

Biking

Students can bike to and from school!
(but no biking in the school grounds
between 8:30am – 3:15pm!)

Year 0 – Year 4 students

- Must bike with an adult.

Year 5 & 6 students

- Must have completed the school bike training course.
- Must wear a High Visibility Vest **(Available for free from the school)**
- Must have completed with their parents and returned to school the High Visibility Vest Agreement form.



Scoters

Students can scooter to and from school!
(but no scootering in the school grounds
between 8:30am – 3:15pm)

- Students must use them sensibly to get to and from school.
- They are not to be ridden in the school grounds between 8:30am and 3:15pm.
- Talk to your teacher about where to keep them at school.



Willow Park School

We are a TravelWise School

**Please help us make journeys to our school active,
social, safe and sustainable.**



TravelWise is supported by the Auckland Regional Transport Authority in partnership with North Shore City Council

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Driving

If you need to drive, please observe and discuss with your child the following safe practices:

Dropping Off and Picking Up

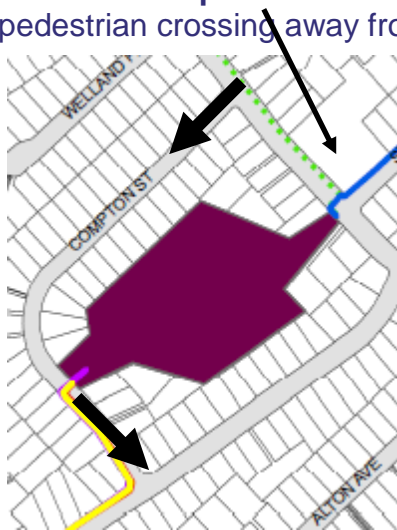
- Park a short distance from the school and walk with your child/ren to and from school.
- Always park beside the footpath & ensure children exit & enter vehicles on the footpath side & not the road side.
- Always use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road.
- Do not wave or call your child/ren across the road.
- Always drive slowly near the school and watch for pedestrians and cyclist at all times.

Compton Street

- Use voluntary **one-way system** - In via Eban Ave. Out via Moore St (see map below) before and after school.
- Please observe **2 minute** waiting time outside of the school.

Park & walk

- Plenty of free parking before and after school in the **Northcote Baptist Church Car Park** (Only a pedestrian crossing away from school)



Walking School Buses are owned and operated by the parents of the school. Please check with the school on the current status of their routes.

Willow Park School Walking School Bus Routes

Willow Park Bus Timetables

These are the Bus Timetables. **Please be aware that your children may only join the Bus by prior arrangement** - we need a signed consent form and, as the parent to children ratio is strictly controlled, we need to know exactly how many children will be on each Bus each day.

Willow Park Express

Departs from	Departure Time	Walks via	Arrives at School
17 Betsland Cres	8.20am	McDowell Cres, Moore St, Compton Ave	8.40am

Contact person for this route: Jenny Raven ph: 483-5884

Pupuke Prancers

Departs from	Departure Time	Walks via	Arrives at School
Corner Tilden Ave and Pupuke Road	8.20am	Tilden Ave, Moore St, Compton Ave	8.40am

Contact person for this route: Paula Cleghorn ph: 419 1333
Megan Henderson ph: 442 5954

Lynden Ave Express

Departs from	Departure Time	Walks via	Arrives at School
Corner Lynden Ave and Linley Place	8.30am	Lynden Ave, Sylvia Rd, Eban Ave	8.40am

Contact person for this route: Di Ware ph: 480-0385

Magic School Bus

Departs from	Departure Time	Walks via	Arrives at School
Pupuke Rd water tower opp Lydia Ave	8.30am	Walkway to Shanaway Rise then walkway to Moore St	8.40am

Contact person for this route: Jane Bain ph: 418 1618
Deb Develter ph: 418 3585

Sylvia Stars

Departs from	Departure Time	Walks via	Arrives at School
Corner Hillcrest and Sylvia Rds	8.25am	Travels along Sylvia Rd to school	8.40am

Contact person for this route: Rachael Snelling ph: 441-9140

Willow Park Wanderers

Departs from	Departure Time	Walks via	Arrives at School
58 Mountbatten Ave	8.20am	Hume Dr, Eban Ave	8.40am

Contact person for this route: Trudy Medemblik ph: 419 0876

Walking

We encourage you to walk with your children to and from school as it:

- Helps improve your child's fitness and health (and yours).
- Gets them to arrive at school awake, alert and ready to learn.
- Keeps the school gates clear of cars, so it is safer for everyone.
- Helps your child to learn road sense skills and become familiar with their community.
- Reduces polluting car emissions in the environment.

Turn over for information about how to sign up your child with a Walking School Bus.

Also find enclosed your child's first Ten Trip TravelWise Ticket!





Attached is your first **Ten Trip TravelWise Ticket!**

This scheme recognises all those children who walk (independently or with a Walking School Bus), cycle or park'n'walk to school. We are also happy for children to scooter to school so long as the scooters are used sensibly in the school grounds, and are stored appropriately in the cloakrooms during the day. All these children are helping to reduce congestion at the school gates, helping our environment and keeping themselves fit – and they should be recognised for that.

All about the Travel Ticket:

- On the back of your ticket each child should write their name, room number, year and House.
- The Travel Ticket is signed by a parent or guardian each time their child walks, cycles, scooters or uses the park'n'walk for a journey to or from school.
- So if your child walks to school and then home again, they can have two trips signed off. Walking School Bus drivers may also 'click' tickets for Bus passengers.
- Once the Ten Trip Ticket is completed, the student takes it to their Assembly on Friday. There, all completed tickets are collected in and each completed ticket earns a House Point.
- New tickets will also be issued at the Assembly.
- There will be a teacher at each Assembly who will be ensuring that new tickets are available and that House Points are given out. We have chosen to do all this at the Assemblies so that those who hand in their completed tickets can be congratulated by their peers.
- As well as the House Point for each completed ticket, there will also be regular prize draws so it is important that we have all the details filled in please.

We hope that you will continue to encourage your children to choose a sustainable way of getting to School and we thank you in advance for your support of this Ten Trip TravelWise Ticket.



Your child can take a walking bus to school!

A "Walking School Bus" is a volunteer group of parents who act as 'Drivers' and 'Conductors' escorting a group of children on their walk to school. They walk along a designated route at set times, picking up children at 'Bus Stops'. The children are all escorted onto school grounds, not left at the gates. The Walking Buses are run in accordance with guidelines issued by the Auckland Regional Transport Authority, and all bus routes are safety checked by Council engineers and the NSCC Road Safety Co-ordinator.

The Walking School Buses are a great way for the children to get to know other children and parents at the school and they do actually have a lot of fun! Most children enjoy walking to school especially if mum or dad accompanies them on occasion, and of course it is a great way to promote healthy exercise and reduce traffic congestion at the school gates.

Willow Park Primary runs six morning buses At the moment we do not currently run any afternoon buses. We are always encouraging new families to join our Buses. It is hoped that if your child joins one of the buses you will be prepared to walk with the Bus at least once a week as a 'Driver', but we do understand that this is not always possible.

The guidelines for Walking School Buses are as follows:

- ◆ The bus walks a set route at the same time each day, and whatever the weather.
- ◆ The route is safety checked by the North Shore City Council.
- ◆ There must be at least 1 adult per 8 children walkers. Families using the bus are encouraged to volunteer to be on the Driver roster at least once a week, but it is appreciated this is not always possible.
- ◆ There will be 'Bus Stops' along the route and children can join the bus at these points.
- ◆ Parents are responsible for getting their child(ren) safely to the Bus Stop on time.
- ◆ The bus takes the children right in to the school.
- ◆ Parents give a clear indication of which days their child(ren) will be joining the bus, and notify the 'Driver' if for some reason their child(ren) is not walking on a particular day.
- ◆ Walking school bus parents generally find they have more time and support through their involvement than before they joined. Just ask some of us. We wear those bright vests.

If you would like further information about our Walking School Buses phone Jane Bain (Ph 418-1618) who is the parent co-ordinator for the Walking Buses at Willow Park.