

Travelling by Car

Did you know?

- Britain has the longest commuting times in the whole of Europe.
- **Traffic problems are no more apparent than outside the school gates.**
- The school run can often bring the worst out in people as they compete for spaces outside the school gate.
- **Parking on School Keep Clear Markings is a bookable offence.**
- Fewer children are walking and more are being driven than 10-15 years ago.

Only consider travelling by car if it is absolutely necessary



If all parents did this it would help children's health and fitness, the school environment will be safer and there will be reduced pollution.

Things to consider:

- ✓ **Park and Stride** – check if you can drop your child off at a point away from the school. Even if there is no designated area for this it is often possible to park away from the school and allow your child to walk the rest of the way. **If you walk with them take the opportunity to talk about pedestrian skills and traffic awareness.**
- ✓ **Car Sharing** – this will help reduce congestion and pollution. You can save time and petrol and your child has a chance to socialise with other pupils.

Top Tips

- Do not put anything on the parcel shelf of your car. Even a box of tissues will cause serious damage if you brake hard at 30mph
- Ensure your child exits the car on the pavement side.

