

# Travelling to Birdwell Primary School



## Key

- Roads/advisory cycle route recommended by local cyclists
- Advisory paths & cycleways (surfaced)
- Advisory paths & cycleways (unsurfaced)
- Paths
- Bus stop nearest to school
- School location

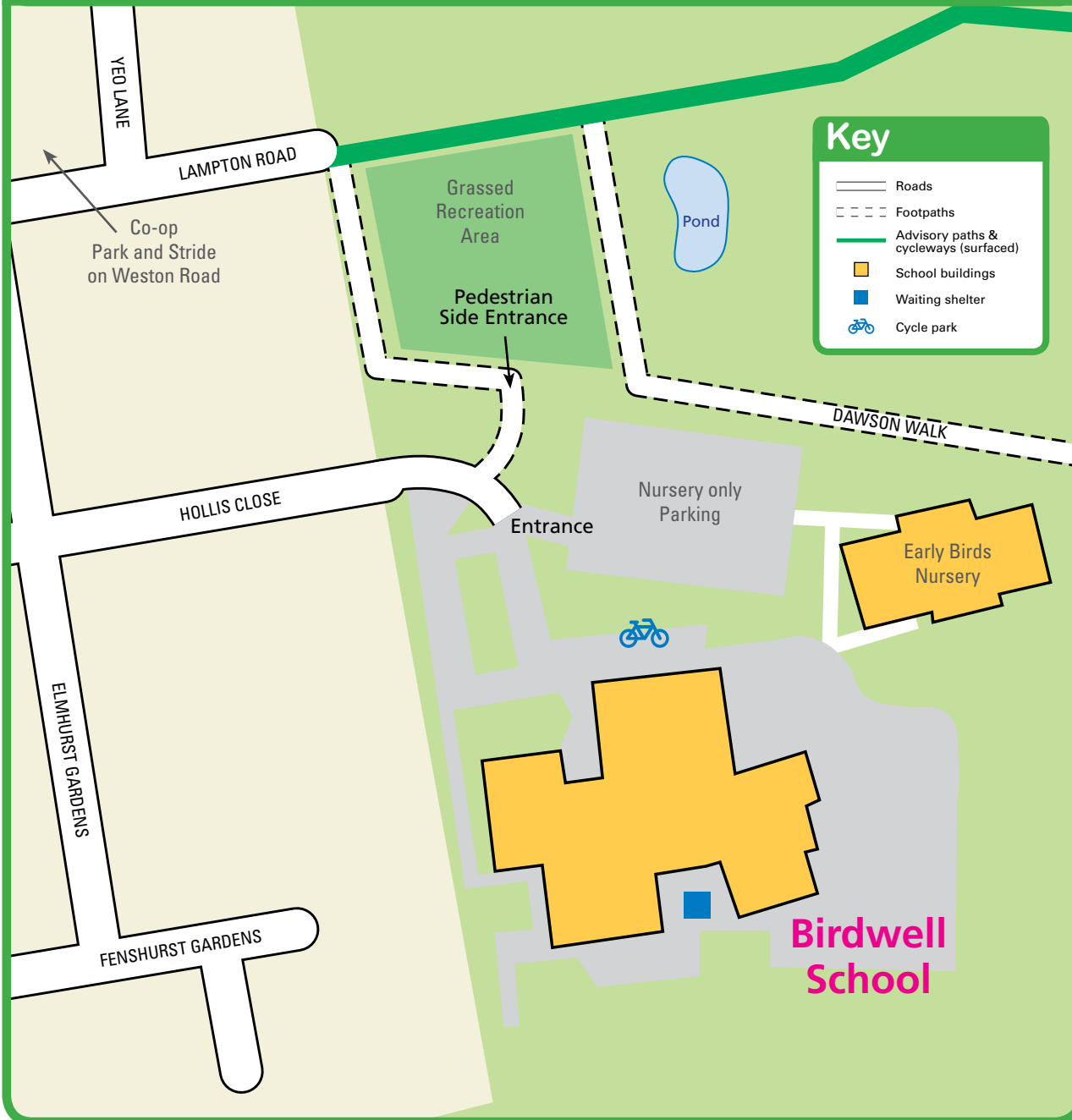


School bus services are provided for the use of pupils entitled to free home to school transport under North Somerset Council's current policy. Travel is by pre-booked season ticket only. Non-entitled passengers may travel under our Vacant Seats Payment Scheme where capacity permits. Please note that other routes may exist to serve individual pupils with Special Educational Needs or living in remote or inaccessible locations.



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North Somerset Council is fully committed to promoting walking and cycling to school and for greater distances the use of buses for the school journey.

We would encourage as many children as possible to walk or cycle or use a bus rather than being driven to school by their parents.

When you are thinking about choosing a school for your child to attend it is important to consider the following;

- 1** Walking, cycling or using the bus reduces congestion on the roads. Parents who insist on driving to school increase congestion on the roads by 20% in peak times and generate over 3,000 tons of carbon dioxide which is the principal cause of human induced climate change.
- 2** Children who walk or cycle to school are fitter, have better developed social skills and more familiar with their surroundings, have better roads sense and arrive at school more relaxed and ready to learn.
- 3** The cost of driving your child to school is considered to be £535 per year (figures from DfT 2006)
- 4** Walking, cycling and using public transport gives your child greater independence.
- 5** Opens up greater access to extra curriculum activities and study outside school hours.
- 6** Car sharing may be an option if walking, cycling and public transport are not possible choices. This can save time and money, reduce traffic congestion and air pollution as well as being sociable for children. Please contact your selected school who will have details of how to join a local scheme.