

Daisy Chain Nursery Travel Plan

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This travel plan relates to parents, staff, visitors and deliveries.

1. The Business – Executive Summary

Daisy Chain Nursery is an Ofsted registered setting which provides full day care for children between the ages of 0-5 years. The Nursery has operated at 99 Havant Road, Emsworth, Hampshire PO10 7LF since July 2006, and operates between 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday, 51 weeks of the year. The Nursery has an excellent reputation and a long waiting list, due to its popularity and a shortage of childcare places in the local area.

When Daisy Chain opened in 2006, Ofsted registered the premises for 32 children, and this increased to 34 children 2009. In 2013 Ofsted removed the condition specifying registered numbers from Early Years certificates, instead requiring nurseries to calculate their capacity based on Statutory regulations regarding room area and facilities. This was to allow more provision for much needed childcare spaces across the country, and was supported by the Havant Childcare Development Team. Daisy Chain Nursery has the capacity for 39 children. Parents access the car park predominantly between 8-9am, 12.45-1.15pm, and 4.45-6.00pm. Outside of this time, the car park has just the three staff vehicles apart from when we have parents coming for nursery tours, visitors such as Hampshire Early Years Advisors, Food Hygiene, Apprenticeship Tutors, trades people or deliveries. On average we receive three visits from people from outside of staff/parents per day.

Staff are able to leave bikes safely locked by the garage or can place them inside the garage if they prefer. The nursery is very close to a bus stop, bringing staff in from all along the A259 (Chichester to Havant).

In the 16 ½ years that we have operated the nursery in Emsworth, there have been no concerns raised from Havant Borough related to travel.

2. Travel Patterns and predicted volumes

The heaviest traffic is between the hours of 8-9am, 12.45-1.15pm, and 4.45-6.00pm.

2.1 Parents

The nursery takes up to 39 children at any time. A majority of children stay all day as most of our parents work in the local area and require full day care.

During the COVID pandemic, we remained open to provide vital care for Key Worker and Vulnerable children. To minimise interactions, a new drop-off and pick-up policy was initiated, where parents dropped off or received their child at the front door, rather than entering the nursery. This policy has had a positive effect, both of settling children quickly and of reducing the amount of time it takes to drop off/collect a child.

After consultation with parents and staff, we have retained this policy and as a result, the average time a parent spends in the car park is approximately 4 minutes.

- On an average day, 22% of the children walk or cycle to nursery.
- On an average day, 15% of our children have siblings at the nursery so share a car.
- On an average day 14 children leave or arrive at lunchtime (between 12.45-1.15pm)
- Most children arrive between 8-8.30am which is when we serve breakfast.
- Parent arrivals are naturally staggered over this period. In the morning this depends on whether they are going directly to a place of work after the nursery drop off or are taking older children to school first, or are working from home. In the evenings, this depends a wide range of factors, such as their working hours, their journey time from work, after school activities, or meetings etc.

Total number of children arriving for session	39
Average number of children who walk or cycle to nursery	8
Average number of children who car share (siblings)	6
Average number of cars entering the car park between 8-9am	28
Average number of cars entering the car park between 8-8.30am	24

When the nursery was granted planning permission in 2005, it included a layout for the nursery car park of 8 parking spaces for staff, 2 of which were in the garage and 6 spaces in front of the building. This plan proved difficult due to the following reasons;

- The plan included no spaces for parents to drop off children
- The turning circle didn't work and wasn't adopted by drivers when parking

In addition, a revised layout allowed more space for parents to open doors to get children in and out of cars

In the 2010 review, a more efficient layout for parking was identified.

- 3 staff vehicles are parked in front of the garage.
- 5 spaces are allocated for parents
- The car park comfortably takes 8 cars in the layout attached as appendix 1, so the 2 garage spaces are not currently used for parking

This layout allows 3 parent cars to park across the front of the building and 2 further parent cars to park by the hedge/alongside the flower bed. This works extremely well and provides parents with enough space to open car doors (which the original plans made impossible with typical family vehicle sizes) and more importantly, to take their children out or put their children back into their car seats safely. Parents are also advised to reverse into spaces 1-3 on the plan, spaces 4 and 5 can be entered either forwards or in reverse

Mornings

Number of parent spaces	5
Average amount of time to drop off a child	4.25 mins
Maximum no. of cars able to access the car park between 8-8.30am	35.29
Average number of cars entering the car park between 8-8.30am	24
Average % car park occupancy between 8-8.30am	68%
Maximum no. of cars able to access the car park between 8.30-9am	35.29
Average number of cars entering the car park between 8.30-9am	4
Average % car park occupancy between 8-8.30am	11.3%
Total average % car park occupancy between 8-9am	39.67%

Lunchtime

Number of parent spaces	5
Average amount of time to collect a child	4.25 mins
Maximum no. of cars able to access the car park between 12.45 – 1.15pm	35.29
Average number of cars entering the car park between 12.45 – 1.15pm	12
Average % car park occupancy between 12.45 – 1.15pm	34%

Evenings

Number of parent spaces	5
Average amount of time to collect a child	4.25 mins
Maximum no. of cars able to access the car park between 4.45 – 6.00pm	88.23
Average number of cars entering the car park between 4.45-6.00pm	28
Average % car park occupancy between 8-8.30am	31.7%

As the above tables show, there is ample car park capacity for parents to collect their children from nursery safely.

2.2 Staff

All staff are encouraged to use public transport, to cycle, to get dropped off or to walk to work. Staff are notified of this at the time of an offer of employment. Three staff can park at the nursery.

Average No of staff present at one time	10
No of staff who park in the car park	3
Staff who arrive by bus/walk/cycle	3
Staff who park in Emsworth	4

2.2 Visitors and Deliveries

- Deliveries such as office supplies or food are scheduled between 9:00 - 11:30am or 1:30 - 4:30pm. We receive on average 7 deliveries a week.
- Prospective Parents are invited to tour the nursery at 9.30/10am. On average we carry out 2 tours per week.
- Other visitors are adhoc such as Hampshire Early Years Advisors, Food Hygiene, Apprenticeship Tutors or trades people.
- The low volume of visitors and deliveries presents no issue regarding capacity.

3. Location

The Nursery is located on the A259. An audit of other businesses on this road between the Havant roundabout and the Emsworth roundabout shows a range of non-domestic sites that service the local population;

2 Petrol Stations

1 Garage

1 Hotel

1 Sports and Social Club

1 Lawyers

1 Medical Centre

1 Public House

1 Accountants

3 Care Homes

1 Veterinary Provision

Since 2019, the Saxon Corner development has been added to the A259. The development has added 147 homes to the direct area, and has increased the demand for places at the nursery further. We are the only provision in Emsworth within walking distance to this development.

3.1 Transport Links

The Nursery benefits from good transport links. There are bus stops within 50-75 metres on both sides of the Havant Road. Emsworth is served by the 700 bus which runs both ways from Portsmouth to Chichester. Emsworth Train Station is located 1 mile away (20 minute walk).

4. Travel Plan Outcomes and Targets

- The review found that travel plan continues to work well.
- We continue to support and promote sustainable travel.
- With the development of Saxon Corner and a growing demand for childcare spaces from that development, we anticipate that the 22% of parents and children already walking/cycling to nursery could further increase.

Appendices

1. Revised Car Park Layout