



School Travel Plan

Introduction

Park Lane Learning Trust Travel Plan aims to improve the health of its staff and students and reduce traffic congestion around the school in order to create a safer and cleaner environment for the school and its community. Many of the features designed into the new build including the bus bays and the segregated entrances for pedestrians and vehicles, have improved safety.

Description of the school

Park Lane Learning Trust is a mixed 11 – 16 comprehensive which currently has 465 students on roll, with 625 being the maximum admission number. The school is located in the village of Exley, between the towns of Halifax and Elland.

Park Lane Learning Trust has a large catchment area and currently recruits from over 20 feeder primary schools. Less than half of the students travel from within the village of Exley, with the majority of students travelling by bus, either on one of three dedicated “Yellow” school buses (C1, C2, C3) or using local service buses from Halifax and Elland. Some students have to set off for school as early as 7:20 a.m. in order to arrive on time in the morning.

The school has 88 staff, 36 teaching and 52 non teaching. The vast majority of the staff travel to school in cars, many travelling considerable distances e.g. Wakefield, Rochdale, Leeds.

The school day starts at 8:45 a.m. and finishes at 2.55 p.m. There are a number of after school activities which the students are encouraged to attend. Halifax Hockey Club use the site most evenings and weekends, along with other sports clubs/organizations. All out of core hours, sporting activities and facilities are managed by Community Leisure Link.

School site/Surrounding network

Please see attached plan of the site including car park, bus bays, pedestrian and vehicular access.

There is good car parking accommodation with ample space for staff/visitors and parents dropping off or picking up students. 3 bays are reserved for disabled vehicle users and one of these is currently used by the Special Access mini-bus.

The car park has some speed bumps, 5mph signage and, for additional safety, is one-way around the car park area itself, creating a turning circle for the buses. There is adequate room in the bus bay to accommodate the three “Yellow” Buses.

Whilst there is a zebra crossing linking the all weather pitches to the school site, this is not generally used by students as it is safer and easier to walk along the front of the building, accessing the all weather pitches at a different entrance.

The pedestrian access off Park Lane leads directly to the Student Entrance near the bus bays, avoiding the need for safe crossing areas of the car park.

Late changes made by the Planning Committee have caused some issues for the school. The plan for a footpath from the bottom of the site (off Exley Lane/near Exley Bank Top) was denied. The original students entrance point at the back of the school was also denied – leading to Student Entrance/3rd party usage being combined. The cycle racks, as a result, are less than suitably positioned being directly in the path of hundreds of students.

Very few students cycle to school. Whilst there are good potential routes for pedestrians and cyclists within the exiting residential estate roads in Exley and Siddal, most of the main access routes lack cycle paths and could be deemed dangerous for young cyclists.

Access to School

Vehicles and pedestrians use separate access routes. Students/staff on foot enter via the pedestrian access on Park Lane. This leads to the Student Entrance, Reception and the pedestrian forecourt area at the front of the school.

Vehicles have their own designated entrance off Park Lane. Students are not allowed to walk along this access point. The road -5mph leads to the car park – which is one way. There are speed bumps to discourage excessive speed.

Students on bicycles are asked to dismount on Park Lane and wheel their bicycles along the pedestrian access. This leads directly to the cycle racks outside the student entrance.

Yellow Buses

The school is serviced by 3 yellow buses who pick up and drop off on the school site using the designated yellow striped bus bays. The C1, C2 and C3 routes are as given below. Wherever possible students are encouraged to use these buses (having applied and obtained a boarding card which may be confiscated if there is poor behaviour). On board each of the yellow buses are two monitors who report any problems to the Deputy Headteacher.

Students are discouraged from walking down to the Huddersfield Road bus stops due to traffic congestion and potentially dangerous road conditions for pedestrians.

A small number of children continue to use the 542 service bus using the stop on Park Lane.

Bus Routes

1. **SERVICE C1 Crag Lane at Walt Royd Farm - Park Lane Learning Trust** **Park Lane Learning Trust - Crag Lane at Walt Royd Farm**

Towards Park Lane

From Crag Lane, Mixenden Road, Clough Lane, Mill Lane, Mixenden Lane, Raw Lane, Keighley Road, Cousin Lane, Nursery Lane, Keighley Road, Ovenden Road, Burdock Way, Orange Street, Waterhouse Street, Crown Street, Commercial Street, Portland Place, Skircoat Road, Hunger Hill, Water Lane, Siddal New Road, Whitegate Road, Oxford Lane, Jubilee Road, Backhold Lane, Park Lane.

From Park Lane

From Backhold Drive, Backhold Lane, Jubilee Road, Oxford Lane, Whitegate Road, Siddal New Road, Water Lane, Hunger Hill, Union Street, Market Street, Northgate, Broad Street, Waterhouse Street, Orange Street, Burdock Way, Ovenden Road, Keighley Road, Nursery Lane, Cousin Lane, Keighley Road, Raw Lane, Mixenden Lane, Mill Lane, Clough Lane, Mixenden Road, Crag Lane.

Timetable

Crag Lane at Walt Royd Farm	DEP 0800
Ovenden Keighley Road	DEP 0810
Halifax Commercial Street	DEP 0825
Park Lane High School	ARR 0840
Park Lane High School	DEP 1505
Halifax Market Street	DEP 1515
Cousin Lane at Keighley Road	DEP 1530
Crag Lane at Walt Royd Farm	ARR 1540

2. **SERVICE C2 Mixenden Flats - Park Lane Learning Trust** **Park Lane Learning Trust - Mixenden Flats**

Towards Park Lane

From Mixenden Road, Clough Lane, Moor End Road, Pellon New Road, Spring Hall Lane, Hanson Lane, Thrum Hall Lane, Gibbet Street, Westholme Road, Hopwood Lane, Bull Green, Barum Top, Fountain Street, Skircoat Road, Hunger Hill, Water Lane, Siddal New Road, Whitegate Road, Oxford Lane, Jubilee Road, Backhold Lane, Backhold Drive.

From Park Lane High

From Backhold Drive, Backhold Lane, Jubilee Road, Oxford Lane, Whitegate Road, Siddal New Road, Water Lane, Hunger Hill, Clare Road, Prescott Street, Portland Place, Fountain Street, Barum Top, Hopwood Lane, Westholme Road, Gibbet Street, Thrum Hall Lane, Hanson Lane, Spring Hall Lane, Pellon New Road, Moor End Road, Clough Lane, Mixenden Road.

Timetable

Mixenden Flats	DEP 0805
Hopwood Lane	DEP 0812
Park Lane High School	ARR 0827
Park Lane High School	DEP 1505
Hopwood Lane	DEP 1520
Mixenden Flats	ARR 1527

3. SERVICE C3 Illingworth School Lane - Park Lane Learning Trust Park Lane Learning Trust - Riley Lane Top

Towards Park Lane

From School Lane, Riley Lane, Illingworth Road, Keighley Road, Wrigley Hill, Keighley Road, Cousin Lane, Denfield Lane, Ovenden Way, Ovenden Road, Burdock Way, Orange Street, Waterhouse Street, Crown Street, Commercial Street, Portland Place, Skircoat Road, Hunger Hill, Water Lane, Siddal New Road, Whitegate Road, Oxford Lane, Jubilee Road, Backhold Lane, Backhold Drive.

From Park Lane

From Backhold Drive, Backhold Lane, Jubilee Road, Oxford Lane, Whitegate Road, Siddal New Road, Water Lane, Hunger Hill, Union Street, Market Street, Northgate, Broad Street, Waterhouse Street, Orange Street, Burdock Way, Ovenden Road, Ovenden Way, Denfield Lane, Cousin Lane, Keighley Road, Wrigley Hill, Keighley Road, Illingworth Road, Riley Lane.

Timetable

Illingworth School Lane	DEP 0810
Cousin Lane at Keighley Road	DEP 0815
Halifax Commercial Street	DEP 0825
Park Lane High School	ARR 0840
Park Lane High School	DEP 1505
Market Street	DEP 1514
Cousin Lane at Keighley Road	DEP 1522
Riley Lane at Valley Way	ARR 1528

Special Needs School Transport

There is an escorted Access bus and taxis for students with statements of SEN who require transport to school every day.

Summary of traffic and road safety issues

- Inconsiderate parking by some parents and taxi drivers at the end of the school day.
- Cycle racks wrongly positioned.
- Behaviour of a small number of students on the Yellow buses.

School Travel/Road Safety Practice and Policies

Road and travel safety is delivered through the PSHCE Theme Day programmes. Use is also made of guest speakers e.g. Calderdale Road Safety, bus inspectors, police officers.

Students are issued with passes which enables them to board the school contract buses. If there is persistent or serious misbehaviour, passes are withdrawn. At least 4 members of staff are on duty on the car park when the school decants. All buses are checked in the morning and after school by a member of SLT for any behavioural issues.

Objectives

- To improve the local environment.
- To improve the health of staff and students.
- To improve safety on the journey to school.
- To encourage students to arrive punctually for school.
- To improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists (provided safe routes for cyclists are developed).

Targets

- To increase the number of Y10 and Y11 students on Yellow Buses.
- To reduce incidences of dangerous parking around the school.
- To encourage walking to school whenever practicable.

Measures and Initiatives

1. Education and Training

- Active school council.
- Travel related curriculum – Road Safety Unit.
- Environmental awareness – PSHCE, Science.

2. Initiatives

Actively promote Yellow buses for Y10 and Y11.

3. Information and Promotion

Provide information on walking and Yellow Buses via the school prospectus, at parents evenings and in student planners.

Issue safe parking guidelines to parents via the Parents' Newsletter.

Student Voice

A questionnaire will be issued in October to ascertain patterns of travel to and from school and to elicit student opinions of current options and provision.

Monitoring and Review

This Plan should be reviewed every 3 years.

