Norfolk House School



Vehicle Movement Policy

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Responsibility for review: School leadership

• Please read in conjunction with the Minibus Use Policy

• This policy will also be reviewed following an incident or near miss involving onsite vehicle movement.

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Norfolk House School comprises two small sites (Lower and Upper Schools, located at Princes Avenue and Muswell Avenue, respectively) that were built in the late 19th/early 20th century and therefore do not have any form of vehicular access.

While the school does lease and operate two minibuses, these are stored and driven solely on the public highway; they - not any other motor vehicle - can enter either of the school sites. Nevertheless, the school has created this policy in order to set out its procedures for safe operation in relation to the use of motor vehicles near to - as opposed to on - the school sites.

SECTION 1: Procedures

1. Scope

This guidance applies to all vehicle movements undertaken near/around school premises that are necessary for the smooth operation of the school.

2. Objectives

The school seeks to ensure that the all reasonable steps are taken to ensure that pedestrians and vehicles can undertake movements outside each school site in a safe manner and that vehicles and pedestrians are separated wherever possible.

3. Responsibility

The Leadership Team has responsibility for the implementation of this policy with support from the Site Manager as appropriate. The following areas will be addressed:

- School Minibuses
- Parking and deliveries
- · Access control and security
- School travel plan

Checklists in Section 2 cover design and layout, reversing, risk control and specific issues, and are used to develop and review procedures and undertake risk assessments. A member of staff to whom the Head has delegated responsibility (the Traffic & Road Safety Ambassador). will be responsible for liaison with the local authority (Haringey) and highway authority (TfL) with regard to the School Travel Plan.

Deliveries

Collection of refuse and recycling takes place without the need for a vehicle to be brought on site.

Wherever possible, deliveries are organised to take place at times when pupils are not on site, such as before the start of the school day. Deliveries should be arranged in advance wherever possible. Their arrival and departure will be supervised by the site manager or a member of administration or catering staff, as appropriate, and parking will be permitted only in designated areas on the public highway outside the relevant site (Lower or Upper School).

Refuse and Recycling Collections

Collection of refuse and recycling takes place without the need for a vehicle to be brought on site.

Wherever possible, collections are organised to take place at times when pupils are not on site, such as before the start of the school day. Their arrival and departure will be supervised by the site manager or a member of administration or catering staff, as appropriate, and parking will be permitted only on the public highway outside the relevant site (Lower or Upper School).

School minibuses for transportation between sites and to offsite venues

The school may on occasion use the minibus(es) to transport pupils between the two school sites or to educational venues located off-site (e.g for sports, fixtures, trips, etc.).

Any staff member driving the minibus(es) for these purposes must be appropriately qualified (with a D1 license) and must follow the procedures described in Minibus Policy.

The School Minibus Driver (or whichever qualified member of staff is operating the vehicles(s) in their stead) supervises the arrival and departure of the minibuses and ensures the safety of pupils and their separation from vehicles. Pupils will wait in designated areas away from transport movement prior to boarding and will be guided to move away safely from transport after disembarking.

All use of the school minibus(es) must be arranged via the School Business Manager. This will include the departure and return times of the vehicle so that suitable arrangements can be made with regard to the overlapping with any other vehicle movements.

Legal Requirements and Education Standards

References:

- A. Handbook for the Inspection of Schools The Regulatory Requirements, Part 3 (http://www.isi.net)
- B. Health and Safety Executive, homepage workplace transport (www.hse.gov.uk)
- C. "Guidelines for Environmental design in Schools" DfE Guidance 2003