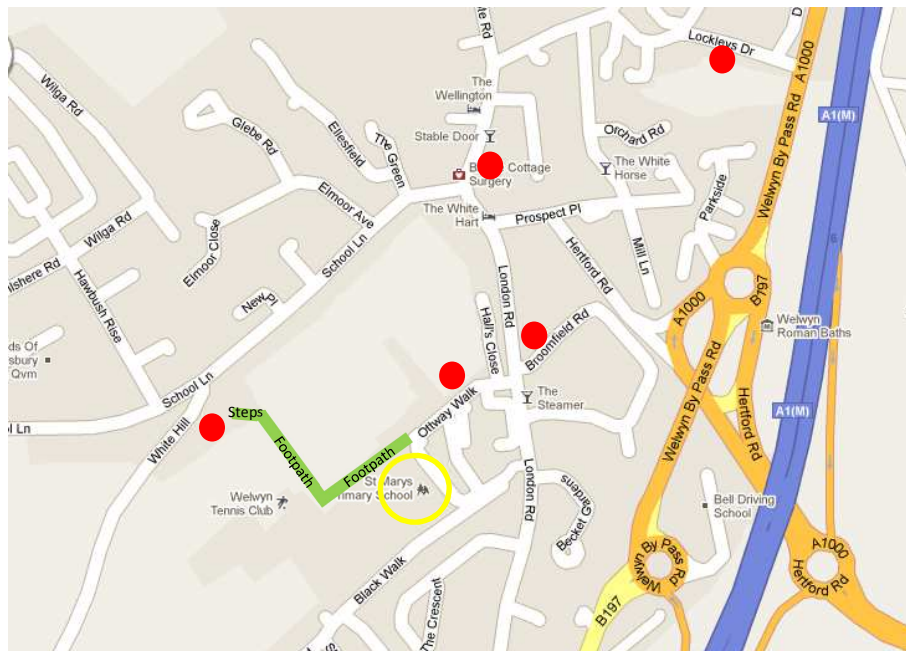


Which would be the best car park for our family?

There are several car parks in and around Welwyn village (see map). Depending on where you live, will determine which car park would best suit you.



Welwyn Parish Council car parks ● : Ottway Walk; Whitehill; Broomfield Road; High Street, Lockleys Drive.

Parking in residential streets is also possible, but please be considerate to the local residents if you choose this option. Poor parking causes great offence and it also obstructs other road users, including other parents!



It's cool to walk to school!



Welwyn St Mary's
Church of England Primary School



Park and Stride

(part of the School Travel Plan)



Walk to School!

Introduction

Unlike other local primary schools, Welwyn St Mary's is privileged to have both a drop-off area in its grounds and a large public car park nearby. However, with increasing numbers of families choosing to drive to school, it has become evident that the safety of our children could be compromised, due to the volume of traffic in and around the school grounds and local roads. With several initiatives already in place to improve safety, this leaflet is designed to introduce another idea. We would like more of our families to **Park and Stride**, to help reduce further the volume of traffic around the school.

What is Park and Stride?

Park and Stride is an initiative to encourage part driving and part walking – starting off in the car and finishing your journey on foot – thus avoiding parking too close to the packed Ottway Walk car park and on London Road. The advantages are:

- ✓ Ease congestion in and around the school
- ✓ Improve safety
- ✓ Encourages exercise
- ✓ Eco-friendly
- ✓ May actually save time!

Why do we need families to Park and Stride?

An increasing number of families are driving their children to school on a daily basis. For a number of these families, walking from home is not an option. Maybe it's too far to walk all the way? Maybe, you combine the 'school run' with another onward journey, to another school or to work? If this applies to you, could you consider **'Park and Stride'**?

Who should Park and Stride?

The government considers that KS1 children should be able and encouraged to walk to school a distance of up to 800 metres; for secondary pupils this rises to 2km. So it is perhaps reasonable to suggest up to 1km for KS2 children. On a regular basis this will have a beneficial effect on fitness. The circle on the map shows an approximate 800m "straight-line distance" centred on the School and in red shading, part of the School's formal catchment area. If you live

within that circle, consider forgetting the car and try to walk to school. Anyone coming to school from outside this perimeter, should consider 'Park and Stride' – you will avoid the parking congestion close to the School and get some exercise! The parking demand on London Road and Ottway Walk is not sustainable and is causing major problems with residents as well as safety concerns. Even Ottway Walk car park with 60 spaces is not sufficient at peak times.

