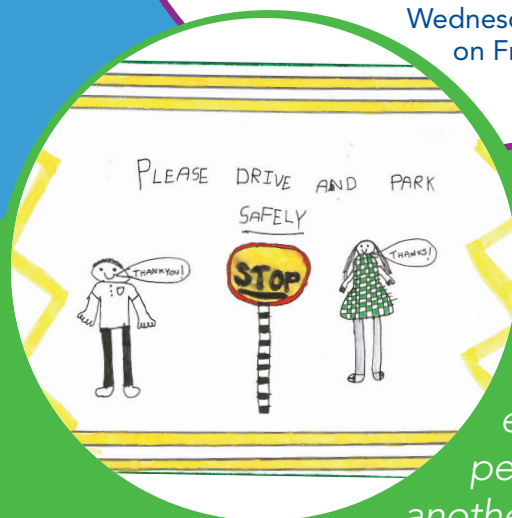
[www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

[www.livingstreets.org.uk](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk)



### WOW – We're Shirley Infants!

We are participating in Living Streets' **WOW** campaign and encourage pupils to walk to school once a week. Pupils who walk once a week will receive a collectable badge at the end of each month. If you live too far to walk you can 'Park & Stride'. Park somewhere near the 10 minute parking zone or at one of our 'Park & Stride' locations and walk from there to qualify for the monthly badge. If we all swapped one car journey per week for walking, car traffic would fall by 10%, so put your best foot forward and March on Mondays, Walk on Wednesdays or Frolic on Fridays!!



'It's more efficient and eco-friendly if less people drive and find another way to get to school'



Map >>>



Walking to school is good because it gives you exercise".



## KEY

- Encouraged car-free zone
- School crossing patrol
- Footpath
- Local bus stop
- Pelican crossing
- Zebra crossing

## However you travel, please remember these rules:

1. When you get close to school and the pavements are busy, please push your scooter.
2. Scooters and Bikes **MUST NOT** be ridden in the Infant or Junior School playgrounds.
3. Cyclists must wear a helmet and reflective jacket.
4. Please ensure young children walk close to their adults.
5. Do not park on zig zag lines, in front of the school gates, by dropped kerbs or close to junctions.

## Parking

Please do not park;

- on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates; these must be kept clear for safety reasons
- in front of the school field gates; this is the **ONLY** emergency vehicle entrance to the building
- opposite or within 10 metres of a junction; this makes crossing the road unsafe

**Please be considerate to our neighbours and keep residents' driveways clear.**

