

Walking to and from school

Many pupils live within walking distance of the school, and road crossings have been improved at Longden Road/ Roman Road roundabout, and at the school entrance. There is now a Toucan crossing outside the school allowing people to cross Longden Road safely.

There are also speed warning signs for motorists on the approaches to the school.

Please remind your children to take particular care if they walk through Meole Village, and as they walk over the narrow railway bridge on Stanley Lane.

You can download a Shrewsbury walking and cycling map from www.cycleshrewsbury.co.uk or ring 01743-253008 to request a free paper copy.

If you and your family would like to walk for leisure and to get your child ready for walking to school, there is a programme of walks available on the Shrewsbury and mid-Shropshire web pages via www.shropshireramblers.org.uk. Some of these walks are in Shrewsbury, and involve walking along and crossing roads.

Park and Stride.....

If you cannot avoid travelling to and from school by car, please do not park on Longden Road and Stanley Lane. Please DO NOT park in the school grounds. Large numbers of children walk or cycle across the entrances of the two school car parks on Longden Road and require a safe and uninterrupted journey into school. Please also avoid doing U turns in these areas. Manoeuvres such as this compromise the safety of our young people, and must be avoided.

Instead, **Park and Stride** - Bank Farm Road shopping centre is an ideal place to drop off and collect your children, and it is only a short walk of less than 5 minutes to the school. The Toucan crossing on Longden Road by the school entrance allows children to cross this busy road safely.

Did you know?

A study undertaken by the California Department of Education shows a direct link between academic achievement and the physical fitness of school pupils. The Study confirmed that fitness in children can be improved, not only by formal sports education but also by everyday activities, such as walking to school every day.

Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity, found that 51% of children driven to school would prefer to walk or cycle with friends.