

Travel to **Oakfield Primary Academy**

Every child in our school will confidently grasp the challenges of tomorrow



Welcome to Your School

Located in Dartford, **Oakfield Primary Academy** is a vibrant three-form entry school with its own Nursery, serving a large residential catchment area. The majority of our pupils live within walking distance, making it easy and convenient to choose **active travel**.

We're proud to offer a range of wraparound care options, including a **Breakfast Club** and **After-School Club**, as well as a variety of exciting **extra-curricular clubs**. These can support your child's development—and help you avoid the busiest drop-off and pick-up times.

We are passionate about creating a **safe, clean, and healthy environment** for our children and the wider school community.



Reducing cars on the road

We understand that walking, cycling, or scooting the entire journey to school isn't always possible. A great alternative is to try a 'Park and Stride' approach—simply park a short distance from school and walk the final 5 to 15 minutes.

Children are welcome to cycle or scooter to school and can make use of the on-site storage facilities. We also offer training to help them learn how to ride safely.

To help keep everyone safe and reduce congestion, please **avoid parking on Oakfield Lane**, as it creates significant traffic and increases the risk of accidents.

A morning drop-off facility is available from **8:30am to 8:50am** for your child.



How else can I encourage my child to walk to school

We love seeing families getting active on the journey to school! Even if it's raining, just pop on some wellies and waterproofs—it can still be a fun and refreshing start to the day.

Remember, If mornings are rushed, try walking or cycling **just one way**—walking home in the afternoon is a great option.

Year 5 and 6 children are encouraged to walk or cycle independently if ready. It's a fantastic step towards building independence for secondary school.

Make the most of your time together - **chat about**

the day, play a game, or practise road safety skills along the way.



Responsible Parking

Before setting off on your school journey, please **stop and think**. As a driver, you have a responsibility to **park safely and considerately**. Unsafe parking puts children's lives at risk.

Let's all do our part to keep the roads around school safe for everyone. **Please remember:**

Do NOT park on single or double yellow or school keep clear zig zag lines

Do NOT block neighbours' driveways

Do NOT park on corners or junctions – especially near the school entrance

Do NOT park in the staff school car park

We will NOT tolerate aggressive behaviour - please follow our value of Respect

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Let walking be your superpower

For many children, walking is the best way to get to school. It helps them work towards 10,000 steps a day, maintain a healthy weight, and improve fitness by strengthening their heart and lungs.

Starting the day with a walk boosts wellbeing, making children feel more alert and focused, which helps them concentrate better in class.

Walking home after school helps burn off extra energy, leading to a calmer, more relaxed evening.



Our Sustainable Travel Initiatives

Our School Travel Plan offers practical ways to reduce car trips, encouraging safer and greener travel by promoting public transport, car sharing, walking, cycling, and scooting.

We encourage you to support your child in walking, cycling, or scooting to school and to make use of our scooter and cycle storage facilities.

Your child can also take part in fun and helpful initiatives like Scootability and Bikeability training, along with road safety lessons and assemblies designed to boost their confidence and skills for safer journeys. Together, let's make every school journey safer and more active!



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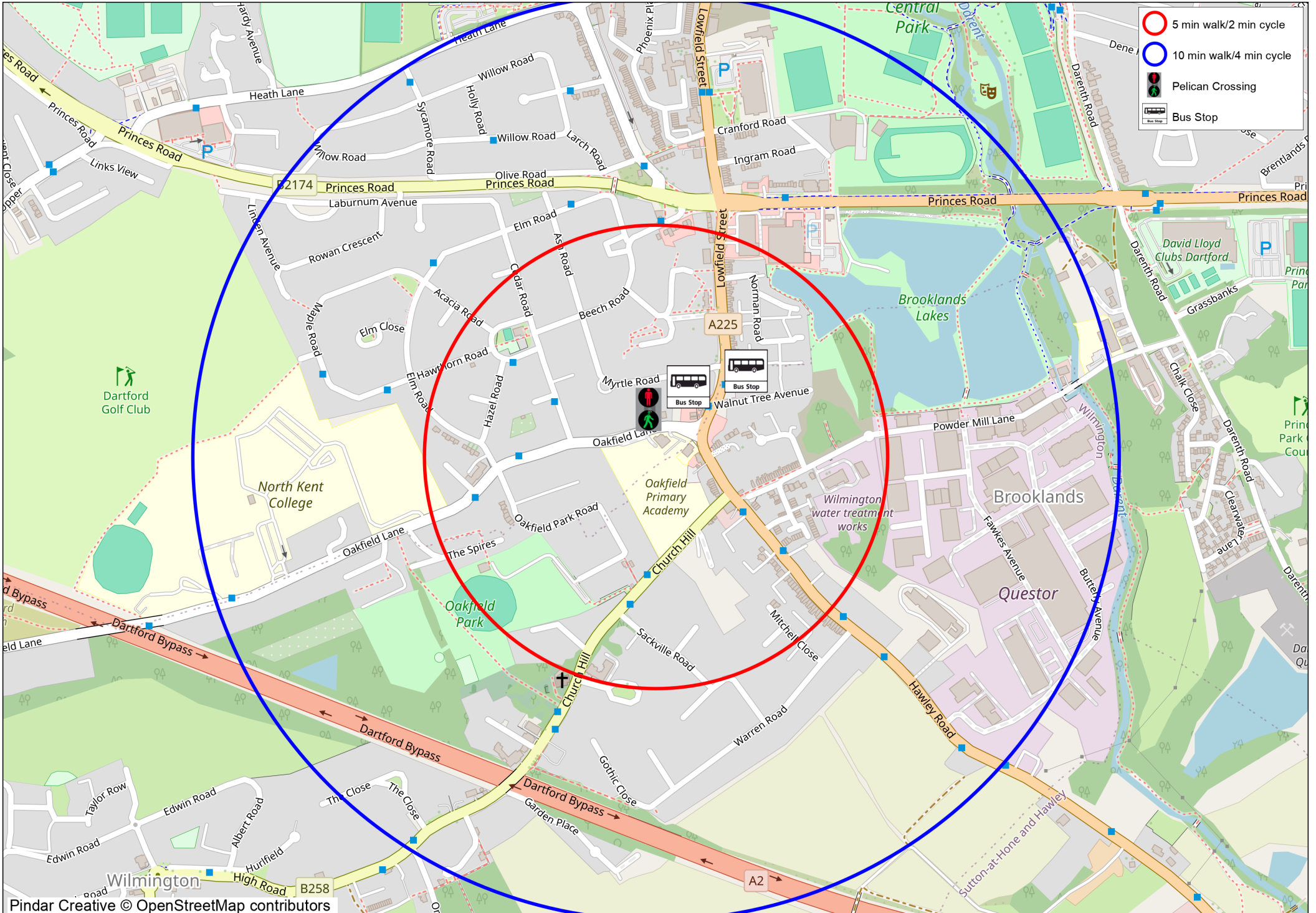
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Active Travel Support for Schools

Working Together to Create Safer, Healthier, Happier School Communities





- 5 min walk/2 min cycle
- 10 min walk/4 min cycle
- Pelican Crossing
- Bus Stop