



NORTHEDGE

Transport Management Statement

193-195 Drake Street,
Rochdale,
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Introduction

This statement has been prepared on behalf of the applicant in support of a full planning application for the change of use of two vacant buildings at 193 & 195 Drake Street, Rochdale, from their current (vacant) use, previously offices (class E), to a Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) primary school (Use Class F.1).

The proposal seeks to bring the buildings back into active use to provide much-needed specialist primary education provision for children requiring additional social, emotional and mental health support. The application relates solely to a change of use; no external alterations or extensions are proposed, as the existing structure and layout are considered broadly suitable for the intended educational function.

The planning application is supported by this statement, which sets out the following -

- The timings of operations and hours of opening for the facility and car park
- The phasing of vehicular traffic
- A concluding appraisal of the scheme's suitability and benefits.

This should be read in conjunction with the accompanying application documents, including the completed forms and certificates and existing / proposed drawings.

Figure 1: Aerial view of the application site (outlined in red).



Hours of Operation

School times of children on site would be 9am - 3pm

Staff would be onsite both before and after the school activity hours between 7.30am - 5.30pm. Monday - Friday only.

This covers time for staff members to arrive prior to children arrival, allowing time for set up before the day starts.

Towards the end of the day, the extra time allocation allows time for teachers marking, administration and clean up.

The applicant's current facility operates under the above conditions, should admin and / or planning be required outside of these times staff complete this work from home, they are provided with the equipment needed to do so.

They currently do not offer, nor intend to offer a before and / or after school facility, students are not on site at any point outside of the 9am - 3pm school day.

Parking

The site benefits from 14 existing parking bays located in a rear car park accessed via a vehicle entrance from Norfolk Street.

These are to be used by the parents for drop offs (between 8.45am and 9am) and pick ups between 2.45pm and 3.15pm).

Between 9am and 2.45pm, the gate will be closed and clear of vehicles and can be used as the school playground.

Phasing of Arrival and Exit

Time	Staff	Children
7.30am	Staff begin to arrive – Some will commute via Tram, bus, taxi, cycle or walk. Those who require parking can park at car parks around Rochdale or on neighbouring streets and it will be suggested to avoid parking outside residential properties to mitigate disruption. Potential locations for on street parking are the streets surrounding Broadfield park where they are not immediately outside houses.	
8.45am	Staff to open gates to car park.	Gates to be opened around 8.45am to allow arrival of parents and children to park in the car park for drop offs.
9am	Staff to close gates to car park.	Gates to be closed with car park clear of vehicles.
9am till 3pm	School operating hours.	School operating hours. Children able to use car park as playground between 9am-2.45pm when allocated by staff to do so.
2.45pm	Staff to open gates to car park.	Gates opened to allow parents to park for pick up.
3.15pm	Staff to close gates to car park.	Gates closed
3pm till 5.30pm	Staff overrun for admin, clean up etc.	

Conclusion

The phasing of arrivals, drop offs, and pick ups will be managed by the staff openings and closing the gates at allocated times. The car park is not to be used by staff, unless outside of the operational hours and pre-agreed, for example for heavy/bulky item delivery where it would otherwise be unsafe for a staff member to carry items a significant distance.

The car park will act as a playground outside of the pick up and drop off times.

There are sufficient number of car parks and on street parking in the surrounding areas