



### **Why We Have a School Travel Plan**

At Southdale Primary School, the safety of our children is our highest priority. Our School Travel Plan has been developed to address the significant traffic congestion around the school and in particular, at the start and end of the day, helping to create a safer environment for pupils, families and staff. By encouraging active and responsible travel choices where possible, we aim to reduce the number of vehicles around the school, improve safety for pedestrians, and promote children's wellbeing, independence and awareness of road safety. Working together, we can help ensure that journeys to and from school are as safe and positive as possible for everyone in our school community.

### **General Information**

Southdale Primary School is a non-denominational school and has approximately 300 pupils currently organised across 11 classes. Our ELC has approximately 35 pupils. Our school is all on one level with 1 main access gate to the playground for pupils arriving at the school. We have a large playground with a variety of grass and concrete areas as well as a MUGGA within the playground gates. We also have a large playing field on the opposite side of the car park which is used for sports and outdoor learning along with the wooded area beyond this.

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All school children enter in the mornings and at the end of the day via the playground gates off the car park and then enter their classrooms via the individual external doors from the playground at the bell.

Breakfast Club runs from 8-8:30am in the mornings and is accessed through the toilet doors in the playground. At 8:30am, all children are then escorted back into the playground until the bell rings at 8:45am.

The bike rack and scooter area is just inside the playground gates

Our ELC is accessed through their own door beside the the main school entrance doors.

Our car park is strictly for staff during school hours to minimise the amount of traffic in this area to ensure that we can keep children safe (indicated by the **amber** area on the map below). Blue badge holders are welcome to use the car park as long as the blue badge is in date and visible on your car dash (there are two designated parking bays indicated by the **blue** rectangle on the map below). Should you have another valid reason for using the car park, be it short or long term, please make contact with the school office who will provide advice.

We would remind all parents and carers that ASDA have an agreement with the school that their car park can be used during drop off and pick up times (indicated by the **green** rectangles on the map below). This ensures a safe parking area which is no more than a two-three-minute walk from the school.

Kitchen deliveries and refuse collections require access through the entrance from the main road at the side of the school beside the gym hall windows (indicated by the **red** rectangle on the map below). This area is also where children are collected for after school clubs.

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Again, to ensure no restrictions to services throughout the school day and for the safety of all children at drop off and collection times, no parents or carers should be using this entrance.

The following map indicates the green zones (ASDA) which can be used for parking, whilst the amber zone indicate the areas where only staff should be parking. The red zone should not be used at all.

