**Instructions for schools:**

As a school, it can be frustrating and difficult to convince parents not to stop on the School Keep Clear yellow zig-zags outside your school, but rather to park legally, safely and considerately, or to try walking once in a while.

The following are **ideas** for a parent and carer Travel to School Pledge.

You will not need all the bullet points, so please delete or amend them, as necessary, to tailor this agreement to your school’s specific needs, issues and priorities.

It is suggested that, this pledge/agreement should be used at the beginning of each academic year to catch your new intake of parents, and it’s recommended to review and update it each year as your school’s circumstances may change.

**Add your school logo/photos/children’s pictures**

**As parents/carers of …………………… I/we agree:**

* To respect the decision not to allow parents’ vehicles on to school grounds between *####* / *####* and *#### / ####* (start and end of day) to ensure the safety of all pupils.
* Not to stop or park on the School Keep Clear yellow zig-zag markings outside the school entrance/s, to ensure pupils have the best possible chance of being able to see to cross the road in safety.
* Not to park or stop on any corners, particularly those with double or single yellow lines, to ensure pupils have the best possible chance of being able to see to cross the road in safety.
* Always to ensure my child(ren) exit my vehicle on the side of the pavement.
* To ensure my vehicle does not block crossings points, such as places where there are dropped kerbs where families can cross more easily and safely.
* To ensure my vehicle does not block driveways of local residents.
* Not to block pavements whilst waiting for my child(ren) to come out of school, which would force pupils to walk in the road to get past.
* To use the area designated for waiting parents.
* To ensure my younger children are kept under reasonable control whilst on school grounds.
* To not allow my child/children to scooter or cycle in the school playground.
* To respect the school’s rules of allowing parents to drive into the school grounds by driving at no more than 5mph and being totally aware of all other road users on site – particularly children.
* Not to park in the Staff/Visitors car park, particularly in the morning, but to stop only in the drop off zone long enough for my child(ren) to exit the vehicle.
* Not to park in the disabled bays unless I or my child(ren) are disabled.
* To be patient whilst waiting to drop off or pick up my child(ren), especially when waiting to leave the school grounds.
* To ensure the school is aware if my child(ren) is to be picked up by another person, and if this is the case, that the person will be aware of this agreement.
* Where possible, to support the School’s Travel Plan by allowing my child(ren) to participate in walk to school initiatives, scoot or cycle to school.
* Where possible, to walk to school with my child(ren) to allow the development of road safety skills.
* To take part in a ‘Park and Stride’ scheme so that I park 5 or 10 minutes away from the school entrance and walk the rest of the way.

**In return ……………………. School agrees:**

* To provide a waiting area within the school grounds for parents to wait to collect their children.
* To ensure children wait in this area for parents and will not be allowed outside the school gate unless written permission from the parents has been provided.
* 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.
* That buses coming into school grounds to collect pupils, will be parked, where possible, away from pedestrians.
* 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.

Signed

Parent/Carer……………………………Car registration…………..…….

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Signed on behalf of the school……………………………………………