

Car Sharing

Car sharing has many benefits; it is easier to find a parking space, you help the environment by reducing emissions, and you get to share your journey with a co-worker or friend. This is all in addition to the obvious financial savings that can be made.

Brook Academy will have its own car sharing database, with which, you can be matched with other drivers in your area to car share to work. In addition, you can enter your journey details into carsharegloucestershire.com and check to see if there are any suitable matches for you to car share.

There is a Guaranteed Ride Home scheme in place at Brook Academy in order to ensure that car sharers are able to get home in the event of a home or family emergency, or illness or a sudden change in the work schedule of either the car driver or the passenger occurring during work time.

Did you know?

The average commute to work is 10 miles (one way) and, by sharing the cost of that journey every day, the Department of Transport estimate you could save you up to £1,000 per year. The more miles you commute, the more money you can save by car sharing.



Electric Cars

If you are using an electric car already, then fantastic! If not, you may want to consider the benefits of an electric car:

- Low/zero carbon emissions which reduces your carbon footprint
- Cheaper running costs with no car tax or fuel duty
- Very quiet engine, reducing the stress of driving
- Digital support services for owners



For more information on why an electric car might be right for you, visit goultralow.com.

Electric vehicle charging points are located around the site and are indicated on the enclosed map.

Travel Plan Co-ordinator

As we look to implement a Travel Plan to positively influence sustainable travel at Brook Academy we have designated a Travel Plan Co-ordinator to oversee all travel related issues.

If you have anything you would like to raise regarding your journey to work, please contact them:

[DETAILS TBC]



Travel Information Guide

BROOK ACADEMY

Helping you find your way sustainably

Sustainable Travel at Brook Academy

At Brook Academy as part of our commitment to sustainability, we are looking to improve our carbon footprint by facilitating and encouraging sustainable modes of travel, such as public transport, walking, cycling, and car sharing.

This Travel Information Guide will provide you with all the information you need to choose to travel more sustainably on a day to day basis.



Walking and Cycling

Walking and cycling are excellent ways to improve your general health, vitality and wellbeing. They are also the most simple, easy and reliable ways to travel to and from Brook Academy.

If you live in Cheltenham or Gloucester, why not consider cycling to Brook Academy. If you live in Brockworth or Coopers Edge walking could be a realistic option for you. Switching to these modes can improve your physical and mental health. A map of the routes for walking and cycling to Brook Academy are provided within this guide.

Brook Academy will provide the opportunity to participate in cycle training and the 'Cycle to School' nationwide events, whilst also hosting the 'Cycle to Work Scheme' where you can obtain a new bicycle. Safe and secure cycle parking is available at Brook Academy which means you can have peace of mind whilst going about your school day

The map of Brook Academy contained within this pack indicates cycle parking locations, for your reference.

Visit Gloucestershire's dedicated sustainable travel resource thinktravel.info to find more information on walking and cycling, as well as travel advice and details on bicycle training.



Please contact the Travel Plan Coordinator for more information (see overleaf for further details).

Catching the Bus

Brook Academy is beneficially located to catch the bus. Travelling by bus has a number of benefits, which include:

- Saving money
- Avoiding parking hassle
- Removing driving stress
- Enable users to enjoy a journey instead of focussing on operating a vehicle



Studies have found that commuting by bus can be up to 60% cheaper than travelling by car, with those travelling greater distances found to save up to £100 per month.



The nearest bus stops are located approximately 600m away at Shurdington Road (A46). These stops provide frequent services via the 10 Gold and the 66 Gold from Brockworth towards Gloucester and Cheltenham.

The most frequent service operates from Shurdington Road, with Service 10 Gold stopping on Mill Lane from 05:55 – 23:25.

Services run Monday to Sunday and depart every 15 minutes during the daytime. Timetables for all bus services can be found at: travelinesw.com/

Useful Apps

There are a wide range of apps currently available that can assist you with your sustainable travel choices. The following can be readily downloaded onto your smart phone and will aid you in planning your journey via a range of sustainable transport modes.



UK Bus Checker

Helping you plan your journey and view live route maps, this app will let you stay one step ahead of changing bus timetables - so you'll never be in a rush to catch a bus again.



Cycle Streets Journey Planner

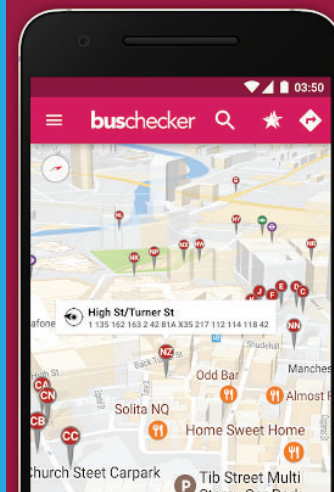
Cycle journey planner app, with clear itinerary and maps. Plan routes from A to B anywhere in the UK. Add your photos of cycle-related problems and good practice.



Love to Ride/Gloucestershire

A platform that allows you to record your cycle rides and set goals, as well as earn incentives and rewards the more you use your bike.

Find nearby stops.



LEGEND:

-  Brook Academy
-  No. 10 Gold and 66 Gold Bus Stops
-  Walking / Cycle Routes towards Brockworth and Coopers Edge
-  Cycle Routes towards Hucclecote, Barnwood and Gloucester
-  Cycle Routes towards Churchdown
-  Cycle Routes towards Shurdington, Leckhampton and Cheltenham
-  5-minute walk time (as the crow flies)
-  10-minute walk time (as the crow flies)
-  5-minute cycle time (as the crow flies)

