Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, the schools are working very hard to try and reduce congestion at the school gates. It is hoped that by doing this, the school gates will be a safer place, thus encouraging more parents/carers to walk their children to school.

One way in which we are hoping to do this is by continuing with the “Park and Stride” scheme. This is a simple initiative, where parents/carers are encouraged to park their car a 10 minute walk from school and then walk the rest of the way.

We appreciate, however, that some children are unable to walk to school either due to parental work commitments, distance or a variety of other reasons. This is why we have created a 'Park and Stride' drop off point - somewhere where you can park your car and walk the last part of the journey to school. This should allow more children to take part in WoW (walk once a week), by providing children who have to be driven to school with the opportunity to walk part of their school journey.

We are therefore asking parents/carers to continue to park at either the Portsmouth Arms car park or the car park for Brighton Hill Playfields off of Gershwin Road and walk the rest of the way to school. Maps detailing these car parks can be found overleaf and on the school websites.

We hope that you will be able to continue to support us in this new initiative.

Many thanks,
Best wishes

Michelle Moore
Headteacher
Hatch Warren Infant School

Ed Dawson
Headteacher
Hatch Warren Junior School
Hatch Warren Schools Park & Stride Map

**Travelling to the Hatch Warren Schools**

Help make the school run safer and healthier by walking, scooting and cycling to school. Storage is available for your bikes and scooters; a healthy start to the day for everyone; cuts down on congestion; improves road safety and air quality near school. Please use the footpaths and underpasses and don’t try to cross Gershwin Road.

Drivers: please AVOID Gershwin Road which is extremely busy and dangerous at present. Please also respect our neighbours.

**The Highway code specifies:**
- **Rule 243** - DO NOT stop or park near a school entrance; anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services; opposite or within 10m (32ft) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space; in front of an entrance to a property; on a bend
- **Rule 224** - Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

For more guidance on travelling to the Hatch Warren Schools, visit ‘about us/travelling to school’ on [www.hwis.hants.sch.uk](http://www.hwis.hants.sch.uk) and please help us to reach Modeshift STARS Gold Level.

**Why not try something new?**

Park & Stride: If you have to drive, please use a Park & Stride car park and then walk the last few minutes to school – or “Scoot from your boot” to speed things up!

Park on my drive: Know friends who live locally? Why not ask to park on their drive and walk in together for a sociable start to the day?

Lift share: Going the same way as a neighbour? Why not lift share and then Park & Stride as often as possible and save on mileage and fuel?
WALK TO SCHOOL

We are excited to tell you that we will be continuing with the school project that our school started last year with national charity Living Streets and Hampshire County Council.

Here is some information about the project:

Who is involved?
Selected schools in Hampshire have been invited to participate in the project which encourages pupils and their families to walk to school at least once a week through an initiative called WoW.

What is WoW?
WoW is a scheme run by Living Streets, the charity behind the national Walk to School campaign, which encourages families to walk to school at least once a week. At the end of each month, children who walked at least once every week will receive a special collectable pin badge. There is a different badge to collect for each month of the school year, for 2018/19. There are different themes on the badges. Here are some examples:

WOW IS PROVEN TO INCREASE WALKING RATES BY UP TO 26%

We are Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking. We want to create a walking nation where people of all generations enjoy the benefits that this simple act brings, on streets fit for walking.

livingstreets.org.uk
What if we can't walk to school?
If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, all children can participate in WoW by walking at least 10 minutes to school.

If driving we recommend that you Park and Stride to earn your WoW badge - park safely away from the school e.g. at a friend's house - and walk the rest of the way.

Why are we encouraging walking to school?
Under half of UK children walk to school and this number is decreasing, whilst the number of children being driven to school has doubled in the last 20 years. Our school is taking part because of the many benefits we believe it will bring to our children and the community.

What next?
All children who walk all or part of the way to school can earn their first WoW badge now to start their collection. Have fun!

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact Michelle Moore (Headteacher) or visit livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool for more information.

We hope that you join in with this fun project so your family can enjoy the benefits of walking to school.