



Traffic and Travel Policy

‘Reduced congestion, slower traffic, better awareness and safer roads around our school’

October 2013

Our aim

This policy has been written in recognition of the importance the school lays on children's safety on the roads.

- To provide a safe environment for our children
- To help to keep the traffic outside the school to a minimum and moving at slower speeds
- Encourage children to realise the benefits of healthy exercise such as walking.
- To maintain good access for emergency vehicles
- To encourage good relationship with local residents and the wider school community

The Curriculum

Learning about traffic and travel is embedded into our children's learning. At DPS our children are taught basic road safety in the classroom setting as well as the health benefits of being physically active such as walking to school. This is reinforced when they are using roads either on foot (such as walks around Dore village) or in a vehicle on school trips.

We are involved in the National Road Safety Week each year with a variety of initiatives. We make use of the materials produced by Brake the National Road Safety Charity and we work closely with the Sheffield City Council Road Safety Team and the Community Police Officers.

The Dore Democrats appoint 2 Junior Road Safety Officers who are involved in all aspects of road safety awareness across the school.

Traffic Speeds and Parent Parking

For the safety of our children and to reduce accidents or near misses, we encourage all parents and carers to drive and park responsibly around the school, especially at busy drop off and pick up times. We firmly believe in the '20 is Plenty' campaign and encourage parents to make this voluntary pledge and also to consider walking to school or 'Park and Stride' wherever possible. We take part in WOW – Walk on Wednesdays and Active Travel.

To avoid unnecessary congestion, we have clear yellow zig-zag markings on the road outside our three entrances on Furniss Avenue, Vicarage Lane and Bushy Wood Road. They indicate no stopping or parking at any time. We are approaching SCC to make these strictly enforceable by the Police and Local Authority. We ask parents to park away from the school entrances to allow children to walk and cross safely. We promote school walking buses and 'Park and Stride' alternatives (*such as parking in the Hare and Hounds pub any morning except Monday, The Dore Grill any time or The Devonshire pub car parks*)

Traffic Enforcement/Policing

Police and Local Authority Traffic Enforcement Teams regularly patrol around the school and will issue fixed penalty notices for parking or other traffic offences.

Incident Reporting

In order to keep our children safe and act quickly, we operate an open door, incident reporting process via the school reception or by email to **headteacher@dore.sheffield.sch.uk**

Local Authority plans

The headteacher works closely with Sheffield City Council on all aspects of road safety, traffic and travel. We hope that DPS and surrounding community will fall under the '20 is Plenty' Local Authority scheme in 2015. We are committed to working with the Council to improve road signage and refreshed zig-zag lines as part of our DPS travel plan.

Clothing

All children are encouraged to wear lighter coloured coats or coats with reflector strips during the winter months and poor light conditions. The school waterproof jacket and book bags sold in school have reflector strips.

Community and Local Residents

We value and respect the close relationship with our community and will seek their views on the issues, incidents and solutions to traffic and travel around our school. This includes those living near the school, King Egbert's School and the wider Dore community. The school and parents have a responsibility to ensure our local residents are not inconvenienced by our traffic and parking behaviour. We will consult our community on our DPS travel plan.

School buses/mini-buses

DPS use coaches to transport our children from time to time. Whenever possible the buses will be parked away from the school main entrance in order to secure visibility at the crossing, reduce pollution and keep traffic moving at busy times. Children will be safely escorted to the coaches.

School Travel Plan

The school operates an annual School Travel Plan being the first school to gain the Gold Award in 2011. DPS gained the highest ever score in the city for its Road Safety work in 2012-2013.

The plan aims to improve safety for children, parents, staff and visitors alongside reducing car use on their journey to school. The school gains 'stars' related to the issues on the Travel Plan from the local authority for each year. Five is the maximum stars with 'gold' as the highest level'

Date

Signed (Mrs Sue Hopkinson, Headteacher)

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Date to be reviewed

Endorsed on behalf of:

DPS Governing BodyYES.....

Dore Parents AssociationYES.....

Dore Junior Road Safety Officer

Dore Village Society

School Crossing PatrolYES.....

Police Community Support Officer

Sheffield City Council Road Safety Officer