

**Barham Primary**  
**School Travel Plan**

**Description of the school (DfES Number 304-2049):**

This is a large, multilingual and multi-ethnic primary school with a nursery. Barham Primary School is situated in a residential area near to Ealing Road. It is a large Brent LEA, three-form entry school, taking children from the age of 3 to 11 years. The school now has 665 pupils on roll. At present, there are 65 members of staff at the school. There are two entrances to the school. The Danethorpe Road entrance has a pedestrian gate and vehicle access. Vehicles can only enter the school via an automated card or buzzer system. The Chaplin Road entrance (near Linthorpe Avenue) is for pedestrians. Danethorpe Road and Chaplin Road are both residential roads. Barham Primary School has a school crossing patrol (8.15 - 9.15am & 15.00 - 16.00pm) on Chaplin Road, near Linthorpe Avenue, Wembley. There are yellow zig zag lines and a 'School Keep Clear' sign at the Danethorpe Road entrance to the school. There are also double yellow lines on Danethorpe Road and near the Chaplin Road entrance to discourage cars from waiting or dropping off children near the school entrances. Signs showing the maximum speed limit of 5 mph are prominently displayed for vehicles on the school premises.

We are fortunate to have good public transport links with bus stops close by on Chaplin Road and Ealing Road and are a 15 minute walk from Wembley Central and Sudbury Town stations. The bus numbers H17, 79, 83, 224, 297, N11, 245 and H17 all stop within 15 minutes of walking distance of the school. The school catchment area for Barham Primary school is the area bounded by Harrow Road, Bridgewater Road and Ealing Road.

The school opening and closing times are 8.45am until 3.15pm (Reception, years 1 and 2) and 3.20pm (years 3, 4, 5, 6). The Nursery opening and closing times are 8.50am to 11.25am (morning session) and 12.40pm to 3.10pm (afternoon session). There are a variety of after school activities on offer running between 3.25pm and 5.30pm including 'The Kidz Club', Indian dance, Choi Kwan Do, Art club, Science club, Saturday classes, private functions, Cricket club, Football club and Homework club. The school is open to members of staff from 7.15am until 5.30pm. There are currently 31 car

parking spaces available, including 2 for disabled passengers and this does meet demand. There are 4 wall mounted cycle stands and 3 cycle stands near the car park besides the sports hall that meet current demand.

### Ethos of the School

Barham Primary School achieved national Healthy School status in March 2008. The latest Barham School OFSTED report notes, 'Pupils have excellent attitudes to keeping healthy. They fully understand healthy eating and participate enthusiastically in the physical education lessons, 'fitness breaks' and sports clubs which help to keep them fit.....this supports their very good understanding of fitness and health.' The school promotes healthy living through the PE curriculum, Science curriculum, school sports clubs and displays. Opportunities to take part in inter-school competitions in, for example football, further enhance the curriculum and provide well for pupils' social development. The pupils benefit from a Gardening Club, based in the school's designated nature area, which shows Barham's commitment to the environment. Barham Primary School also has 'Eco-School' status. The School also has a School Trip Policy. The School Health and Safety Policy refers to transport issues such as the safe supervision of children on the school site and on school trips, emergency evacuation procedures and safe vehicle delivery areas and times. The school will ensure that it has a specific risk assessment in place in relation to transport and pedestrian safety on the premises. Barham Primary School uses CCTV which will be used to identify persons and review security.

The following Barham School aims are linked to the School Travel Plan:

- To provide a broad, balanced and relevant education which enables children to achieve their full potential academically, creatively, socially, spiritually and physically.
- To provide a happy, caring and secure environment in which children are encouraged to develop self-discipline and take responsibility for their own learning.
- To encourage a close working partnership with parents in all areas of school life.
- To strive for excellence and achievement in all areas of school life.

### What Barham Primary School is already doing

Barham Primary School is taking part in Walk to School Week 2009, which involves children earning stickers for each day of the week they walk to school. There is cycle storage available for up to 7 cycles located near the car park besides the sports hall for members of staff and visitors. The school has a policy of using sustainable transport, including public transport, coaches, mini-buses and walking for school trip journeys. Barham Primary School has a school crossing patrol (8.15 - 9.15am & 15.00 - 16.00pm) on Chaplin Road, near Linthorpe Avenue, Wembley. There are numerous shelters throughout the school grounds used as waiting areas for parents, children and visitors.

Children are taught to care, give their views and learn what improves and harms their local, natural and built environments and about some of the ways people look after them in the PSHE, science and geography curriculums. Children are taught rules for, and ways of, keeping safe, including basic road safety and about people who can help them to stay safe in the PSHE curriculum. Police officers have delivered assemblies about walking to and from school safely and how to deal with strangers.

### Barham Primary School Survey for Pupils

The Barham Primary School Travel Plan survey for pupils took place between February and May 2009. 582 pupils were surveyed out of 665.

<b>How do children normally travel to school?</b>			
Walk	<b>461</b>	Bus and walk	<b>49</b>
Car	<b>13</b>	Tube and walk	<b>7</b>
Car and walk	<b>51</b>	Other	<b>1</b>

<b>How would children prefer to travel to school?</b>			
Walk	476	Bus and walk	41
Car	10	Tube and walk	3
Car and walk	46	Other	6

<b>How long are their journeys?</b>			
Under 5 minutes	90	10-20 minutes	213
5-10 minutes	238	Over 20 minutes	41

<b>If children travel to school by CAR</b>	
If you drive your children to school do you go to another destination first YES 15 NO 49	
After dropping children at Barham do you then:	
Go home	32
Go to work	23
Go on to another school	7
Other	2
Could you use public transport or walk instead of using a car? YES 14 NO 50	
Are you aware that we ask all parents not to bring their car down Danethorpe Road to the school gate? YES 29 NO 35	
Are you aware that the yellow zig zags are legally enforceable and you could receive a £100 fine if you stop on them at the stated times? YES 47 NO 17	

<b>If children WALK to school, do they:</b>			
Walk alone	22	Walk with another adult	66
Walk in a group	21	Collect other pupils on the way	4
Walk with you	348		

<b>Do you encounter any problems, difficulties or dangers on the way to school?</b>
YES 99 NO 483

<b>Do you think there is a traffic problem around the school?</b>
YES 110 NO 472

## Barham Primary School Survey for Staff

The Barham Primary School Travel Plan survey for staff took place between February and May 2009. 44 members of staff were surveyed.

<b>How do you normally travel to school?</b>			
Walk	<b>11</b>	Bus and walk	<b>1</b>
Car	<b>28</b>	Tube and walk	<b>3</b>
Car and walk	<b>0</b>	Other	<b>1</b>

<b>How would you prefer to travel to school?</b>			
Walk	<b>13</b>	Bus and walk	<b>1</b>
Car	<b>26</b>	Tube and walk	<b>3</b>
Car and walk	<b>0</b>	Other	<b>1</b>

<b>How long is your journey?</b>			
Under 5 minutes	<b>2</b>	10-20 minutes	<b>11</b>
5-10 minutes	<b>2</b>	Over 20 minutes	<b>29</b>

<b>If you travel to school by CAR</b>
Could you use public transport or walk instead of using a car? YES 1 NO 27
Are you aware that we ask all parents not to bring their car down Danethorpe Road to the school gate? YES 24 NO 4
Are you aware that the yellow zig zags are legally enforceable and you could receive a £100 fine if you stop on them at the stated times? YES 23 NO 5

<b>Do you encounter any problems, difficulties or dangers on the way to school?</b>
YES 18 NO 26

<b>Do you think there is a traffic problem around the school?</b>
YES 20 NO 24

## The Problems and Issues for Barham Primary School

- Parents are parking on the pavement on both sides of the roads surrounding the school, especially Danethorpe Road, Holland Road, Bassingham Road and Chaplin Road. This makes it difficult for pedestrians to walk on the pavement especially those with buggies/prams so forcing them to walk on the road, causes traffic to build up and difficulty in crossing roads. *(parent, pupil, staff, school council surveys)*
- Parents are parking at and blocking the driveways of local residents. *(parent, pupil surveys)*
- Parents are reversing or driving on the pavement and driveways on Danethorpe Road, Holland Road and Bassingham Road to allow other drivers to pass through thus making it dangerous for pedestrians. *(parent, pupil, school council surveys)*
- Parents are driving too fast on the roads surrounding the school especially at junctions e.g. between Danethorpe Road and Norton Road, despite the presence of speed bumps and so making it dangerous for pedestrians crossing roads. *(parent, pupil, school council surveys)*
- Parents are making three-point turns at the corners of Danethorpe Road with Holland Road and Bassingham Road to exit Danethorpe Road after dropping off children. Pedestrians have complained that drivers have nearly hit them due to 'blind spot' areas and this causes traffic build up on these roads due to cars traveling in the opposite direction. *(parent, pupil, school council surveys)*
- Parents are parking directly in front of the main entrance on Danethorpe Road and near the school crossing patrol on Chaplin Road creating traffic build up in these areas, especially when they have to reverse on Danethorpe Road to exit it. *(parent, pupil, staff, school council surveys)*
- Cars are parking on double yellow lines on the roads surrounding the school and the zig zag lines on Danethorpe Road. *(parent, pupil, staff surveys)*
- Pedestrians have complained that parts of the pavement need replacing on Danethorpe Road, Holland Road and Norton Road to make it safer to walk. *(parent, pupil, school council surveys)*
- Parents are parking at the corners of junctions e.g. Danethorpe Road / Norton Road and Linthorpe Avenue / Chaplin Road, making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians crossing the road or oncoming vehicles. *(parent, pupil, staff surveys)*

### Action Plan - What could be done

- Traffic wardens, PCSOs or police officers to patrol the school entrances at Danethorpe Road and Chaplin Road regularly to enforce the rules, (fines or tickets could be issued), of no vehicles stopping on the zig zag lines, no waiting or parking on double yellow lines and no parking partially or wholly on the pavement. They could enforce the speed limit and encourage parents to drop off children away from the roads surrounding the school.
- Informing parents of the laws regarding parking, waiting, stopping to drop off or pick up children and the speed limit in the area surrounding the school.
- Encouraging parents to drop off children away from the roads surrounding the school i.e. Danethorpe Road, Holland Road, Basingham Road, Norton Road, Chaplin Road and Linthorpe Avenue.
- Informing parents not to drive into or park at and block the driveways of local residents.
- Informing parents not to drive into Danethorpe Road and to the entrance. This will avoid parents having to make three-point turns to exit the road and cause traffic to build up.
- Informing parents not to park, wait or stop near to the school crossing patrol on Chaplin Road, especially from the hours of 8.15-9.15am and 3.00-4.00pm.
- Replacing parts of the pavement on Danethorpe Road, Holland Road and Norton Road to make it safer to walk.
- Informing parents not to park, wait or stop at the corners of junctions especially Danethorpe Road / Norton Road and Linthorpe Avenue / Chaplin Road.
- Promotion of a car-share club so parents traveling by car living on the same or nearby road take the same car or take turns to take children to school. This reduces the number of car journeys and allows parents to meet other parents.
- These messages could be publicised via the school prospectus, school website, school newsletters, letters to parents already at the school and to parents of children joining the school, also including information on how children can get to school for free by public transport. The school travel plan could be made available on the school website.

- Road safety lessons/training for children throughout the school to encourage and improve confidence of parents and children to walk to and from school.
- Continue to take part in Walk to School Week with the use of stickers as rewards for walking to school.
- Having Junior Road Safety Officers to raise road safety awareness via assemblies, classroom talks and competitions.

### Consultation and involvement

Pupil consultation - Pupils were consulted via surveys conducted between February and May 2009. School Council meetings for 24 children in Key Stage 2 took place when safety concerns about cycling to school such as absence of bike lanes on roads surrounding the school and getting injured were raised. A child also mentioned inadequate lighting on the footpath from the school to Chaplin Road being a problem in the dark. Many issues raised in the pupil surveys were again aired during the meeting.

Parents consultation - Parents were consulted via surveys conducted between February and May 2009. The issues raised most frequently have been mentioned earlier.

Staff consultation - Members of staff were consulted via surveys conducted between June and July 2008. The issues raised most frequently have been mentioned earlier. Also, one member of staff who cycles mentioned traffic being inconsiderate to cyclists, e.g. overtaking dangerously and the problem of cars parked on both sides of narrow roads surrounding the school making it difficult to pass through safely.

### Objectives of the School Travel Plan

- Reduce the number of car trips made to the school at the beginning and end of the school day.
- Encourage more walking to school.
- Encourage more use of public transport to school.
- Improve the health of the school community by promoting walking.
- Create or improve opportunities for pupils to become independent travellers.

- Promote the opportunity for exercise by encouraging walking to school.
- Improve safety on the school journey for those walking.

### Targets

- To reduce the number of car trips made to the school at the beginning and end of the school day from 128 to 116 by June 2010.
- To increase the number of pupils either walking to school or taking public transport from 518 to 524.
- To have 75% of pupils receiving road safety education at least once a year.