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Why walk to school?

Walking to school is beneficial because:-

- It's healthy for adults and children.
 - It teaches children road safety.
- It's quicker than finding a parking space outside school.
 - It's better for the environment.
- It helps keep roads around school free from traffic, making it safer.

• It shows consideration to the residents in Avenue Road and Lethbridge Road who have Resident parking permits and need to park outside their property.

It's fun to walk and talk!

Please, if you do need to travel by car, use the 5 Minute Walk Zone. Our map will help you find where to park.

Car Parking Chaos

As a school we are aware of the constant problems arising from the lack of parking nearby the school. Unfortunately, there are no quick fixes as we cannot add or remove parking restrictions.

Why drive down the street, when it's safer to use your feet!

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help to keep everyone safer

on our roads

What can you do to help?

The majority of car park issues are caused by congestion and overcrowding in streets that are primarily resident parking zones. We do not have any parking spaces at school for parents to park their cars. So why not think about other alternatives - families that live in or near the zone are encouraged to walk, scooter or cycle to and from school every day, while those with longer journeys who choose to drive are asked to park safely outside the zone and walk the last five minutes of their journey. The local Co-op Supermarket has agreed to support us by allowing you to use their car park for a short time during the school run.

Could you be walking, scooting or cycling to school?

If you live inside the five minute walk zone you could walk or cycle to and from school every day. Even if you need the car to travel to work, it may be guicker and easier to leave it parked at home while you do the school run.

If you live just outside the zone, try walking, scooting or cycling - it could be quicker than you think!

If you have to travel by car to school, please try to park outside the walking zone, with care and consideration for local residents, and walk the rest of the way.

Why should I encourage my kids to be active? Don't they get enough at school?

Kids should enjoy 60 minutes of activity on top of their school day. While kids are active at school, most of the time they are actually sitting down and can be happy just to chat to their friends in the playground instead of running around. It's more fun if you make activity something the whole family can do together, and kids are more likely to join in if they see mum or dad doing it too.

Can you swap the school run for a school walk, scooter or cycle?



5 Minute Walk Zone

The Five Minute Walk Zone has been introduced at Lethbridge Primary School to encourage as many families as possible to walk either all or part of the way to school.

Our aim is to reduce traffic congestion around the school, to improve safety for everyone and to encourage families to walk at least part of their school journey - as the roads outside our school are getting more congested and dangerous and we need your support.

By walking, scooting or cycling to school you will be more energised and ready to learn





Why **Road Safety matters**

Your child, during their time at Lethbridge, will learn about road safety at school but as a parent or carer you also play a big part in helping your child to learn how to stay safer. Children will copy adults' behaviour, so if they see you taking risks they will probably take risks too. One of the best ways that you can help your child to stay safer is to set a good example when using roads, on foot, when cycling and in the car.

We teach various initiatives at school that will reinforce the road safety message to our pupils at various stages of their education. These have included Road Safety workshops, Bikeability and Scooter safety training.

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Reducing traffic congestion will improve the local environment for the whole community

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