

ST PETER'S C OF E INFANT SCHOOL

Comprehensive Whole-School Travel Policy & Transport Framework



1. Executive Summary & Site Context

This School Travel Plan addresses the acute transport challenges faced by families traveling between Oxted—the primary urban residential and transit hub—and St Peter's C of E Infant School, located two miles southwest in the rural parish of Tandridge. Because St Peter's is a key early-years provider for the area, a significant portion of its pupil population resides in Oxted and Hurst Green, creating an unavoidable daily cross-boundary commute. However, poor rural transport infrastructure severely limits sustainable travel options; there are no direct, school-synchronised public bus routes bridging these communities, and the connecting arterial routes—primarily Tandridge Lane—consist of narrow, unlit country lanes completely devoid of continuous pavements or safe pedestrian crossings. Consequently, active travel (walking or cycling) from Oxted presents an unacceptable safety hazard for primary-aged pupils, creating an unavoidable reliance on private vehicles and council-supported travel assistance. To actively combat peak-hour congestion at the immediate school gates, the school operates a designated active travel initiative where parents are explicitly encouraged to park at the Barley Mow pub (RH8 9NJ) and 'Park and Stride' the final 0.1-mile stretch to school. For families who must drive directly onto the school grounds, the school actively mitigates safety hazards and bottlenecks by providing a comprehensive layout map to parents as they enter the car park situated directly behind the school, ensuring smooth traffic circulation and dedicated bay compliance. Parents are made fully aware of the limited car parking spaces and are mindful of staggering their timings for the start of the school day.

2. Policy Aims & Core Objectives

- To maximize pupil safety on the rural arterial corridors connecting Oxted/Hurst Green to Tandridge Village.
- To structuralize traffic dispersion and lower vehicle density directly outside the school gates on Tandridge Lane.
- To provide clear, unified logistical expectations for parents, staff, and external transport services.
- To collaborate with Surrey County Council (SCC) to secure appropriate statutory travel assistance for eligible families.

3. On-Site Flow Management & Parking Framework

3.1 The 'Park and Stride' Initiative (The Barley Mow)

To minimize localized vehicle gridlock, idling emissions, and acute safety hazards directly outside the school gates on Tandridge Lane, the school operates a 'Park and Stride' scheme. All parents and carers who drive from the wider Oxted area are strongly encouraged to park responsibly at the car park of The Barley Mow pub on Tandridge Lane (RH8 9NJ). From this

designated parking zone, families are expected to 'stride' the final 0.1 miles (approx. a 2-minute walk) to the school site. This ensures the immediate school gateway remains clear, reduces localized congestion, and promotes a healthy, active routine for young pupils. This does however require careful risk management when crossing Tandridge Lane, which we address through road safety education.

3.2 On-Site Parking and Flow Management (Rear Car Park)

For parents, transport operators, and carers who have specific permissions or are required to access the main school site for vehicle drop-offs, strict congestion-reduction protocols are in place. The primary vehicular facility is situated directly behind the main school building, accessed via the main entry lane off Tandridge Lane. To prevent bottlenecks, uncoordinated turning maneuvers, and hazardous blocks, the school provides an official Site Parking Map to all parents immediately upon entering the rear car park. Drivers are strictly required to follow the designated one-way circulation path and park only within the marked bays outlined on the map. Idling is strictly prohibited, and absolute priority must be given to pedestrians utilizing the marked walkways at all times.

4. Responsibility Matrix Framework

Stakeholder Group	Core Operational Commitments & Responsibilities
School Leadership & Staff	• Issue, monitor, and enforce compliance with the Rear Car Park Layout Map. • Maintain formal agreements with The Barley Mow pub to secure daily parking privileges. Maintain relations with neighbouring houses by ensuring parent park as per the plan and not infront of their houses.
Parents, Guardians & Carers	• Adhere to the 'Park and Stride' guidelines or follow the on-site parking circulation map. • Eliminate vehicle idling inside the rear car park and surrounding rural lanes. • Ensure children are closely supervised on the 0.1-mile pedestrian path from the pub.
Pupils (with Support)	• Walk safely along designated pedestrian walkways when entering from the rear car park. • Follow the guidance of staff and parents during 'Park and Stride' activities. • Participate in road safety awareness and active transit initiatives.