



Orchid Vale Primary School

It is important to us that your children are kept safe at all times – this includes their journeys to and from school each day. Our aim is to reduce the amount of traffic using Torun Way in the mornings so the route to school is safer.

We are also committed to encouraging a healthy lifestyle; walking, cycling or scooting to school in the mornings is a great way for children to start the day with some exercise.

'We would like people to bike or scoot to school... or walk! This would make the roads around our school safer.'

Travel Ambassador

5 Minute Walk Zone

If you do need to travel to school by car, please try to park outside the Five-Minute Walk Zone indicated on the map. There is plenty of parking at the Orbital and it is only a short walk up Haydon End Lane to get to the school. If we work together, we can make the roads around our school much safer.

If, instead, you choose to park in a side street, we would ask that you try to park outside our Five-Minute Walk Zone and walk the rest of the way. As always, please do be respectful of our neighbours both in the mornings and in the afternoons.



'Walking keeps you fit!'

Why walk to school?

When they walk to school, children often arrive more relaxed and ready to learn. Having a bit of exercise first thing in the morning really does help to boost concentration levels and set children up for the challenges of the day ahead.

Walking to school can also be a good time to talk with family. You could also arrange to meet up with friends and walk together to make it a social occasion.

It also helps us to keep the roads around the school safer by reducing congestion and pollution.

'It's nice to get some fresh air first thing in the morning.'



Cycling and Scooting

Cycling is also great exercise. We think it is an important life skill and offer all our children in Key Stage Two cycle training to ensure they are confident cyclists by the time they leave us and go on to secondary school.

We have dedicated scooter and cycle parking in the school grounds. This facility is locked during the school day so bikes and scooters are safe.

If you do cycle or scoot to school, please get off your bike/scooter on the school grounds to minimise accidents and to keep everyone safe!

If you are cycling to school, please do wear a cycle helmet and ensure you are wearing bright colours so you are visible at all times!



Travel Ambassadors

We are committed to improving road safety so we have a group of children who meet on a regular basis to plan ways to make the roads around our school safer and encourage more people to walk, scoot or cycle to school. They have organised a range of events to improve awareness of road safety issues, including traffic surveys, competitions and school assemblies.

They have also written letters to raise awareness amongst parents and lobby the local council for further road improvements.



Safer and Smarter Journeys

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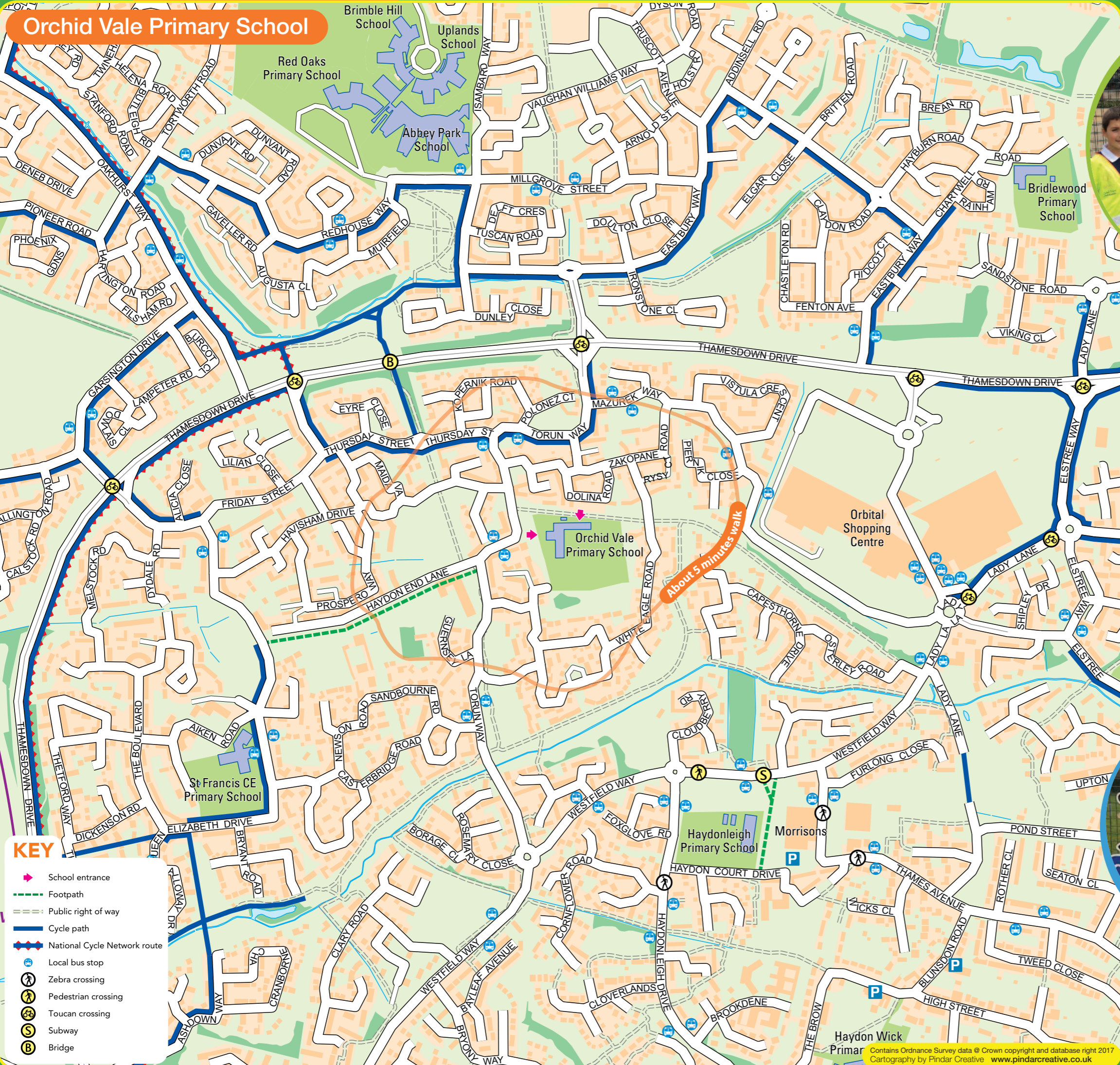


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- KEY**
- ◆ School entrance
 - Footpath
 - Public right of way
 - Cycle path
 - National Cycle Network route
 - B Local bus stop
 - Zebra Zebra crossing
 - Pedestrian Pedestrian crossing
 - Toucan Toucan crossing
 - S Subway
 - B Bridge



'Walking stops the roads being busy. It makes them safer for little children.'

