

Wharf Road Campus Traffic Survey Analysis

Executive Summary:

We've had a **huge response**, at least 18% of school parents (over 300), so almost 1 in 5 families. Most respondents were local which is unsurprising.

John Hampden's parents responded the most, followed by Wendover Junior School and then John Colet. Again, this was to be expected given younger pupils are more likely to be local and walk.

Significant numbers dropped off/ picked up **at other places on campus, such as nurseries and premier sports**, and some of these were earlier and later times

70% of respondents walked sometimes or always, 30% take other active green travel options at some point in the week or always and 50% drove sometimes or always. For many this was a mixture.

Why people drove, most cited "On way to work", "Ease and Convenience", "Expense" and "Safety" as the main reasons.

Distance from Campus: Over 80% of all respondents live within 3 miles of the campus. We have broken the analysis down to "Pure Car Users" and "Mixed Car Users" Unsurprisingly the first group lived further away on average.

When asked what the **main issues were with traffic congestion** the response was: Road Safety of Young People" (88.5%) "Congestion in local area" (71.3%) and "Emergency Service Access" (51.4%) were the 3 biggest issues identified by parents – with "Disturbance to Residents" (34.5%), "Pollution" (28%) and "Anti-Social Behaviour" (12.8%) coming in after that – stopping some parents from giving their children independence in getting to school

We specifically asked **those that drive to tick solutions to this they might consider**. Top solutions were parking further away from campus (69%); Greener active transport options came next at 21.2%; Car sharing at 12% and Taking Public transport at 4.9%

The comments were very helpful at **unpicking issues further and removing current barriers**. Encouragingly many parents already park away from the campus and sue a mixture of green travel routes. There was also a significant group who car shared, and more interest in this.

Areas parents would like us to focus on: Increased communication about other places to park (and more spaces) and about greener active travel routes; more regular enforcement and traffic awareness days and being able to drop off earlier and pick up later. Time (not having enough) was also identified as a major barrier

Drop off and pick up places car drivers had used were: "Other Roads Nearby" is the favourite option for parking away from the area, followed by "St. Anne's Church", "Wendover Library", "The Witchell" and "Ashbrook Recreation Ground (Castle Park) in descending order

We asked those that walk or scooter to school if they had any comments. There was significant alarm and dismay at how dangerous a situation this is, many citing real life near misses for their own children. There are a small but significant number of parents who are very local and still drive near to campus for example.

Main barriers/ ideas for solutions are:

- put more restrictions on Wharf Road/ Manor Road and the Campus itself such as more double yellow lines/ zebra crossings (especially opposite the campus entrance) and speed bumps
- more enforcement to catch those parking illegally
- signpost parents to other parking nearby and make sure there are sufficient spaces
- make the roads leading to the campus safer so greener active options are more appealing - such as making it one way or closing it to cars completely at drop off and pick up
- increase the number of traffic awareness days
- encourage car sharing schemes
- work with the school bus company and the public bus companies to provide a better infrastructure/ maybe a better community solution?
- improve walking access to school with safer crossing points on the Tring and Aylesbury Roads and increased zebra crossings
- reduce pavement congestion by asking children not to scoot on the busy pavements leading up to the campus

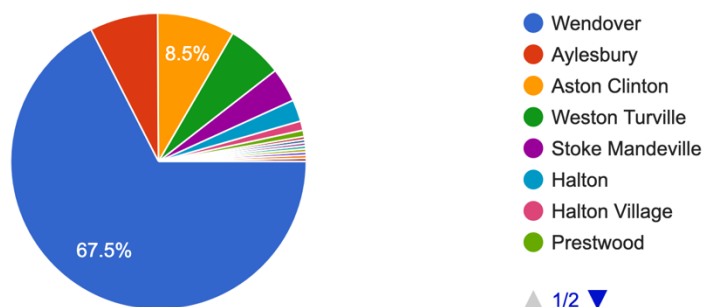
And finally – we had a significant number of **parents offer to volunteer to help with traffic issues** – 26 parents said “yes” and 96 “maybe”- which is very heartening!

Full Analysis of Wharf Road Survey

The survey was sent out to approximately 1750 parents, some of whom will have children at multiple schools and nurseries on the campus. We had over 300 responses, so around 18% of the people it was sent to. This is a great result and shows what an emotive and important issue this is for parents.

Where do you live?

295 responses

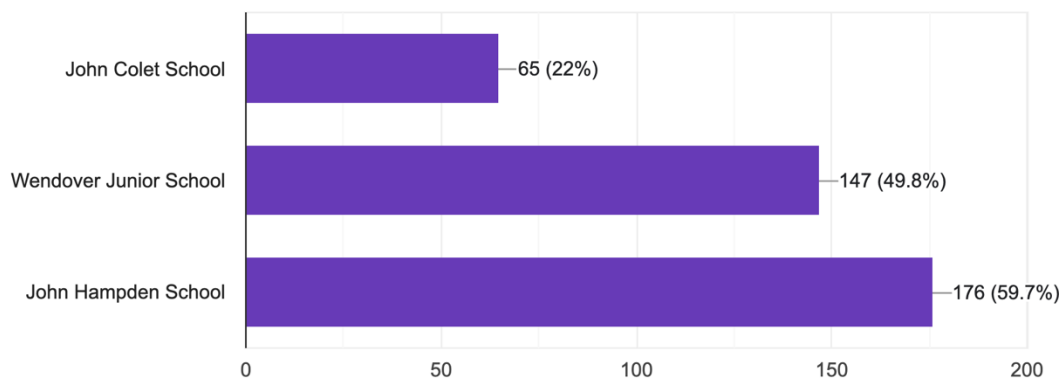


Analysis: Most respondents were from the local area.

It would be good to find out if this tallies with the proportion enrolled in each of the schools or is it more likely local people would answer this survey as it negatively affects them more...

Which schools do your children attend on the Campus

295 responses



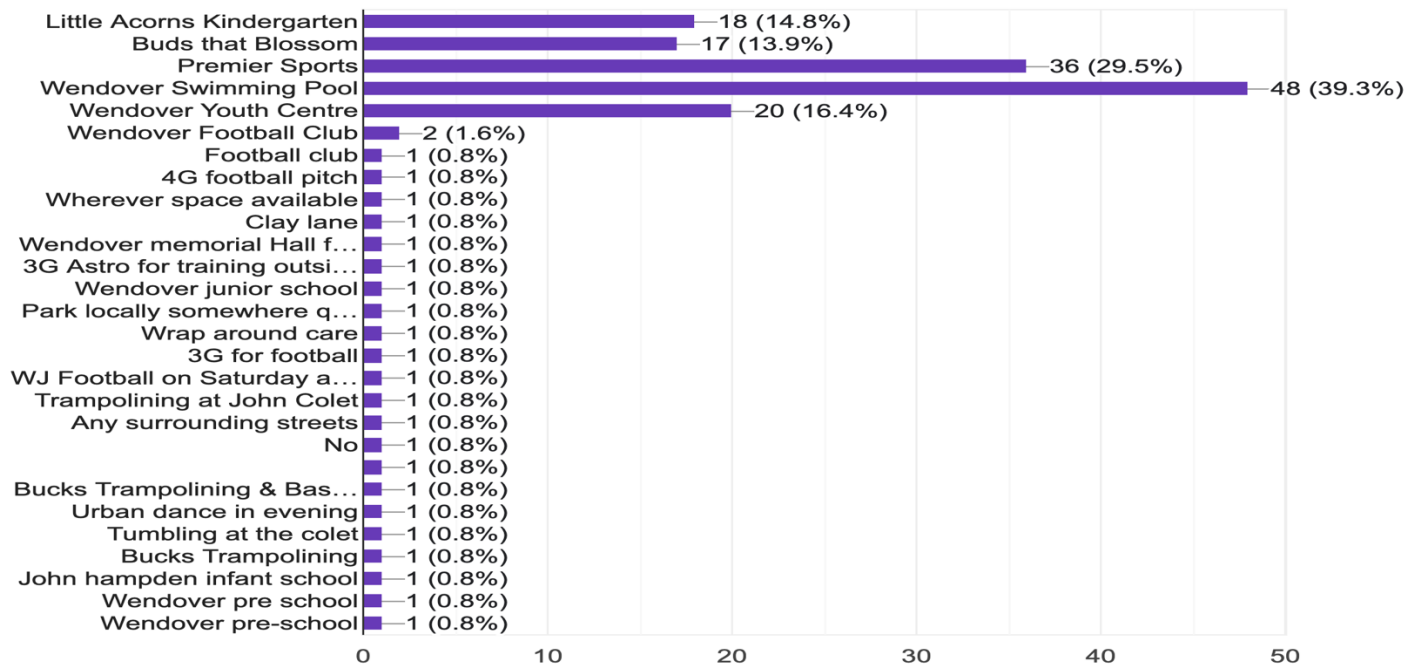
Analysis: The highest number of respondents were from John Hampden Infant School. The school roll is 288 and 176 parents responded – 61% of parents. Next was Wendover Junior School with 147 responses out of 354 parents – 42%. And then John Colet parents with 65 out of 1107 parents responding – 6%

This would tally with our thinking that the younger the child, the more likely they are local and walk to school, and therefore this affects those families most negatively.

These numbers are rough estimates as we don't know how many unique households there are per school

Do you drop young people at any places on the campus?

122 responses

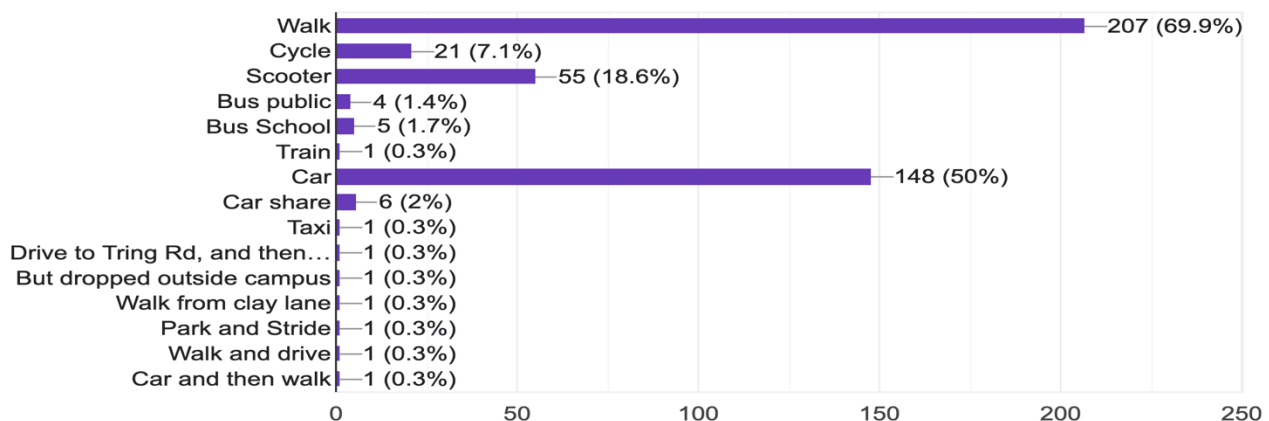


Analysis: The most popular other drop off places were Little Acorns Kindergarten, Buds that Blossom and Premier Sports - all of these have extended hours or provide wrap around care. We have not asked what time these drop offs and pick usually occur which would be something to look at. Comments pointed to the fact these were very young children, and parking was part of the service they were paying for

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How do your children get to the Campus site?

296 responses



Analysis: We must bear in mind who the main respondents to this survey are when we're looking at these results, local people with young children who walk scooter or cycle – from the comments later in the form, all active green travel is done with extreme caution due to the dangerous conditions on Wharf Road caused by the traffic.

We will look to extrapolate answers by mode of transport/ school at some point.

If you drive please could you tick why that might be?

170 responses

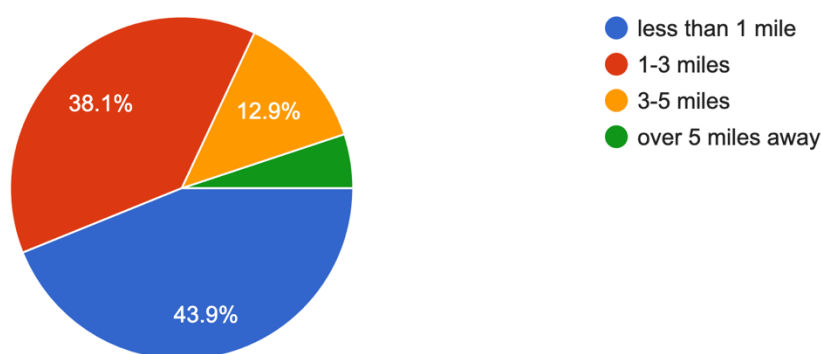


Analysis: “It’s on the way to parents work” was by far the highest response with 33.5% (57 people) “Ease and convenience” were the second highest response, with “Expense of Public Transport” and “Safety” coming in third – there were then about 4 categories around frequency and cost of school and public transport which represented another 11.2% of answers as to why people drive. And finally, about 3% for disability reasons.

The safety aspect is interesting due to the “chicken and egg” effect – so the safer we make getting to school the more this will change for this group of parents.

How far do you live away from the campus?

294 responses



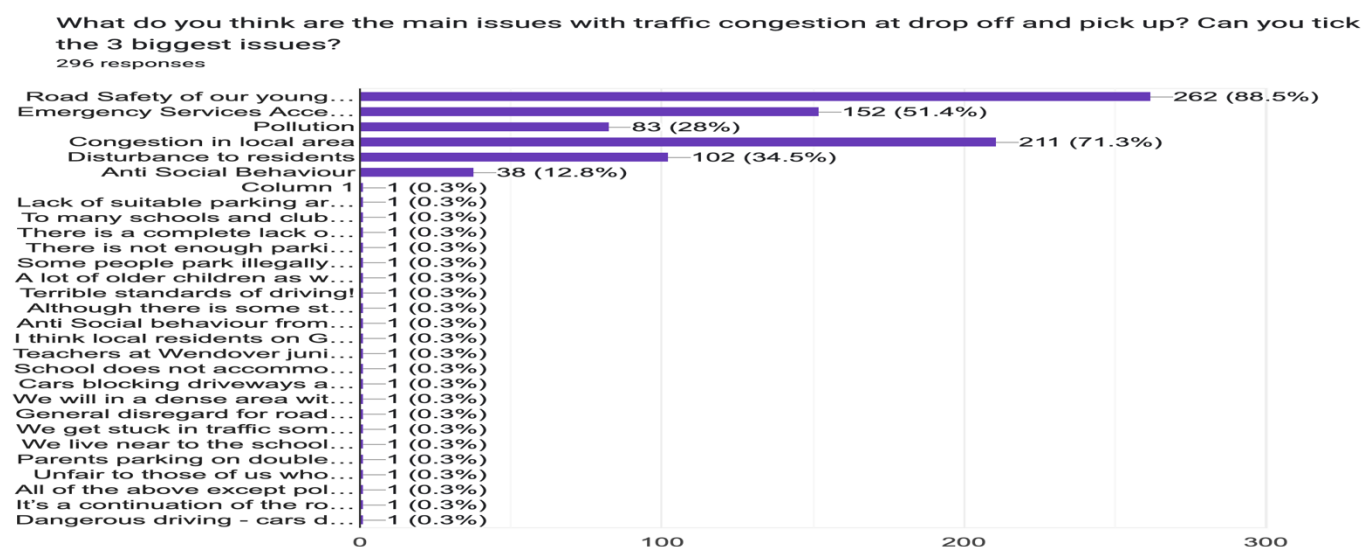
Analysis: The vast majority who used a car were going less than a mile – this should be our target group to try and convince to use green active transport options like walking and cycling. 82% lived no more than 3 miles in total – with 38.1% 1-3 miles away. Cycling, car sharing, using public & school transport and parking away from campus should be encouraged for this group. And finally, 12.9% live 3-5 miles away and 5.1% over 5 miles. Public & School Transport, car sharing and parking away from campus should be encouraged for this group

We did some further analysis on the car user groups and divided them into “Pure Car Users” and “Mixed Car Users” (i.e. they use a variety of methods to get to school including some Active Green ones)

Pure Car Users: 77 in total – Over 5 miles 16% - 3-5 miles away 34% - 1-3 miles away 44% - Under 1 mile – 5%

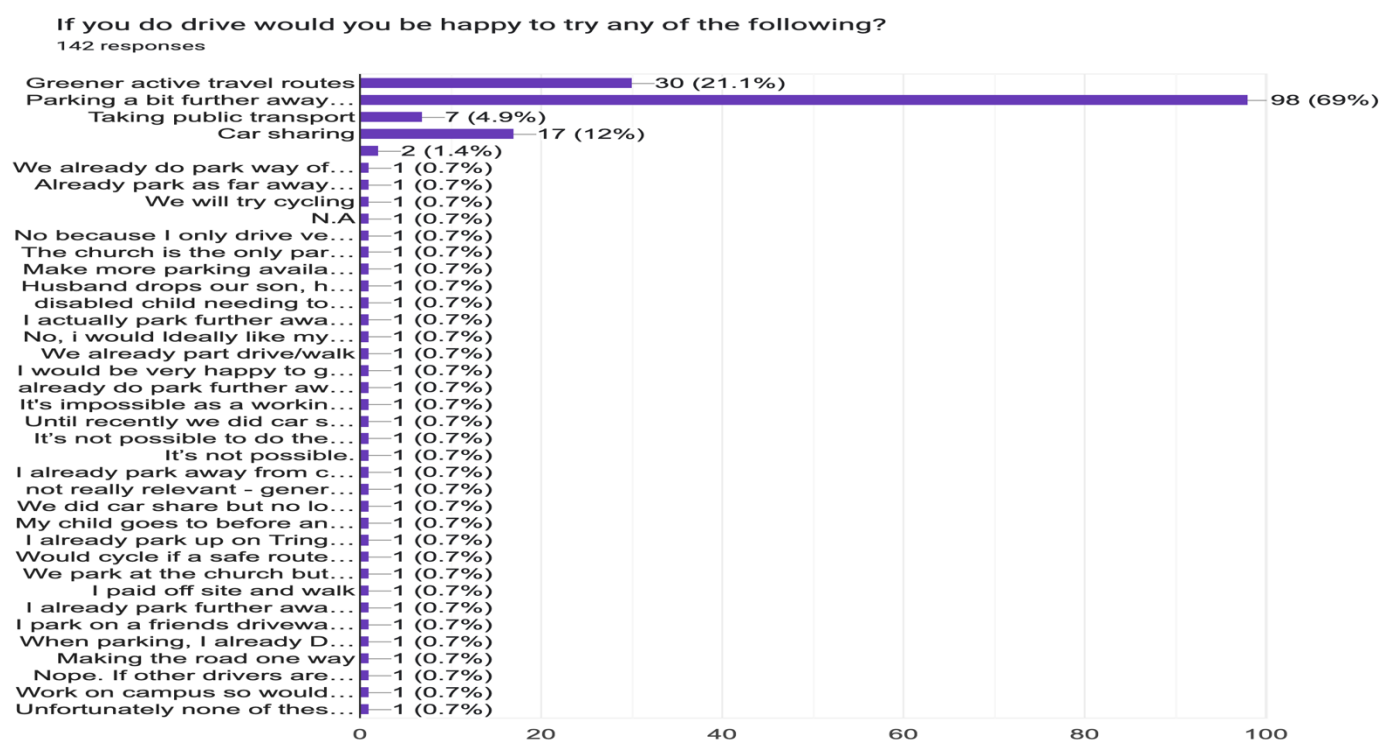
Mixed Car Users: 91 in total - Over 5 miles 4%- 3-5 miles away 11% - 1-3 miles away 62% - Under 1 mile – 23%

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More to follow in the comments section where people explain their thoughts in more detail, but road safety is a big worry and is stopping some allowing their children more independence in getting to school, so it becomes a self-perpetuating problem to some extent.



Analysis: So, by far the most popular alternative car users would be happy to do is to “park a bit further away from the campus” – and it was heartening to hear how many this do already (though they are probably more likely to complete this questionnaire as well)

Greener active transport options came next at 21.2%, Car sharing at 12% and Taking Public transport at 4.9%

This information can help us to identify how to focus our resources and efforts and whether different groups of parents need different encouragement.

Please see some of the comments that support these responses below:

We already park away from campus:

- I park in the church carpark
- We already park away from the campus
- Already Park away from campus and son walks last section.
- We already park a distance away and walk to avoid placing pressure on local area
- We already park at St Anne’s, although sometimes even that is full! We usually walk home after school too, when it is less of a rush.
- I have always parked at the Church as i like my boys to have a walk in the morning to burn off energy
- We already do park at the church and walk into campus
- We have started parking near the clocktower and walking from there. But time constraints mean we do drive onto campus for pickup from after school club.
- Already do it.
- I already DO park away from the Campus & walk to the Memorial Hall to meet my child.
- Already drop away from school road
- We already drive a short part of the way to school but park a few roads away and walk up to the campus.
- If I do drive on the way to work, I do already park on a road away from campus

We walk or take green travel routes already (or most of the time)

- We don’t drive but would be happy to see any better option than at current.
- I mainly walk unless there is unavoidable circumstance. I don't think there are any other appropriate options in this scenario.
- Nothing as I only drive when I have no other option, which is probably 1-2 times per month
- We walk 90% of the time but when we drive, we always drive and walk.
- N/A- we always walk
- Walk 4 out of 5 days
- We already use train 4 days/week. Would consider park and stride if a drop off/collect place was better.
- I drive to the campus only after 5pm, if necessary, especially in the winter/dark. Otherwise, we walk
- I already do.
- We already walk other than 2 mornings for nursery
- Nothing we do this now
- Not applicable, I already do it

We car share already

- I would need someone who only has one child to car share as the children are still of an age where safety seats are needed and there are not many cars that can fit three in the back. We often park away from the campus if we must use the car for normal drop off times as it’s too busy around the school.
- We car share with 2 other families

- We do car share; we use the bus, and we try to park a reasonable distance away
- Knowing who to car share with, having walking groups etc
- We car share with 4 children and 1 adult so have a full car most trips to and from school.
- Find someone doing the same journey

Longer wrap around care so not so much of a time pressure with trying to get to work

- Work to start later and breakfast clubs to open earlier to allow enough time to walk
- I can't walk on days I work. It takes too long. Additionally we are affected by HS2 works making our journey longer in. We do walk 30 mins on non-working days but only since children older. Vary school times for John Collett to 9.15am or later better for teens learning. Maybe start other schools at 8.30am. Create a dedicated school car park somewhere. Also-I work in schools all over...it is always the situation so roads near school should be able for parents to park. Have longer wrap around care hours at school as I can't get into London with current times but in other schools wrap around starts at 7am.

More parking spaces away from the campus and knowing where these are

- Plenty of spaces and safe spaces to cross
- More places to park and walk the rest of the way.
- Better parking options
- More free parking spaces
- Guaranteed parking
- More places to park further away from school
- More parking spaces
- Allocated parking areas away from the campus e.g. library car park
- Knowing where to park that I won't get a ticket
- Clarity of alternative parking places
- More parking available for the school nearby
- Off-site car park and shuttle bus?
- understanding areas to park and walk
- We need more designated parking areas in a reasonable distance to school
- School to open on time and space to park as I need to drive as it's on my way to work and I don't live in walking distance.
- Public parking to be available
- Less congestion and places to park safely away from campus
- There needs to be a designated parking max 5 mins walk from the campus

Greener & active travel options being more accessible/ less barriers

- To be shown which routes are greener travel routes
- More options and cheaper fares
- Free school bus to go to their catchment school!
- The school bus needs to be available to us.
- Safer cycle route from main road to school road
- Safer more accessible cycle routes
- Buses from Weston Turville near the holiday inn hotel too Wendover
- Zebra crossing for when lollipop lady isn't there. Parking spaces available or drop off zone. Traffic warden!
- Fix our bike
- Traffic is always horrendous!
- Less traffic so it's not such a rush! Traffic has increased in the area considerably over the last few years

- availability of alternatives
- Local authority provision

Time

- More time
- Have more time in the mornings
- If there was available parking further away, this would be an option although timing is tight with two parents that commute to work. gh
- Unfortunately, I would have to start work later which is not an option. Drive and walk is the best compromise with timing constraints.
- Some days it's a matter of timings
- Leaving home earlier
- People need to leave the house earlier to make parking remotely and walking work
- None of these are possible due work timings

Schools/ others enforcing better behaviour on campus:

- the school needs to make more options available and consistently enforce the parking situation every day, the school caused a lot of disruption for a couple of days, then all presence disappeared. The parents just went back to parking on double yellows and pavements again. Why not add traffic cones along where they are not meant to park?
- Traffic wardens and school PTA visibility no parking on John Colet circle
- Change the password on the school gate
- Really need to stop people driving and parking in double yellow lines blocking visibility of children crossing roads and causing congestion.
- Road restrictions need to be put into place.

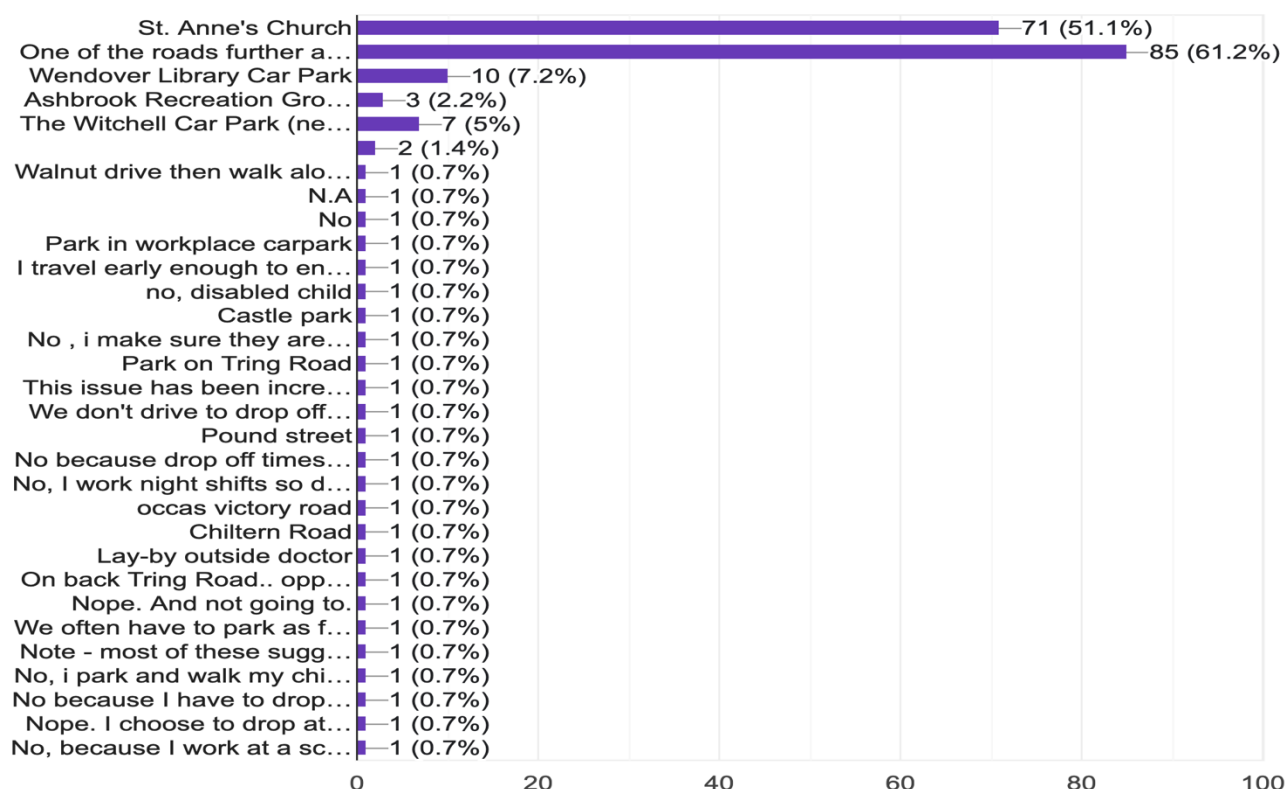
Other comments:

- We still pay a large amount of money to visit the campus with full time nursery fees approx. and wrap around school care, part of choosing a nursery is ease of parking.
- All traffic through Wendover and Aylesbury is slow, parking further away would lead to having to arrive earlier exposing my children to an extended wait at school prior to school starting
- Stop adding bigger and more classes to the school
- Residents to stop parking on the road where possible
- other options to possible as previously described
- Our two-year-old to suddenly become completely independent.
- There is no choice but for me to drive my children to school
- The days we drive it is time restraints due to opening time of breakfast club and getting to work / rushing back from work to pick up from after school club, so not a lot of option for change.
- To stop working.
- Nothing. Not going to happen. But when he's older and weather is better he will be cycling to school.
- I'd need to stop working to have time to part further away or take public transport, as well as travel into Aylesbury before coming out to Wendover. I don't know what a greener route of travel is other than walking or cycling both of which are difficult from here. The only person I know in my village has a child in the John Hampden and does not need to arrive until after 8.50am plus she drops another child at Great Missenden before coming to Wendover.
- The current level of antisocial, illegal and inappropriate parking is a real barrier.
- I only drive in exceptional circumstances
- No, i will continue to drive

- Not possible to make it to work in Watford in time if I park further away.
- Retirement

If you travel to the area by car have you tried dropping at any of the following places?

139 responses



Analysis: "Other Roads Nearby" is the favourite option for parking away from the area, followed by "St. Anne's Church", "Wendover Library", "The Witchell" and "Ashbrook Recreation Ground (Castle Park) in descending order

If you walk, scooter or cycle to school do you have any other comments?

Number of vehicles/ congestion:

- The number of vehicles on the school campus has increased year on year and many vehicles are driven by people who aren't staff and should not be driving on campus. I suspect the access barrier code gets shared with people who shouldn't have access.

Dangerous/ anti social driving and near misses:

- We walk and regularly have and see near misses. Its seems to be the same protagonists on a daily basis.
- Whilst this is a good scheme, it's never going to stop parents driving to school. So many live so close to the school and still choose to drive. These are not parents coming from out of Wendover, these are parents coming from Dobbins Lane and surrounding roads. They drive on the pavement at times (and park on it), at fast speeds, block entrances - they do anything not to walk and pay no attention to pedestrians. We are at a point now where something drastic needs to happen - either a complete ban or Wharf Road needs to be blocked off at school times to prevent people parking and driving down it. It's a HUGE safety concern and sooner or

a later a child will get knocked over unless we find a way to prevent people driving on Wharf Road.

- The speed of cars dropping off children on the road is alarming, they zoom in and out without care. Also delivery vans like Amazon drive very dangerously due to the build-up of traffic, I think there needs to be more visibility either end of Wharf Road to non-parent drivers that it's a school road and likely to be congested. There are still people tailgating at the barriers, and I've been witness to people dropping off at Buds Nursery taking no heed to where they park on the campus, even after the school pick up time has finished, when using Wendover pool at 4.15 its impossible to park anywhere around the area as they are all over the campus.
- Crossing roads is difficult because of poor parking. People stopping to chat to block the pavements and children out of control on scooters
- The walk down wharf road feels dangerous: parents parking on the pavement making the path hard to navigate, pulling up onto the pavement despite people walking on it, and driving/accelerating ridiculously quickly - especially given the number of kids and pedestrians.
- The traffic in the road is always busy, but it is inconsiderate parking which also causes a lot of the issues - cars parking on yellow lines (usually the same cars each day...!) and cars parking in the area outside the memorial hall (again usually the same cars). I also wonder if it would be safer for pupils at John Colet school to be prompted to cross at the crossing further up the pathway towards John Hampden school (just past the barrier) so they are not all crossing at the wide entrance to the school site. This is so dangerous and causes a huge back log of cars onto Wharf Road, who are waiting to get into the site. They would then be directly in front of their school reception and I think it would be safer for them.
- Its becoming increasingly unsafe for students to walk on wharf road with drivers driving very fast
- Yes. Some people who drive are incredibly dangerous and inconsiderate. There are so many young children and grandparents out at this busy time but there is a complete disregard for those walking and using the footpath safely. The schools need to be more responsible and held accountable. Traffic passing through the barriers go at speed and often when there is any standing water there from rain, many children get soaked in dirty cold water before attending school. There is no staff present, no one monitoring it, and no changes or improvements ever seem to happen
- I feel it's too dangerous to cycle from Halton with a 4 year old otherwise this would be our preference
- We live near to school so we also local residents and are witness every day to some kind of dangerous driving/parking. This includes cars mounting the pavement frequently and irate/late drivers not stopping or being disrespectful to the lollipop lady, who does a fantastic job. For me one of the main issues is people driving onto the campus. The sheer number cars on there is absolutely ridiculous and it won't be long until someone is injured or worse. Especially in the darker months where visibility is limited. One of my sons was nearly knocked over on the way to swimming Thursday on the campus where the driver did not even look before pulling over in anger because they had to make way for another car. Right into the path of my son. It's an absolute mess of a situation which has been worsening over the 14 years we have lived here/attended the schools.
- Main concern is about safety - my son almost got run over whilst crossing one of the roads on wharf road on the way to school as a car that had parked on the yellow lines on the corner of the road started reversing into us.
- Several near misses since sept 24 alone, parking over junctions, reversing round corners. Would a one way system with rolling drop off work?
- We cycle often but can be unsafe at times due to excessive amount of cars
- It's alarming how rude those in vehicles on the road are at rush hour as well as splashing children when there are puddles and driving or parking dangerously.

- The traffic close to the school campus is very unsafe for students crossing roads
- Unfortunately, I think a lot of parents who drive and park carelessly are for the secondary school when those children are at an appropriate age to walk further than the little children
- The parking of cars is so dangerous, sometimes you can't even walk on the pavement.
- Cars are poorly parked on pavements causing a risk to pedestrians especially children
- There are a lot of people who drive who live closer to the school than I do. On Monday a car accelerated through the floodwater at the barrier and completely soaked my four year old daughter along with her book bag and PE bag. I am very sceptical about the number of people who seem to have access through the barrier - they are certainly not staff.
- I am a resident of Manor Crescent and walk my two daughters to school and nursery every morning. The current situation is extremely dangerous and I now don't let them take their scooters as cars drive too close to the pavement in order to get past each other outside the memorial hall. Also outside my house and driveway are regularly clogged up with John Colet parents who use our road like a drop off point for the school. Another annoyance is parents who park over the dropped kerb at the crossing point on the top of the campus forcing people with small children and buggies into the road. The whole situation needs managing.
- Cars park everywhere, on the pavement, on double yellows, with no consideration for walkers or residents
- Cars often pull up on pavements on Wharf Road to get past each other. This happened in front of my children on a regular basis. The dangerous driving is extremely concerning and is getting worse. I feel that we are all waiting for a child to get hurt before anything is done about it.
- Pollution coming down Manor Road is quite bad from the congestion. Cars coming out of the campus don't always give way to pedestrians so I would never feel comfortable allowing my children to cross there without me, which holds them back in becoming more independent.
- Many drivers are in a rush, drive too fast and can be very inconsiderate. Surprising considering they have children going to the very school they are trying to get to.
- Traffic in the local area is hideous - visibility of and for young people but pedestrians generally is poor and therefore dangerous. As a local resident it is frustrating when trying to arrive home from work (to then walk and pick up my children from the schools), I struggle to get into my own road for the build-up of traffic. Parked cars up Manor Road mean you must drive on the opposite side of the road without clear visibility of oncoming traffic (due to the curved road) and when you do meet a car there is rarely a place to pull in to pass each other. Finally, I would like to express how serene it felt when the school staff were out patrolling the area and discouraging vehicles from entering the campus. It felt so much calmer and safe for my children. If only it had lasted!
- It's very dangerous for people walking. Cars mount the pavement to get by cars are parked illegally resulting in coaches and emergency vehicles not being able to pass. It's difficult to cross the entrance as it's practically 4 lanes wide and so many cars cross it
- Parking on the pavements and in appropriate areas needs to stop. Selfish behaviour of people accessing the campus when they shouldn't need to stop. I spent a hour moving people on from the campus during one morning on the safety week and lo and behold the next week the same cars are all back.
- I don't feel safe that my children are walking on the pavement. Cars are too impatient they come up onto the pavement where that should be a safe place for my children
- Some parents are extremely inconsiderate as to where / how they park on the nearby roads & by tailgating through the campus barrier.
- People should park near the drop off pick up point as it's blocking school buses and other delivery vehicles
- Speed bumps down Wharf Road may help
- Walking can be dangerous due to parked vehicles and lack of "safe crossing" areas. Cars often mounted the pavement rendering them impassible

- Cars continue to park dangerously, which makes visibility of and for pedestrians difficult.

Local people driving:

- We see people driving who live a 10 walk away!

Pavement congestion:

- Walking is also very congested
- It can be difficult walking up wharf road with all the children from the colet walking down
- Scooters and cycles on the path up to school are a menace also.
- PLEASE ensure that the no scooters and bikes on campus rule is adhered to. There are far too many ignorant parents ignoring their children and (some, not all) children far too young to have enough self-awareness to avoid collisions. The pathway is far too busy and causes so many delays.

Increase Traffic Restrictions

- I can't believe there aren't double yellow lines opposite the entrance to Wendover Canal on Wharf road. I've seen people parking there - right next to the lollipop person, which is surely highly dangerous. not sure if this is possible, but could google maps / sat navs etc be programmed to not direct people past schools during school hours? I'm sure local residents know not to voluntarily go down Wharf Road at these times but suspect those that do are just following a sat nav (realise this might be bigger than just Wendover!)
- Other comments: - Schools should be empowered by the council to enforce double yellow lines - staff authorised to provide evidence to lead to parking fines. - Consistency of messaging. Signs suggest driving on campus is allowed after 5pm but emails from schools sometimes suggest otherwise. - Utilise all combined parking facilities. The most dangerous situations for kids I have seen are when picking up at approx. 1730 on dark evenings when John Colet barriers are down, and cars are all squeezing into the campus road. JC car park usually near empty at that time of evening so should be left open allowing use for parents of all schools. Schools are all serving the same community after all. - Lobby the council to reconsider the recently installed cycleway on the south side of wharf road. Never see anyone cycle along it. Kids on bikes will use the north side pavement for the obvious reason that that is the side where the schools are. Instead, the council could usefully widen wharf road at the roundabout end by narrowing the pavement on the south side - thus providing two lanes in addition to spaces for parking outside the houses on the north side. This would considerably ease the flow of traffic at the roundabout and through Wendover generally during the school run. - Finally, please bear in mind that it is the 21st century and many families have two full-time earners for whom it is a challenge to manage school runs around commutes and other pressures. Some will drive because they are lazy, but many may do so because they have a very limited time window. We fully support the ambition of reducing congestion in the immediate area and are doing what we can to park further away when we can, but it often simply isn't possible. Do continue with this campaign but please be considerate of all situations in your messaging.
- We have only recently moved to wendover from Aston Clinton, so used to drive to school every day. I think more presence of officials / traffic monitors at school drop off and pick up would make a big difference.
- The children walk to school, and I'd suggest anyone (disability aside) living within Wendover is perfectly able to do the same. The bulk of Wendover is within 800m of the school. However, it is difficult to change habits. I don't think the parents that find it acceptable to drive will respond to encouragement. A change to the parking rules may work (no parking 8.00-9.30am zone) but it may just move the problem to another street.

- Some blue sky thinking... 1. Seek appetite for a register of locals with either a spare drive space or those who don't mind being blocked in for a short period during drop off and pick up. They can be matched with a single family that has to drive in so they can communicate directly should they need to. 2. Explore use of permit holders only being able to access wharf road during certain key periods. These can only be issued to residents and those who live outside a defined distance from the campus or have disabilities and must be always displayed in the car window. Occasional monitoring and enforcement by traffic officers. 3.
- Problem needs to be solved. Suggest police ticket cars parked in double yellow lines.
- I am a resident of Icknield close and think it would help for a one way system in the close to reduce the congestion, as there are often stand-offs between two cars facing each other and these vehicles often pull into residents driveways to allow people through, I have had my front wall knocked down by a driver who was doing this. Double yellow lines should be extended on wharf road to the left of where the crossing lady stands as cars frequently park on the path down that side of the road, this blocks the crossing lady's view, and I have witnessed her be verbally abused when she has politely asked people to move because she cannot see. Having a regular traffic warden would help improve matters as it is a deterrent, currently in the days after we have had one visit the parking becomes worse because people are wise to the fact we only have one about once a month.
- When cars can't pass each other, they happily mount the pavement to get passed regardless of whether there are pedestrians using the pavement. There needs to be more double yellow lines near the school to stop cars parking by the lollipop lady
- Yes, parents driving into the campus are ignoring right of way to pedestrians crossing the entrance road into the school. It's extremely dangerous
- Inconsiderate parking is an issue with people parking on curbs and blocking paths. People drive with little consideration to pedestrians, if the lolly pop lady isn't there it's hard to cross the road safely
- A small number of parents do not care they put others at risk due to their own selfishness. Once or twice a week there should be a traffic warden on site to issue tickets. There have only been empty promises so far.

Some possible solutions:

- A dedicated cycle lane down Wharf Road would be an excellent initiative.
- Better safe crossing spots.
- Is wonderful walking to school along canal and is catalyst for conversation with the children
- An additional pedestrian crossing at the entrance to campus is needed.
- the number of people/cars make the school run stressful and i worry for my children's safety. I think i one ways system would make things better during certain hours
- People parking on pavements are inconsiderate, making safe road crossing difficult for young people. I would like a zebra crossing in addition to the lollipop lady and another double yellow line there too. My children and I walk to school 20-25 each day no problem. On an occasion, we park at St Ann's and walk
- Another pedestrian crossing on Aylesbury Road between castle park road and Perry street would make it a lot safer for pedestrians coming from North west Wendover
- If the path by the canal is paved, then we could use this route, otherwise we just follow the road which gets busy
- The canal path improvements have made a noticeable difference as an alternative route to school, which is great.
- I think that the road should be a one way during peak time as it the to would smooth the traffic saving people having slalom round all the parked cars.
- Children not dismounting scooters and bikes is still a massive problem that needs to be managed by the school more effectively before there is an accident. Introduce ANPR cameras

at the campus entrance to catch repeat offenders who drive onto the campus whose registrations haven't been logged prior. The cost between the schools would be minimal and it would not be as hard to manage as perhaps you'd think

- Some children do not use scooters safely when rushing out of school. High risk of them crashing into someone or cutting someone up.
- I think new and more prominent signage to indicate no parking Areas would be beneficial. I think it doesn't help that people paint on the road and signs are faded.
- I would encourage the schools to apply to Buckinghamshire Council to have yellow "School keep clear" markings opposite the entrance to the school too. People Park there too, which is right next to the School. Rosing Patrol Officer and reduces visibility when crossing the road considerably.
- Please do enforce parking restrictions to deter parents from driving- put bollards up opposite the Colet drop-off and administer fines to parents. In the future better, safer parking or driving routes would be welcomed to help make the campus safer.
- There should be someone assigned each day on the campus (near the barrier or by the swimming pool) to ensure the rules are being followed. Also, the survey question asks about drop off specifically and not pick up. I never use the car to drop off but occasionally have to drive on the campus to pick up in the evening as I have a disabled child with a blue badge.
- Explore potential of a dedicated pick up and drop off at the new cricket ground car park as and when it became available.
- Trial a ban of all cars on campus except authorised personnel. With Bucks Council, make it a 20mph zone on wharf road and surrounding roads and/ or trial a full closure of wharf rd between 8:15-8:45. Either incentivise people to travel by sustainable means to encourage behavioural change. E.g. get Costa coffee or similar (ideally local- hobbies?) to sponsor initiative with a reward scheme OR penalties for 4x4's (more x mores) especially- take registrations/ name and shame on school weekly newsletters. Get some infographics to show how cars hitting kids kills them, the pollution the kids breathe in hurts them. The walking they could be doing helps their kids be healthy and not obese, teaches road awareness/ safety etc. Keep going with bikeability etc. kids love it. It's the parents. I know of people who live in wendover, as close as the high street, and drive to school. Get organised, get up and out 10 mins earlier... nonsense about it's a drop off on my way to work... none of them work! Haha
- My biggest issue, as a parent who walks to school every day, is the speed at which the cars travel. I think speed bumps would resolve this issue, but appreciate it is a BCC/local authority matter.
- Double yellow lines have been a waste of time unless someone will actively monitor the illegal parking every day. The number of cars still accessing the campus itself is still too high but I wonder what options do the schools have? Private clamping company?
- It would be nice to have a dedicated lane for scooters and cyclist when they hit campus as it's a bit of a free for all so we end up walking from there. A dedicated greener transport lane would be amazing
- more lighting when dark on the path up to the juniors please!
- The cycle track does not continue up wharf road. It's hazardous for young cyclists
- There should be red pedestrian markings across the entrances to the roads children have to cross down Wharf road. There should be a 20mph limit enforced during school drop off and pick up with flashing lights to warn drivers. The current school zigzag markings should be extended to the opposite side of the road so the lollipop lady can safely see both ways as can parents and children. Parents cars who park dangerously should have notices put on them to tell them not to park there. E.g where cars park completely on pavements, or half on pavements, or by the lollipop lady opposite the current zigzag lines where the ice cream man parks. Or blocking residents access etc. The main reason I do not want my child to walk alone down wharf road is because it is not safe. There are too many obstacles and lots of

inconsiderate parking. Today because of speed of cars I would not let my child cross the road on her own. The worst problem that is consistently happening is the cars by the lollipop lady endangering pedestrians. It is totally inconsiderate and it's an accident waiting to happen. The lollipop lady needs clear sight lines as does everyone else crossing there. Double yellow lines there would be better still. Also St Anne's car park is full most days so parking becomes a really bad issue. In other countries, during school drop off and pick up, there are responsible adults at each road that needs to be crossed on the way to school from a designated starting point (eg where wharf road meets Aylesbury road.) This way parents know that if they drop their child further away from school, that the main part of the walk where most accidents could occur is covered by helpers. This reduces cars hugely and gives independence to children who want it plus residents see less congestion and worry. There are more issues but you can contact me directly if you'd like me to outline those.

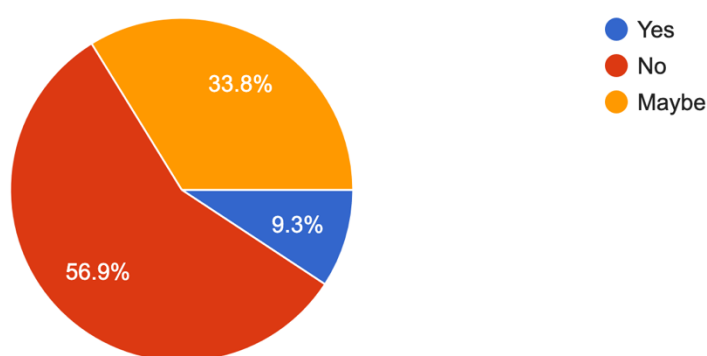
Other Comments:

- Too far as we live more than 4 miles away
- We walk in days parent not walking. Only drive outside of 8-4 on way to work or after work.
- Less of it
- I sometimes drive to collect from Premier, but this is out of peak time, circa 1730 and this is either because it is raining (heavily) or I am doing pick up on way to an activity.
- Correspondence by email seems to have little effect.
- I walk on my days off from Halton village
- We park at St Anne's church and walk to campus. We would walk the whole way if I didn't have to go direct from drop off to work.
- Children's own road safety awareness could be improved.
- People need to stop being so lazy. We walk in all weather.
- We scooter already on non-working days but it would be challenging if we have younger children 30 minutes.
- My eldest walks to the Colet every day, I walk to JHS 2/3 times a week when not going to the office
- We walk or scooter on my days off but it's not possible on my work days
- Walking is far healthier for you, your children, others and the environment. Sadly, there is a minority of drivers who consider themselves to be far more important than others and insist on driving onto the campus.
- Yes no zebra crossing in Wendover
- . We wish more people were walking to school.
- He will be cycling when it's warmer. I am in awe at how the students don't pay attention to crossing the roads. They just walk and very rarely check if it's ok to cross. Then the students who run out from behind a car to cross the road is also quite frightening. There are no zebra crossings which there needs to be and no jaywalking. I don't see a problem with the drive around and drop off outside the town hall. But the it needs to be drop off only and no parking as that holds everyone up.
- Parking further away just pushes the problem away from the school, it is no easier to get a space in the village than it is to near the campus.
- The roads off Wharf Road would be ideal for parents to park during drop-off and pick-up times, which only last around 20 minutes on either side of the school day. It seems unreasonable for residents to petition for yellow lines and parking restrictions when the school has been here long before many of them moved in. They would have been fully aware of the challenges of living near a school. Most of the houses in the area have large driveways, so residents don't rely on the road for parking their own vehicles.

- I know Wendover has gone downhill in recent years. Population has grown too. But what complete fool thought it was sensible to build 3 schools, 2-3 nurseries, community swimming pool, town hall and other facilities all in this one area. And then think it wouldn't bring traffic issues. You allow too many kids who don't even live in Wendover to come to these schools which is why there is so many in cars. Then everywhere from Aylesbury to Wendover has gotten overpopulated causing traffic not even related to the school. The council and all its employees need to open their eyes. Stop building homes and not putting in infrastructure. You caused your own problems.
- In snow wharf road hill very dangerous and needs gritting
- Safety around traffic
- My son and I walk quite a long way (over a mile) to school each day and honestly, I treasure it because it's quality time together and good for both of us. We are fortunate though that I have the time to be able to walk him to school and understand that's not possible for everyone. The parking situation is quite stressful in the roads near the school campus, and I see irresponsible (and dangerous) parking daily. After school there are numerous activities on the campus (at the swimming pool and at the football pitch for example) and often the barrier is down after 4pm at the John Colet car park. This causes chaos and it's currently dark around the drop off / pick up times for the clubs so checking this car park is available after school hours when clubs are busiest would help massively to reduce the congestion and improve safety during those periods after school.
- Really appreciate the initiative to encourage people to walk/scooter/cycle to school. I may be wrong, but I don't believe there are many reasons to drive to school and if it's absolutely necessary I don't understand the need to park immediately next to the school. It's so beneficial for children, adults and the planet to walk to school and I think it's important to educate children about the benefits in terms of mental/physical health and the environment. I'm happy to help with any initiatives if I'm able to.

And finally, would you be willing to volunteer on our Active Travel Awareness Days, to reduce traffic?

281 responses



It was great to see how many people would be happy to help address the traffic congestion around the Wharf Road Campus. We had 26 "Yes's" and 95 "Maybe's" which is fantastic

Summary:

This is obviously an issue that worries parents immensely and they have been thinking about a lot. There is a huge amount of detail in their answers and it's very helpful and interesting to see the

recommendations they make. In essence, if more is done, and this is very visible, to address this issue, more people will opt for their children to take more active green travel choices to school – but we need to work in partnership and reassure parents we will help build in the infrastructure and support to ensure their young people are safe.