



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Getting To School Guide

Welcome to Preston Candover CE Primary School!

This pack has been developed by our joint Parent and Governor Parking and Road Safety Committee, after consultation with parents, residents, the Parish Council and the Tennis Club to help us all get our children in to and out of school quickly and safely every day.

Background

In common with many rural schools, many pupils have to be driven to and from school.

Unfortunately, there is simply not enough parking around the school to accommodate all those parents who wish to drive their children to school themselves.

Current demand means we need about 80 spaces for all those who drive, but in fact we only have about 40 spaces directly available outside the school. Even including other parking areas that are slightly further away, we probably only have about 60 spaces available at any one time in the village.

There is therefore a great deal of congestion at school pick-up and drop-off times, which is exacerbating concerns parents already have over road safety at these times.

As parents, we really need to think about ways we can help make this situation better, perhaps by walking or cycling where possible, by lift sharing, or by using the school bus routes available.

Alternatives to Driving

Bus Routes

If you live within the school catchment area, but three miles or more away from school, you are currently entitled to free bus transport for your children to and from school if they are above 5 years of age.

Car Sharing

We would encourage parents whose children are not eligible for bus routes, and who live near each other, to share lifts wherever possible.

Cycling

Cycling to school is, of course, another option for those who wish to and are able to.

Driving to School

If, having exhausted all the alternatives, you still need to drive to school there are a variety of places that parents may park, with some caveats.

We would like to remind parents to consider all the available parking areas, bearing in mind their own needs, and the needs of others, when choosing where to park each day.

Summary

Parking Area	Number of Spaces	Comments
Village Hall/Community Store Car Park	7 + 1 disabled space	Keep Disabled Bay Clear.
Parking Bay	14	Please REVERSE INTO the spaces.
Stenbury Drive	c.10	Please keep local residents' driveways clear. Don't park too close to corner with main road.
On-Street Parking	c.15	See diagrams. Leave spaces. Don't block driveways.
Purefoy Arms – Currently unavailable	14	This is currently being refurbished but may have parking available in the future.
Outside Church	4	Limited parking but good for those with older children. Cross Wield Road to pavement.

Here is our guide:

Village Hall and Community Store Car Park



There are 7 parking spaces plus 1 disabled parking space.

The disabled parking space access **MUST BE LEFT CLEAR AT ALL TIMES**. There are both school parents and local residents with disabled parking badges, so please respect their needs. If you park here be aware that if you park in the centre behind another car you will be preventing that car from leaving until you return to your car.



Parking Bay opposite School



There are approximately 14 parking spaces here.

This bay is also very close to the school, however, if you are unable to walk behind the cars parked here, you may need to walk along the road to the Crossing Patrol in the morning, and/or cross the road further down, and so need to take some care.

As per the Highway Code, you must **REVERSE INTO** these spaces, enabling you then to drive out facing forwards. PLEASE DO NOT drive into these spaces 'front end in', as the rear end of your car (particularly of larger hatchbacks and 4x4s) can obstruct the view right down the road, creating a blind spot around Malmsmead and the start of the parking bay. This has caused some near misses in the past. Please reverse in to these parking spaces, to create clear visibility.

Summary: this parking bay can be used by anyone, but please remember to REVERSE into it.

On-Road Parking

There are no permanent parking restrictions on the B3046 running through the village and it is possible for parents to park along that road, provided we park sensibly and leave spaces for passing vehicles to pull-in when confronted by oncoming traffic.

However, **PLEASE DO NOT PARK CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL BUSES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL RAILINGS** (see red line on image below). This causes passing vehicles to drive for a long period of time on the wrong side of the road, round a bend, with very poor visibility. This creates an extremely dangerous situation for pedestrians crossing the road, and has been the cause of several near-accidents in the past. Blocking this space can also cause issues for school buses to be able to park safely next to the school.

The following images illustrate where exactly on-street parking is permitted:



North End of Village

This section of On-Street Parking begins at the large school patrol sign, and goes back to the entrance to close to Sumner House (40metres). Again, please leave spaces for vehicles to pull in if necessary, and do not block the driveway to Sumner House.



Middle of Village

There are about 60 metres of road here to park on, but please do not park opposite the Parking Bay.



However, you are legally able to park here, (see below) with caution. Please do not park with your wheels on the pavement, and leave spaces for passing cars to pull in.



Stenbury Drive



This is a very under-used parking area, with about 60 metres available.

We suggest more parents actively consider parking here.

Local police have confirmed that parents are allowed to park on Stenbury Drive, and can then walk down the pavements to the school.

This is slightly further away from school (although, in many cases, not much further than the tennis court parking) but safer, as there is a pavement to walk on, and it removes the need to cross the road.

As per the Highway Code, please do not park across resident's driveways, and do not park right on the corner to the main road.

South End of Village

There are about 70 metres from the end of Stenbury Drive to the Village Green.

As per the Highway Code, please do not park across resident's driveways, and do not park right on the corner to Stenbury Drive. Please leave gaps between cars to allow passing vehicles to pull in.

Please leave the way clear for pedestrians if parking in this particular spot.



Purefoy Arms Car Park – Currently Unavailable



The Purefoy Arms is currently undergoing refurbishment. Parking is not possible here at this time but may become so in the future. There are approximately 14 spaces. You would need to cross the road to the opposite side to walk on pavements all the way to the school.

Outside the Church



There are about 3/4 spaces here.

As with the Purefoy car park, this is a longer walk to school, and you will need to cross the Wield Road to walk on pavements all the way to school. However, it is usually free both morning and afternoon.

Please do not park on the Wield Road side of the triangle, as it not really wide enough for two cars to pass.

Tennis Club Parking



The lane giving access to the Tennis Club is a **private drive**, with **no public right of way**.

THEREFORE, ONLY TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS, WHO ARE USING THE COURTS TO PLAY TENNIS MAY PARK HERE.

If you are a member parking here to use the tennis courts, the Tennis Club kindly requests that you **do not park on the grass either in front of the tennis club, or on the grass verges along the lane**. Please do not park opposite the residents' driveways, nor use their driveway entrances as a turning circle. Please also try to avoid parking up the centre of this space and blocking others in.

A reminder to please make use of the Crossing Patrol when crossing the road.

Thank you for your support in maintaining safe drop off and collection arrangements.