



Madresfield C.E. Primary School

Park and Walk Policy

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Our Vision

Ignite Illuminate Inspire

At Madresfield we are a caring inclusive school, where everyone is welcome as Jesus welcomed all. We work closely with all stakeholders to support our children in achieving their God given potential. Inspired by *Psalm 119:105 "God's word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path"*.

As a school we aim to:

Ignite: to cultivate a love for learning and awe and respect for God's world.

Illuminate: to trust in God to guide us and develop our wisdom and compassion as we journey through school.

Inspire: to help our children to shine as we celebrate their successes and help them to develop into beacons of hope for others within our school and wider communities.

In order for children to achieve their potential we have in place and follow the following school rules:

Be kind- being kind to others.

Be ready- being ready to learn.

Be respectful- being respectful to all.

Be safe- being safe around school.

Equality and Diversity Statement

At Madresfield CE Primary School we promote equality of opportunity. We promote positive attitudes and encourage active participation of all stakeholders regardless of race, gender, disability, age, religion, belief and sexuality.

In so doing we strive to eliminate any unlawful discrimination or harassment of any group and where any such harassment is found appropriate action will be taken immediately.

This policy has been reviewed; to the best of our knowledge we do not feel it impacts negatively on any specific group or individual within our school community.

1. We encourage all parents and children to use the Park and Walk Scheme. This allows parents to use the parking facility at the Madresfield Club and walk their child/children to school along the Permissive and WCC footpath through the fields. This facility is available in the mornings and afternoons (weather permitting).

2. Aims

- To provide children with a safe alternative route to and from school.
- To encourage social interaction between peer groups and develop early independence.
- To promote a healthy lifestyle, allowing children to exercise in a safe and supervised environment, both prior to and after school.

3. Children in Buzzard Class are given the opportunity to walk independently along the walking path in the morning and/or afternoon. Siblings in Owl Class may also use the path if walking with their older brother/sister; they cannot use it alone. For the safety and well-being of all concerned, it is imperative that we have an accurate and up-to-date register of all children who are walking independently along the path.

4. If you would like your child to be registered as an independent walker, please visit the School Office and complete a permission slip. Please note that all users of the path do so at their own risk and must also sign a disclaimer in order to use the facility.

5. Below are the 'rules' of use for the Park & Walk and independent walkers. These are also available on our website on the Walking Bus page.

6. 'The Rules'

Park and Walk

- If you intend to park at the Madresfield Club and walk your child to school, you must display a permit. The permits are only to be used at the beginning and end of the school day (not evenings, weekends or holiday times). A permit can be obtained from the School Office.

Independent Walkers (Buzzard Class)

- All children who travel independently to and from school must have a signed permission slip available from the office. Only children with a signed permission slip will be able to leave the school unaccompanied.
- Independent walkers should not arrive on the school grounds prior to 8.35 a.m. when the walking path gate will be opened by a member of staff on duty.
- At the end of the day, parents must ensure that they arrive promptly to collect independent walkers from the Madresfield Club car park.
- Parents should meet their child/ren at the gate at the end of the path. Children must stay behind the gate whilst awaiting collection by their parents.
- The path will not be available for after school clubs.
- To ensure their safety, children are NOT allowed to cross the car park, the road or wait on the village green by the pond.