



STUDENT CAR USE POLICY

Responsible: Senior Deputy
Last revised: April 2026

1. Purpose

Driving carries significant risk, particularly for young drivers and when carrying passengers. This policy is designed to reduce that risk and to ensure safety on and around the school site.

2. Permission to Drive to School

Students may drive to and from school only after a permit has been issued.

To obtain a permit, students must:

1. Complete the application form (signed by student and parent).
2. Provide a copy of their driving licence.
3. Provide a copy of valid motor insurance.
4. Meet the Senior Deputy and obtain approval.

In the holidays provisional approval can be given via email but the driver must give at least **2 working days** for their request to be actioned.

3. Use of Cars

Cars may be used for travel to and from school only.

Any other use requires prior permission from the Senior Deputy (or another Deputy Head in their absence). This permission will be granted only in exceptional circumstances - and almost never for driving to matches.

Students must not:

1. Use their car for social or local journeys during term time.
2. Park in Iwerne Minster during term time.
3. Pick up or drop off students within walking distance of the school.

4. Passengers

1. Students may carry siblings with parental consent.
2. Students may carry one non-sibling passenger with consent from both sets of parents.
3. Students may **not** carry siblings with non-sibling passengers without the explicit written consent of both sets of parents.
4. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure all permissions are in place before taking anyone in their car.

5. Driving and Parking on Campus

Students may only enter the school site via the northern entrance, and must then park as follows:

- Boarders, except Devine, must park at the Astro Car Park
- Day students, including Devine, must park either at the Astro Car Park or at the Ha-Ha.
- Devine boarders with permission from their Housemaster may park at Devine.
- Students must not drive in front of the Jubilee Building or use the Sports Centre car park.
- Maximum speed: 15 mph at all times.

6. Collecting and Dropping Luggage

1. Returning after exeat/holiday: boarders may drop luggage at their House, and should then move their car to the Astro car park.
2. Leaving for exeat/holiday: boarders may drive to their boarding house no sooner than 30 minutes after the end of term time published on Daily Notice. This is to reduce congestion with parents coming to the school.

7. Keys

1. Students must hand in car keys (including spares) to House staff if requested.

8. Sanctions

1. A breach of any of these rules will always lead to a 2-week driving ban.
2. Any / all subsequent breaches of the rules will lead to a 4 week ban.
3. However, if the infringement of the rules is dangerous in any way, a permanent ban may be applied.

9. Some things to read....particularly about carrying passengers

[AA Research on accidents involving young people carrying passengers](#)

And a [BBC News piece](#) from October 2025.

And [this is from the UK Government](#) about a study and consultation that is taking place in 2026.

APPENDIX 1 - APPLICATION for a STUDENT DRIVING PERMIT

YOUR NAME: _____ Your House: _____

YOUR CAR - Registration: _____

Make: _____ Model: _____ Colour: _____

Date of passing test: _____ Has the licence any points on it? _____

1. STUDENT DECLARATION.

I apply for permission to drive between home and school. In exceptional (i.e. very rare) circumstances permission may be granted for other uses. I understand I must speak to the Senior Deputy each time these arise. I would also like to apply for permission to carry the following other students in my car to and from school.

Passenger's name - only one passenger at any one time.	Frequency: daily, most weekends, occasionally.	School use (initial & date)
1.		
2.		
3.		

I confirm:

- I have read, understood and agree to the rules listed above
- I will inform Mrs Lockwood if any of the details about my vehicle change.
- I will inform Mrs Lockwood if I am involved in any accident or if I receive any points on my licence.
- I understand that the school accepts no responsibility for any loss of or damage to the vehicle, other than that caused by any negligence of the school or the school's employees.
- I understand that if I do not adhere to any of the rules relating to car use the school may suspend or revoke my driving permit at any time without giving me any notice.

Date _____ Signature of Student _____

2. PARENTAL DECLARATION – tick all that apply

- I am the parent/ guardian of the student named above.
- I have read, understood and agree to support the school's rules relating to car use – see above.
- I have discussed these rules in full with the student.
- I understand that if the student does not follow these rules the school may suspend or withdraw the Student Driving Permit.
- I agree to be responsible for ensuring that the vehicle identified above complies with all legal requirements for road use including where applicable Road Fund Licence, MOT & insurance.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

3. SENIOR DEPUTY

Signature _____ Date: _____