

Ruislip Stars Children's Centre and Nursery



Travel Plan

Our Aim

Ruislip Stars Nursery is committed to ensuring that everyone travelling to and from the nursery can do so as safely as possible. We encourage those travelling to the site to walk whenever possible or to consider car sharing. Some children will travel to nursery by public transport.

We believe these aims will contribute to the health, safety and developing of travel training skills of some of the older of children. We believe this will also build good relationships with our neighbours and other pedestrians in the area.

The Travel Plan will be monitored regularly and periodically reviewed and amended as the nursery grows and the travel patterns change.

Our Plan

We will be situated on The Fairway in South Ruislip. It is in a good location which is served well by the Borough's local public transport network. It anticipates to enrol 35- 40 children. Nursery sessions will run all day, parents will need to commit to identified morning, afternoon or full day sessions. Parents will also need to adhere to the dropping off and collection times allocated to them during the admissions stage.

The nursery population will be taken from the local areas of South Ruislip, Ruislip Manor, Ruislip and Eastcote. A small number might travel in from surrounding areas. Based on the current use of the existing nursery it is noted that 95% of our children are on foot, this includes those who come to us via public transport. Only 5% of our children may use cars as mode of transport to and from the nursery. Of these 5%, parents will be given timed schedules to access the drop off / collection point.

It is envisaged that the majority of children (95%) or over for the new setting would walk, or be pushed to the nursery in their pushchairs. A dedicated space to leave pushchairs will be available on request at the application and admissions stage. During the application process, priority for nursery spaces will be given to those who live locally and are able to walk or get to the nursery via the local transport network. Priority will also be given to children with special educational needs and physical disabilities. A dedicated car parking, and drop off zone is available to allow the safe dropping off and collection of the children. We are aware that some families may find it necessary to drive in order to drop off and or collect their children; with prior arrangement these families will use the drop off zones located in the car park area. Visitors will be notified of and encouraged to use the conveniently located parking bays on Long Drive or the public pay and display car park on Long Drive if there is insufficient space in the actual car park.

The management of the nursery has planned to provide a shuttle bus service in the future (subject to demand and local numbers enrolled). The implementation of a shuttle bus service will be to reduce any traffic increase as a direct result of the nursery use. However our ultimate commitment in our travel plan will be amended to encourage more children and their families to walk.

Parents will be expected to sign up to the safer driving charter. Parents dropping off children will be expected to park in allocated car park spaces and safely use the turning point to make their way safely out to the main road.

We aware that the roads in the immediate area are not suited to accommodate a number of parked cars and will therefore encourage parents to walk or use public transport whenever practical.

Travel Modes

Walking to and from nursery

- All pedestrians must remain on the footpaths;
- Pedestrians must be aware of vehicles at all times;
- Visitors are requested to use the main entrance located at the front of the nursery.

Travel by public transport - to and from nursery

Bus network

- Parents to alight at the designated bus stops on Victoria Road
- When crossing the road, parents are to safely use the designated road crossings at the junction of Victoria Road and Long Lane.
- Parents to walk to the front of the nursery and buzz the controlled video entry point to enter the building

Tube / Rail network

- Parents to leave South Ruislip Tube / Railway Station
- Walk along Long Drive and turn left on to The Fairway until they reach the nursery
- Parents to walk to the front of the nursery and buzz the controlled video entry point to enter the building.

Cycling to nursery

- Any parent wishing to cycle with their children on an attached cycle unit will be able to leave the unit in the cycle park at the nursery. The child and parent are expected to wear cycle helmets.

Driving to and from nursery

- Parents are requested to car-share whenever possible as on site parking is very limited;
- Parents will be informed of the need to support the community and that their support is expected with the following initiatives;
- Parents are requested **not** to park on the local roads;
- All parents collecting their children must park in the allocated parking bays at the nursery
- Drivers must be aware of pedestrians at all times;

Future Plans:

Travel by Nursery Shuttle to and from the nursery

(if this service is implemented)

- The Bus will collect and return children from and to their homes
- Children alighting from the bus in the drop off zone at the nursery will be escorted in to the nursery via the main door.
- All children for the return trip will wait for the escort to escort them

to the bus

- A register will be provided for the bus and will be used to confirm that children have arrived at nursery and that they are on the bus for the return journey. The register is left at the nursery office in the morning and is collected before the children are escorted to the bus at the end of the session
- Parents are to ensure that their children are ready for collection
- Parents are to be waiting in plenty of time for the return of the children.