

**Sustrans School Travel Case Study**  
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## **Lavant CE Primary School**

**Title of project:** Safer Parking

**Local Authority:** West Sussex County Council

**Partners:** School Travel Plan Working Group, Local Authority, Parents, Pupils, Local Businesses

**Key Features:** School Travel Plan, Pupil Involvement, Community Involvement, Infrastructural Changes

**Summary:** Lavant CE Primary is a small village school with just over 80 pupils on roll. Over 50% of the pupils travel from out of catchment (over 2 miles), and there is no school transport provided by the local authority. Therefore, the majority of children travel to school by car.

The school is located along a country road, and parking is very poor. Directly outside the school is a turning circle which can be used for dropping off / picking up pupils. Within the turning circle are the normal yellow zig-zag markings indicating no parking. This is often abused by parents, with cars parking within the turning circle, blocking the pavement, and forcing pupils wishing to pass to walk in the road.

**Initiative:** Representatives from the Travel Plan Working Group met with the School Council to discuss road safety issues in general. The pupils were concerned about the parking in the turning circle. They had already produced a Parking Promise leaflet, asking parents to 'promise' to park safely. This only produced a response from 25% of families, so the School Council felt that something else had to be done.

Producing no parking signs to display on the fencing near the turning circle was discussed, and the School Council suggested running a competition to design signs. The School Council organised the competition, wrote to all pupils and collected in the designs. The Travel Plan Working Group acted as judges and selected six signs that best represented the messages they wished to get across.

The Headteacher then discussed producing the signs with a local business, Super Signs Ltd ([www.supersignsltd.co.uk](http://www.supersignsltd.co.uk)).

Two of the designs were made into signs to put on the fence, and the other four made into free-standing signs, utilising recycled motorcycle tyres as bases. The signs on the fence are permanent, and two of the free-standing signs are put out alongside the turning circle each day.



**Outcomes:** There has been an immediate visible impact, in that no cars are parking on the yellow zig-zags within the turning circle.

**Costs and Funding:** None, as the signs were kindly donated to the school by Super Signs Ltd.

**Problems and solutions:** N/A

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