



# West Hove Infant and Hove Junior School

## Travel to School Agreement



### Dear Parents/Carers,

West Hove and Hove Junior Schools care about the welfare of all our children. For this reason we are keen to ensure all drivers park legally, safely and considerately, and to walk to school wherever possible.

Many of you already walk your children to school. Some older junior children walk unaccompanied. Most pupils live very close to the school gates as the catchment area is small.

We appreciate that many parents/carers who drive children to school do so because they are on their way to or from work. There may not be sufficient time to walk children to school then return home to collect the car for the onward journey. We want to work with you to ensure these needs respect the safety of all children attending the school.

There are several children and/or parents/carers with disabilities who have particular access needs. Our aim is to facilitate this as far as is possible.

Whilst the majority of parents/carers take every care while on the school run, we have had problems with the following at both **West Hove Infant sites and Hove Junior sites**:

- 1) Double parking
- 2) Parking in front of residents driveways
- 3) Cars parked on double yellow lines outside the school gates
- 4) Cars parked with two wheels on the pavement, forcing young children and parents pushing buggies out into the road
- 5) Pulling up and dropping children out into the middle of the road/in front of DO NOT PARK signs
- 6) Pulling up and stopping ON THE CROSSING on School road to let children out of the car, blocking the way for other children crossing the road
- 7) Parking on/blocking the tight junction between Marmion Road and School Road

These problems are made worse on rainy days by increased car volume and poor visibility. In addition, primary aged children are not always conscious of reversing lights and some cross without adult supervision. **NO DRIVER WOULD WANT TO BE – HOWEVER UNWITTINGLY – RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ACCIDENT OF THIS KIND.**

The attached **Travel to School Agreement** is designed to help keep all children safe on the school run.

**Please complete the consent field on your child's profile page via the Arbor Parent Portal or App.**

Thank you for your cooperation.





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#### As parents/carers I/we agree:

- Not to double park
- Not to stop or park on the double yellow lines outside the school entrance
- Not to pull up and drop children out into the middle of the road/in front of DO NOT PARK signs
- Where possible, to park 5 to 10 minutes away from the school entrance and walk the rest of the way. (This may mean leaving home 5-10 minutes early)
- Always to let my children out of the car on the pavement side when dropping off
- To ensure my vehicle does not block driveways of local residents or businesses or cars that are legally parked
- Not to park or stop on the double yellow lines
- Never to park with wheels on pavement opposite or outside the school. Blocking the pavement forces children and those with buggies to walk in the road
- Not to swing up onto the kerb when parking near the school. Small children are not always visible from the driver's seat and are oblivious to cars manoeuvring
- Not to park in a disabled bay unless I or my child has a disability
- To ensure that if my child/children are dropped off by another person, that the person be aware of this agreement
- Where possible, allow my children to walk to school
- Never to pull up on the pedestrian crossing point to let children out of the car (Portland road). The crossing points are there to ensure families and unaccompanied children can cross safely. I/we agree that to block the crossing, even for a short moment, is unsafe for others

NB DISABILITY ACCESS – Where a disabled bay is available, please remember that these are for Blue Badge Holders only. If there are no bays provided by the council, immediately outside the school, the council parking team has advised the school that Blue Badge holders may pull up on the double yellow lines opposite the school gates to facilitate access. Please display your Blue Badge at all times to avoid any misunderstandings.





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### In return **Hove Junior School** agrees:

- To provide a waiting area within the school grounds for parents to wait to collect their children.
- To instruct children to return into school if they are not collected.
- To report cars which park illegally or dangerously outside the school to Sussex Police via Operation Crackdown. ([www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org))
- In the interests of safety, children will not be allowed to scooter or cycle in the school playground.
- To commit to the School's Travel Plan in the interests of both the safety and wellbeing of all staff, pupils and visitors of this school.

