

The Journey to School in Harnham

including Walking and Cycling Map



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Harnham Schools Travel Plan ...

Our Travel Plan aims to reduce unnecessary car use for the journey to school. Fewer cars on the roads results in less congestion and pollution, and improved safety. This is important for the health and well-being of our children.

How do we do this?



"I ride a bike, skateboard, scooter and walk! Why don't you try it?"

Congestion near the schools is a particular concern. This is why we ask parents to walk or cycle with their children if they live within Harnham, or **lift share** and use **Park & Stride** if coming from further away.

The majority of children live within a mile of school. Most children would choose to walk, scoot or cycle. Many families already do this but we need everyone to join in. The schools encourage this but safety on the journey is your own responsibility.

An active Travel Plan helps the schools achieve their healthy schools and eco-schools awards and enables us to apply for funding for infrastructure improvements.

Find out about car sharing, cycle training or use the online journey planner at: www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk

Be part of the action ... we can make a difference!

Park & Stride ...

If you live too far from school to walk all the way then why not 'Park & Stride'?

There are parking restrictions around the school and more are being considered. Many parents now use **Park & Stride**. It's easier than searching for a parking space and you won't be blocking the streets for residents.

There are three suggested car parking areas shown on the map, all of these are within a 5-minute walking distance from school.

- Old Blandford Road – follow the footpath to Hollows Close
 - Cricket Field Car Park – with pelican crossing to Saxon Road
 - Church Hall Car Park on Lower Street – parking at the Cricket Field is limited, more spaces are available at the Church Hall only a further 2 minutes walk away.
- Note: Parking here is restricted to drop off and pick up times only: 8.15–9.15am and 2.45–3.45pm.**

Children walking the last 5 minutes can take part in 'Walk to School Days' and not feel left out.

... and Car Sharing

Have you got seats to spare?

Club together and **Car Share!**

Halve the queues and your fuel bill!

Avoid congestion, and save time and money!



My journey to school ...



"I like walking to school; it is very close to my house. I can see my friends walking up the hill; it is nice to walk with them."



"Walking to school saves the environment - it's more fun - fresh air - walking makes me healthy - I can talk to my friends - saves fuel - I have more energy when I arrive."

Active Travel – Why walk, cycle or scoot to school?



Active children become active adults – teachers find that children who walk, scoot and cycle arrive at school more relaxed, alert and ready to learn.

Even a short walk from a Park & Stride site gives children a good start to the day.

Time to talk and get streetwise

Walking together is a great time to chat with parents and friends. Children get to know their local area and talk about the things they see on the way. They learn the skills they will need when they start going out independently and are better prepared.

Why walk together?

Parents may want to walk but find it hard to find the time, other parents do too – so joining forces is a great way to get around this.

A **'Walk Together'** or **'Walking Bus'** scheme gives peace of mind to parents who might not have the time to walk their children to school each day, and allows children to develop their confidence on the streets. Ideal for:

- working parents
- parents with children at multiple schools
- anyone who wants to walk more but finds it difficult.

To find out more visit: www.livingstreets.org.uk

Support is given by the Wiltshire Council Road Safety Team; contact the schools if you are interested.



Cycling ...

Cycling is a healthy way to travel and is encouraged by the schools, although an adult must accompany children who have not passed their Bikeability training.

Bikeability Cycle Training

Levels 1 and 2 are available for children aged 10 years and above. The training is designed to give children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads in preparation for starting secondary school.

Training lasts for 10 hours over 2 days.

For further information visit: www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk



Cycle safely

Choose quiet roads where possible and take great care at all times. Suggested routes are shown on the map.

Shared-use paths

These paths, shared by walkers and cyclists, are shown in dashed green and orange on the map.

A new shared path is proposed from the Harnham Gyratory as far as Old Blandford Road planned for construction in 2014.

Sharing means everyone looks out for each other; cyclists need to take special care and use a bell to warn walkers.

Cycle Parking

Secure cycle and scooter parking is available at both schools.

Why I like to cycle to school ...



"I like seeing the trees as we cycle along."

"I like cycling up the grassy hill and whizzing down the other side because it makes me feel refreshed!"

"I like cycling to school because I get to see my friends and I chat to them on the way."

"I love riding my bike to school because I love riding my bike everywhere! Also it gets me to school quickly."

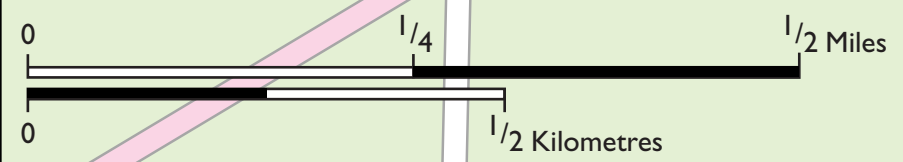
Pictures and quotes from the children of Harnham Infant and Junior Schools

Map >>>

Walking and Cycling Routes to Harnham Schools

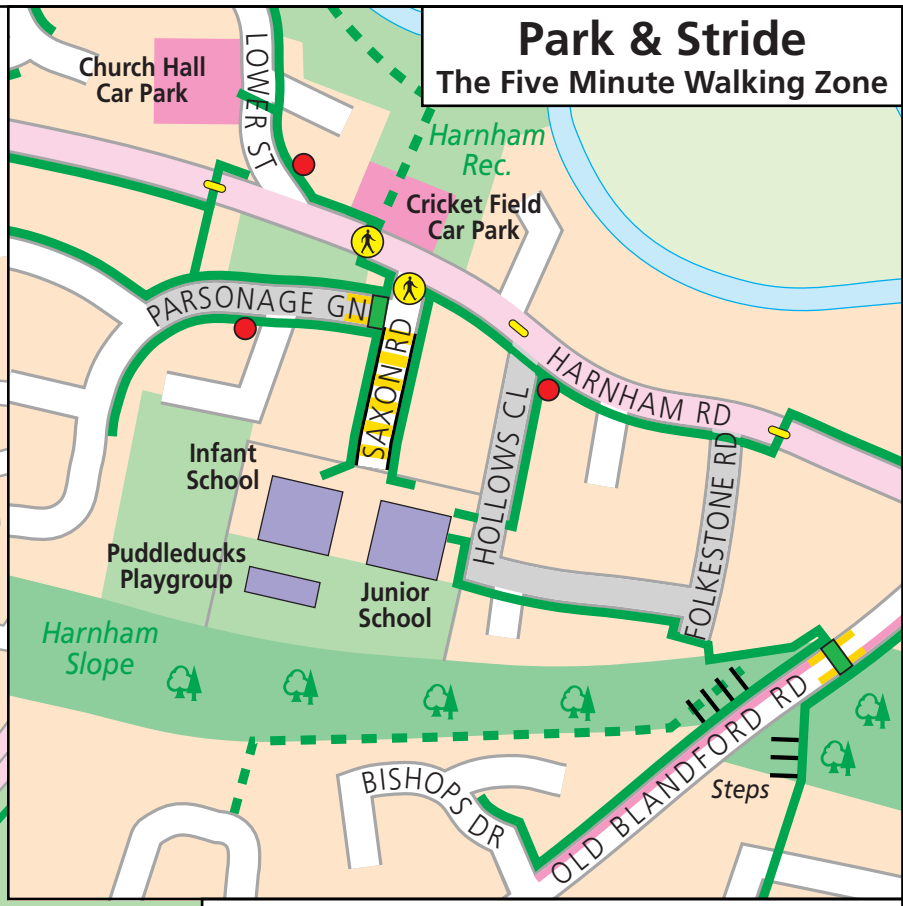


Elliott, aged 6



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Park & Stride The Five Minute Walking Zone



Key

- Harnham Schools & Community Playgroup
- Walking & cycling routes to school:**
 - Walking routes
 - Suggested cycling routes
 - Off road shared use path for walking & cycling
 - Proposed shared use path
 - Unsurfaced paths
- Pedestrian Crossings:**
 Harnham has every type of crossing but you always obey the same rule:
Wait for the traffic to stop before you cross.
 - Light controlled or Zebra crossings - The toucan crossing on Downton Road allows cyclists to ride across, you will see a bike symbol beside the light.
 - Pedestrian refuge or traffic island - the traffic doesn't have to stop but you can cross one lane at a time and wait on the island in the middle of the road.
 - Advisory crossing point - Marked with posts but traffic doesn't have to stop.
- Park & Stride drop off points:**
 These are within the 5 minute walking zone.
 - Access for permit holders only
 - Under investigation for parking restriction
 - No parking
 - Red 5 bus stops