**Transition Time**

**Suggested wording for parent/carer pack letter, Year 7 senior schools:**

Your child is starting their journey on to secondary school soon. This may be the first time that they travel independently. The way they travel may also change with a new location, such as using a public bus for the first time. So, now is the perfect time to look at how your child will travel to their new school. A new location may give you/them an opportunity to reconsider their travel choice. Why not have a conversation with them, work out a route/intended way to travel and have a practice so they are ready for September?

The school journey is a great opportunity for your child to start their day in a positive and energised way.

By leaving the car at home or dropping your child a short distance away from the school gate and encouraging them to walk the last 5-10 minutes to school, your child will be healthier, happier and ready to learn and you/they will help to reduce congestion, improve air quality locally and make the school run safer.

Perhaps consider if your child can lift share if they are going the same way as a neighbour/friend.

Maybe they can be dropped/collected at a more local friend’s house.

Positive active travel choices do make a difference! 🚶‍♀️🛴🚲🚌🚆

A great way of starting to think about your child’s journey is to check out the **‘Just the Journey’** map for your new school. The maps show highlighted footpaths, cycle routes, crossings and parking which is away from the school. It also displays how long the journey will be from your starting point.

To view your child’s school map, go to:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/just-the-journey>

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Description automatically generatedKeep track with the Route Guard app**

Route Guard is an app promoted by HCC’s Road Safety team. It helps families to plan travel together providing reassurance for parents/carers and young people alike. It is secure, promotes independence and uses real time data so parents/carers know where their child is and can be notified should they leave their agreed route. The resources are free for schools to use, and cost parents £2.99 to register and use the app. It is then free for students. Find your school along the top bar. School not listed? Please contact the Road Safety team: <road.safety@hants.gov.uk>

<https://routeguard.co.uk/>

In addition, there is a wealth of supporting information on the My Journey Hampshire website:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/hampshire-transition>

The ‘Starting Year 7: Key Stage 3, Secondary School’ flyer may be of particular interest to you:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/media/4853/mj-transition-time-moving-to-year-7-flyer-hcc-2025.pdf>

Also see Hampshire County Council Road Safety Team’s newsletter:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/media/4837/hcc-road-safety-transition-newsletter-2024.pdf>

***Notes for school:***

***Additional information the school may wish to add in:***

School - if you have any active travel schemes in place such as a Park and Stride site(s), this newsletter is a great place to add this information (text, a map, a link).

School - perhaps you have an active travel page on your school website that you would like to add a link to?

If you don’t currently have one but would like to create an active travel page, there is some helpful information at:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/media/3365/my-journey-create-a-travel-webpage-toolkit.pdf>

*Please feel free to use the section below to add in your own helpful information to support active travel.*