

Safe and Sustainable Travel to Prince Henry's

To reduce congestion and pollution, with over 1600 students arriving each morning, **we encourage parents/carers to avoid bringing their child to school by car**, wherever possible. If your child is unable to walk to school and there isn't a dedicated school bus, public buses stop at the main Otley Bus Station, which is a short walk from school.



If you do need to drop off / pick up your child by car, please remember the message from West Yorkshire Police that students must not be dropped off or picked up in Prince Henry's Court (adjacent to the school gates). Similarly, please do not turn into the school approach road or use our neighbours' drive to drop off. Due to complaints by local residents, the Police have asked us to record registration numbers and pass these on where warnings are being ignored.

Traffic at school drop off time in Otley is very busy, with particular issues with crossing the bridge and dropping off near school on both Farnley Lane and Newall Carr Road.

Feet First Drop Off Points (see over for map)

If you must use a car to travel to school, avoid the queue over the bridge and the congestion at the school gate by dropping your child(ren) off elsewhere in Otley, leaving them to walk the last 5 or 10 minutes to school.

South of the river, drop your child at the Leeds City Council North Parade Car Park or the Beech Hill Car Park and let them meet up with friends and walk the last section. Footpaths, crossings and paths through Wharfemeadows Park bring children directly to the Farnley Lane pedestrian crossing from both of these car parks. The new crossing at the bottom of Manor Garth Park has made the route behind St Joseph's from Beech Hill Car Park much safer, giving a safe crossing over Bridge Street to the path across the bridge.

North of the River, we have arranged with the Wharfedale Hospital to trial parents dropping off and picking up in their car park from September. Again, there are safe routes and pedestrian crossings to make the short walk to school and the Newall Carr Road entrance.

These points can also be used at school pick up times, with no need to pay for parking, if you are just picking up from school.

Pedestrians – arriving safely

Pedestrians must not use the driveway on Farnley Lane but instead should use the steps and footpath from Farnley Lane, having crossed over Farnley Lane on the pedestrian crossing.

If using the Newall Carr Road entrance, students must use the footpath adjacent to the playing fields and not cross the car park. If coming from the other side of Newall Carr Road, the pedestrian crossing should be used to cross the road.

Please ask your child to use pedestrian crossings/underpasses to get them to school safely. In particular, the exit from Manor Garth Park across Bridge Street (the park behind St Joseph's) is very dangerous in the morning, with a constant flow of traffic and no pedestrian crossing. Students coming from this direction should use the crossings in the middle of town or by Our Lady and All Saints Church to cross Bridge Street.

Travelling by car

As previously mentioned, if you must use a car to travel to school, we strongly suggest car sharing and dropping the student(s) off elsewhere in Otley (see Drop Off points above), leaving them to walk the last 5 or 10 minutes to school. This reduces congestion and pollution around the entrances to the school site and over the bridge.

In the interests of safety, it is **essential** that parents and carers do not drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up their children. Quite simply, with over a thousand pedestrians and up to ten buses arriving

and leaving the site simultaneously, this would pose a serious danger. Students must arrange with their parents to pick them up at a safe place outside the school grounds.

Please not to park or drop off near the pedestrian crossings on Farnley Lane or Newall Carr Road, for this is **extremely dangerous**.

Prince Henry's Court (adjacent to the Newall Carr Road entrance) **must not** be used for the purposes of dropping off / picking up students. Please do not use the Yew Tree Car Park.

Cycling

Cyclists must have their parent/carers' permission, keep their cycles in roadworthy condition, lock them securely in the cycle racks near the PE Office and never leave on them parts that can be easily removed. Cycles should be insured under parents' home policy. In the interests of safety, cyclists must dismount at the gate and not ride in the grounds. All students cycling to school must wear protective helmets. For safe routes to school, see the Otley Town Council Safer Cycling Map [here](#).

Drop off points map

