

Bernard Gilpin Primary School

Traffic Management

Introduction

Bernard Gilpin Primary School is a large site with many children and adults using it daily. As with other aspects of health and safety it is important that vehicle movements and usage on site are properly managed. This document specifies the traffic management arrangements that have been put in place.

Traffic Management

This Traffic Management Plan has been prepared to inform and instruct pupils, parents/carers and visitors of the site rules that the school deem suitable and sufficient to manage traffic at the school. The main objective is to keep people safe, principally by segregation of pedestrians and vehicles and to minimise the impact of traffic on people and the environment.

The school takes the health and safety of all site users very seriously. It is therefore imperative that individuals take care, exercise caution when in the school grounds or within the vicinity of the school grounds, and follow instructions to avoid risk of injury and reduce the impact of traffic on human health. A duty member of staff will be located in the top car park every morning to monitor traffic and safe entrance by vehicles/pedestrians. If there are any concerns about traffic safety, incidents or accidents on or around the site, these should be reported to the Deputy Headteacher (**Peter Iveson**).

Traffic rules

All users of the site are requested to adhere to the following rules to ensure the site is safe and healthy at all times:

Car Parks	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are 2 car park within the school grounds. The bottom car park near the school building is strictly for use by school staff only. The top car park (off Hall Lane) is for use by parents/carers and visitors.Drivers should proceed slowly around the school and within the car parks at all times and within the designated 5mph speed limit.Parking is forbidden on the ramp down to the staff car park and main building to allow efficient access for emergency vehicles.There is a one-way system with vehicles to enter via one gate (left hand side looking at school from Hall Lane) and exit via the other (right hand side looking at school from Hall Lane).Parking should be in authorised bays only.

Site Speed Limit	
	The school operates a strict maximum speed limit of 5mph throughout the site. 5mph signs are in place in site. Traffic calming measures (speed bumps) are also in place on ramp down to staff car park and school building. Drivers are expected to adhere to the speed limit (as well as all other site rules) and drive appropriately, taking into account pedestrians as well as local weather conditions and other site traffic.

Environmental issues	
Where possible, as a school we would encourage walking to and from school for both health and environmental reasons. Car use is associated with idling which is when a vehicle's engine is left running while it is parked or stationary for a period longer than 30 seconds, contributing further to toxic emissions in the air we breathe. This commonly happens when drivers are stopped at traffic lights or waiting whilst parked outside school, for example. Idling vehicles in school car parks can be hard on young lungs. Vehicle exhaust fumes in our air contains many pollutants that are linked to asthma and other lung diseases, allergies, heart disease, cancer and other health problems. This report from Public Health England https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/795185/Review_of_interventions_to_improve_air_quality.pdf gives more information about how air quality can be improved. To help our school maintain a healthy, safe site drivers are requested to turn off their car engines when parking on the school site.	

Parents/carers, pupils, staff and visitors to site

It is very important that parents/carers, pupils and staff set a good example to others, particularly in the spirit of being a safe school. There are a number of rules that everyone should be aware of:

- Pedestrians must only access the school grounds from the designated entrances. Pedestrians need to recognise that the pedestrian gates at the main entrance on Hall Lane are adjacent to vehicle entrance/exit gates that may be in use during peak times and must exercise caution.
- When crossing roads within the school, pupils must use caution.
- Pupils being dropped off by parents/carers must, wherever possible get out the vehicle on the kerbside only.
- Reversing on the school site is to be avoided as far as is possible. Where reversing is unavoidable, the driver must check that the area is clear of pedestrians before reversing.
- Pupils must ensure that they stop, look, listen and check before crossing roads, especially when wearing hoodies or similar clothing that restricts vision to either side.
- When using the footpaths – **walk**, not run. This will avoid accidents and will make you more aware of what is happening around you
- Vehicles driven by parents/carers and visitors are allowed on the school grounds during the morning drop off or afternoon pick up times. Drivers of any unauthorised vehicles will not be allowed on site and will be politely informed of this. Any vehicles already on site will not be allowed to leave until after school has started and after it has finished.

Outside School

The residential streets outside the school are used by traffic into and out of the surrounding area. It is important that the school is a considerate neighbour to local residents.

- Where parents/carers are unable to access/stop on the school site, they are asked not to park immediately outside the school, but to drop the children off further away, in a location where it is safe to do so, and allow them to walk the remaining distance.
- Drivers are asked to keep the road outside each entrance clear to allow vehicles to pass safely. Drivers are asked not to park indiscriminately, such as mounting pavements, double parking, stopping on any yellow lines, obstructing access points and parking near junctions, as this causes danger to pupils and other road users.
- A “No parking zone” is marked on the road (Hall Lane) outside of main vehicle entrance to school. Drivers are also asked to observe the 20mph maximum speed limit signed on the road.