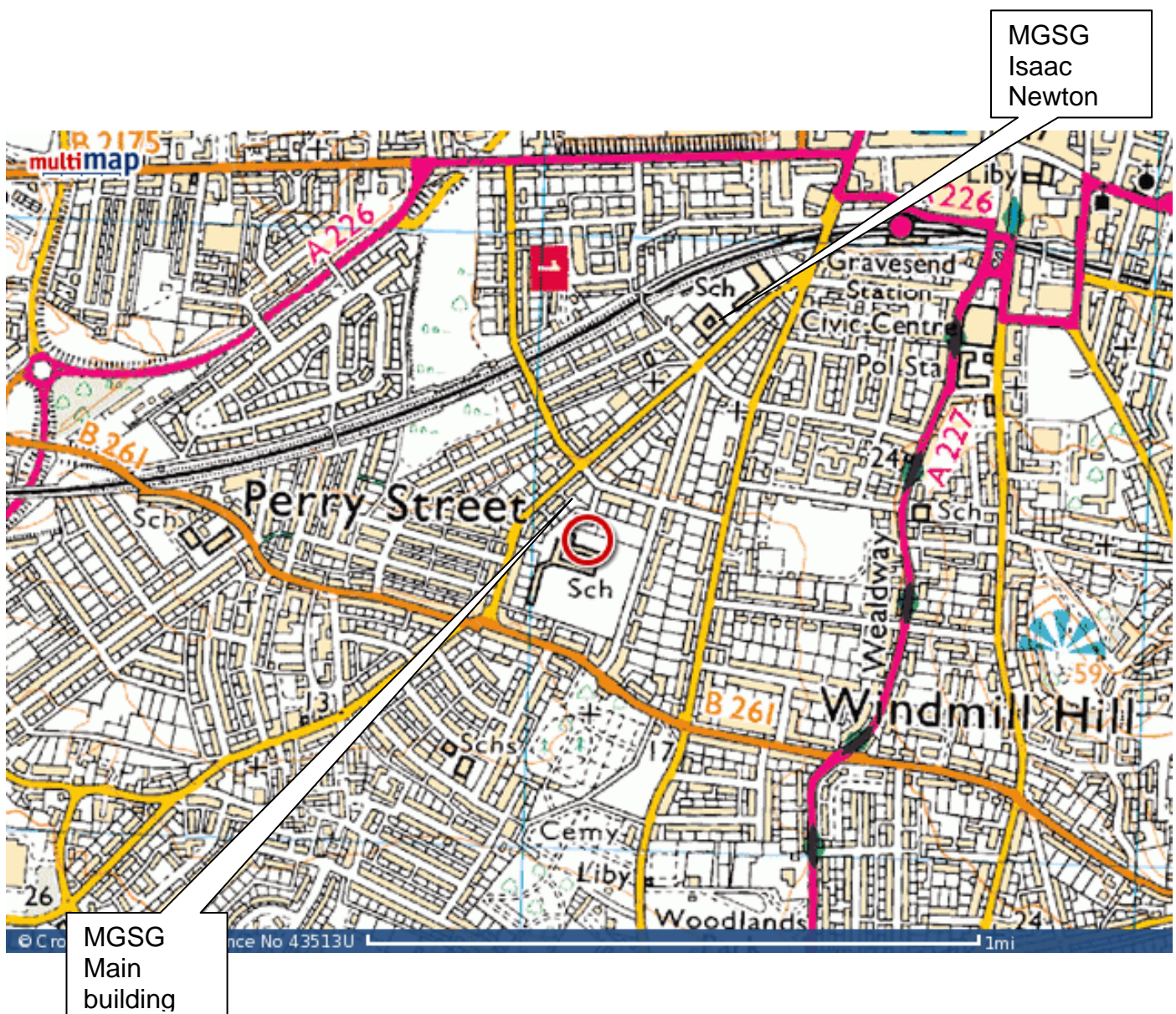


Description of the location, entrances and other transport issues at the school

Location of the School

The school is located in Gravesend. The school is split between two sites, the main school site and the Isaac Newton site. Both sites have their main entrances on Pelham Road.



Entrances

The main site has three entrances, the main entrance on Pelham Road to the West of the site (Figure 1), which provides access to cars, cyclists and pedestrians and is open from 7.00 am until 6.30 pm. The entrance has a pedestrian path that is separated from the driveway by a metal barrier. There is a second entrance on Lennox Road East (Figure 2) to the North, which is a pedestrian only entrance, and is opened at 7.00 am and closed at 4.30 pm.

There is a third pedestrian-only entrance to the school on The Avenue, to the West of the site, which is open from 7.00 am to 4.30 pm daily.



Figure 1 The Main Entrance



Figure 2 The Lennox Road East Entrance

The Isaac Newton site has a main pedestrian only entrance on Pelham Road to the South East of the site (Figure 3), this is opened at 7.30 am and closed at 5.00 pm. There is a second entrance on Grange Road to the South West of the site (Figure 4) which provides access to cars, cyclists and pedestrians and is open from 7.30 am to 5.30 pm daily.



Figure 3 The main entrance to the Isaac Newton site.



Figure 4 The rear entrance to the Isaac Newton site

Buses

The school is well served by the local bus network with a number of routes that include several bus stops near the school.

Bus routes serve the school from 3 main areas: West, East and South. Bus routes from the West, serving Northfleet, Painters Ash, Pepper Hill, Springhead Rd, Swanscombe, and Bluewater, include the 498, 499 and the 495. The 498 and 499 drop off at a bus stop 40 metres from the school. The 495 stops further away, but is still within 2 minutes walk of the school. These buses run approximately every 30 minutes throughout the day, with extra services at the beginning and end of the school day.

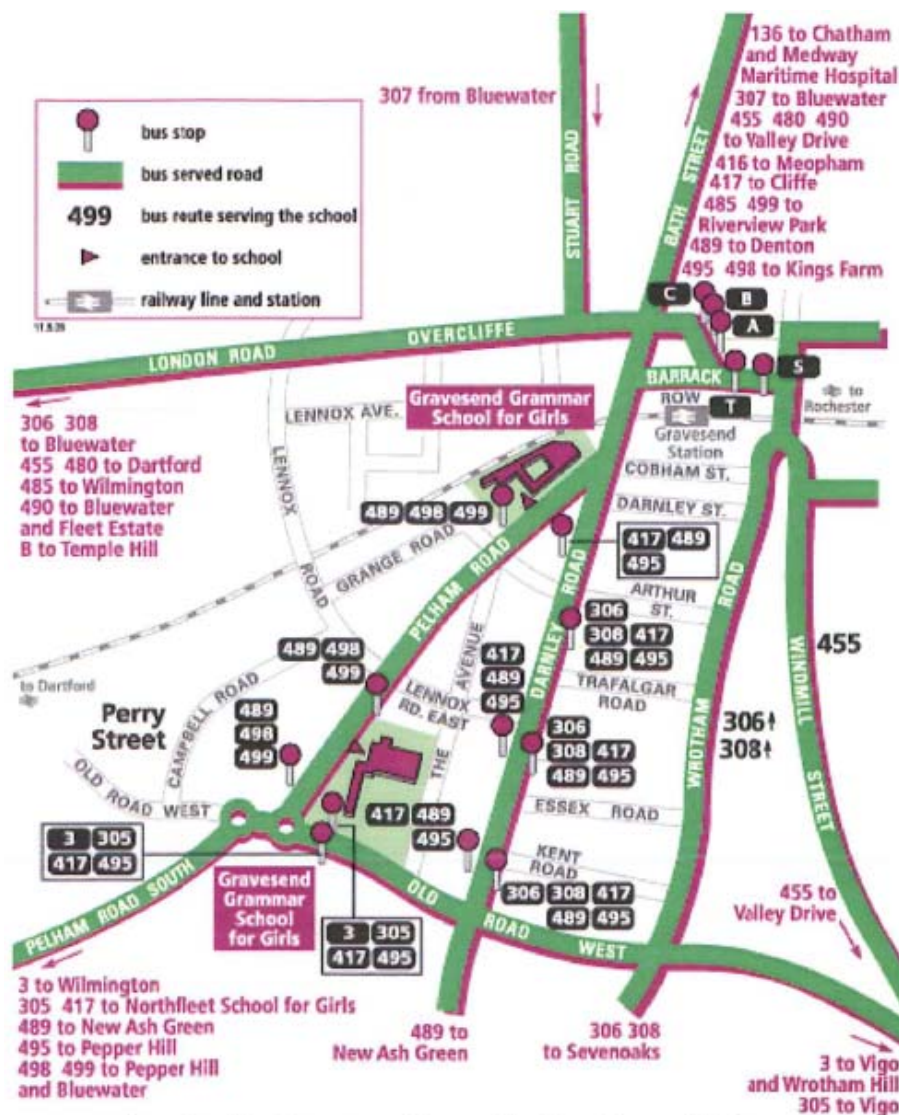
Bus services from the South-East, serving King's Farm, Christian Fields, Singlewell, Westcourt and Riverview Park include the 498, 499 and 495. The frequency and location of bus stops is explained above. The 136, 416 and 417 services serve the school from the East, including Denton, Chalk and Thong Lane. These services operate from the main bus depot in the town centre, which is approximately 15 minutes walk from the school. The 136 runs every 30 minutes, and the 416 and 417 run every hour throughout the day.

There is an hourly service (306 and 308) serving the school from the rural areas to the South including Istead Rise, Meopham and Vigo. This service also runs to and from the main bus depot in Gravesend.

Up to date information on the times of all services to and from the school can be obtained by going to <http://www.11-19travel.info/index.asp>

The bus stops near the schools' sites are request stops and are not covered. They are relatively well lit by street lighting but no specific bus stop lighting is provided.

Location of bus stops



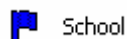
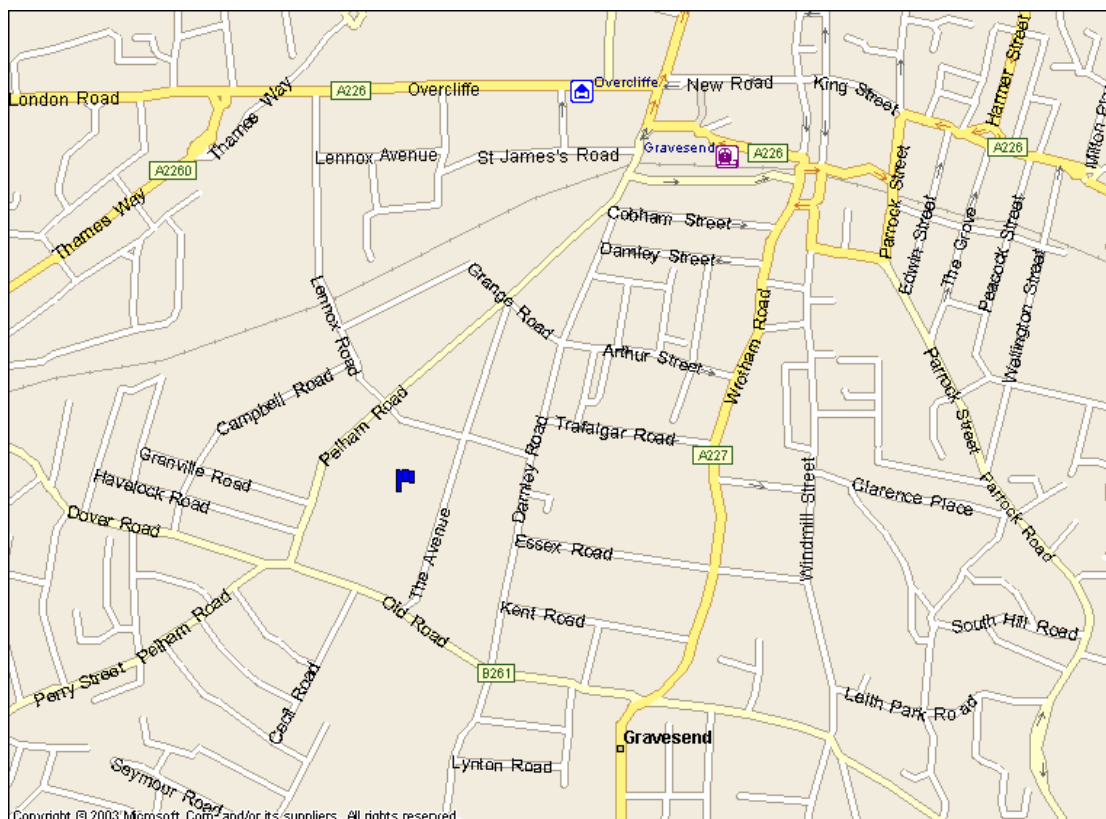
Services in Gravesend Town Centre stop as follows:

Bus Stop	Bus Number	Destination
A	307	Bluewater
B	136	Chatham, Medway Maritime Hospital and Hempstead Valley
	416	Meopham
	417	Cliffe
	499	Denton
	B	Temple Hill
C	308	Sevenoaks
	455	Valley Drive
	485	Riverview Park
	495, 498	King's Farm Estate
S	306, 308	Bluewater
	455, 480	Dartford
	490	Bluewater and Fleet Estate
T	489	New Ash Green
	495, 499	Pepper Hill
	498, 499	Bluewater

Note: 417 normally runs Gravesend to Cliffe, only one journey extends to Northfleet School for Girls. 489 normally serves Pelham Road South and Pelham Road, only the journey to or from Denton serves Darnley Road.

Trains

The nearest train station to the school is Gravesend, which is three quarters of a mile down Pelham Road from the main school site.



School

Trains run at least every half an hour and at convenient times from the directions of Strood and Dartford. Up to date information regarding times can be obtained from:

<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

Roads

Both of the school sites are located on Pelham Road. Pelham Road is a fast, busy road at all times of the day, and has a speed limit of 30 mph. There is a pedestrian crossing between the two sites approximately 50 metres from the Isaac Newton site. This crossing is currently manned by a crossing patrol after school and between lessons.


Apart from Pelham Road, the roads surrounding both sites are relatively quiet residential roads, with no traffic calming features.

Cycle Routes

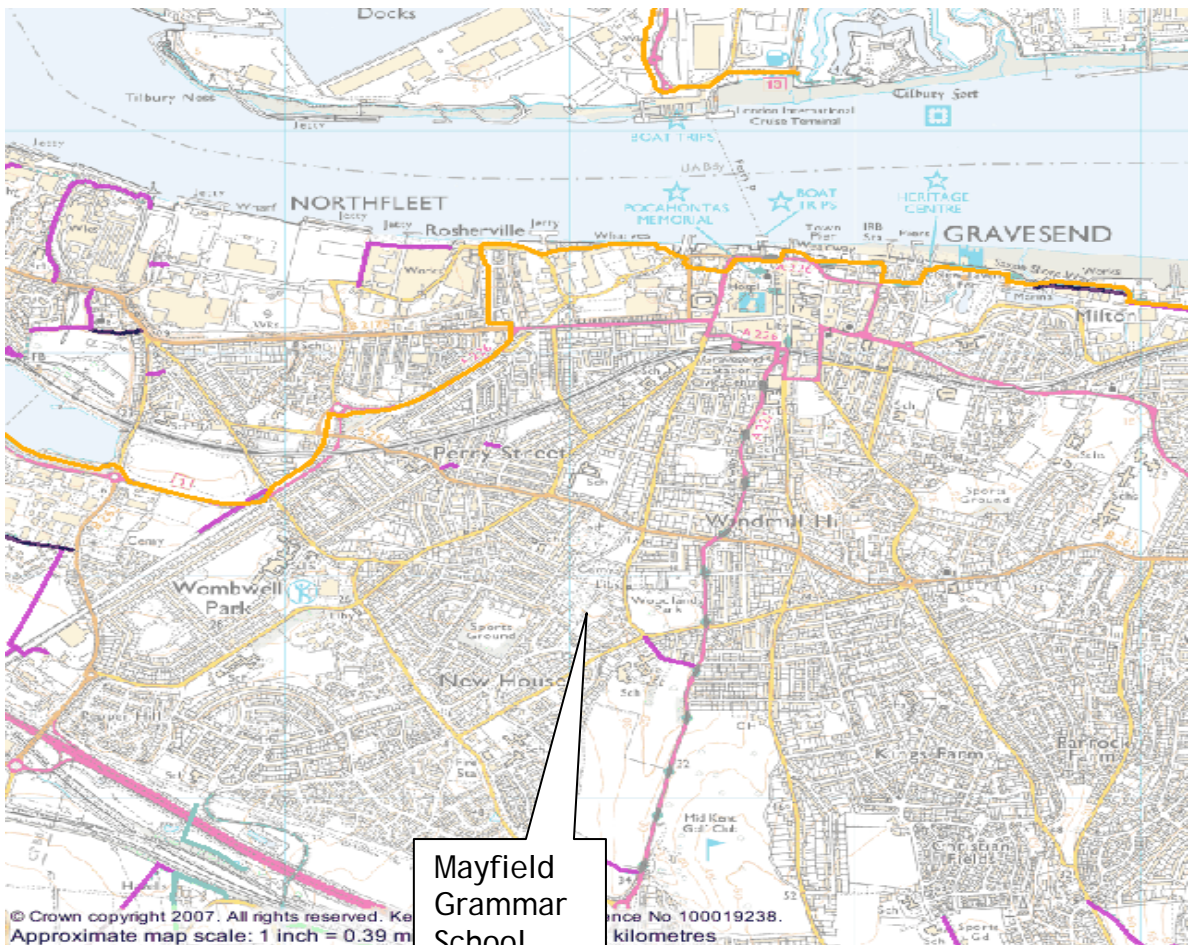
The area surrounding the school is generally busy, especially Pelham Road, as it is a main route way into Gravesend. There are currently no off road cycle paths in the immediate surrounding area. There are also several mini-roundabouts on Pelham Road, which may be difficult to navigate for cyclists during rush hours.

The school has parking for 10 bicycles. The parking facilities are not very secure or well lit, but are overlooked by CCTV cameras.

Pupils have their own lockers where they are able to store cycle equipment if they wish.



Mayfield Grammar School, Gravesend – Cycle Routes



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Mayfield Grammar School Gravesend

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Parking

There is parking available for staff members and deliveries on both sites. At the main site (Figure 5), there are 69 parking spaces, with one designated disabled space. At the Isaac Newton site there are 63 parking spaces (Figure 6).

Staff and visitors have access to all car parking spaces. Sixth-form students have access to the car park at the Isaac Newton site, but are not permitted to park on the main site. Due to the absence of student parking at the Main Site, and the need to walk to and from the Isaac Newton site where student parking is available, students tend to park on the surrounding roads, mainly Lennox Road East and The Avenue. There are few restrictions on parking in the surrounding roads apart from the double yellow lines on Pelham Road and time restrictions on parking in Grange Road.

On the main site, most parking spaces are filled by 8.40 am, except visitors' spaces. Later in the morning, some staff cars leave the Main Site to travel to the Isaac Newton site, creating space. Visitors are asked to book spaces in advance and advised of alternative methods of transport to the school, for example, many BSF visitors travel to Gravesend by train.



Figure 5 The Main Site car park.



Figure 6 The Isaac Newton site car park.

Pedestrian Access

Inside the school site there are traffic-calming features such as speed humps in the drive of the main site, 5 mph signs. The main entrances of both sites have yellow zigzag lines and parking restrictions.

There is a crossing patrol on duty outside the school gates at the beginning of the school day (8.00 - 8.40 am), which is re-sited to the crossing near Isaac Newton site between lessons and after school (8.40 - 9.15 am, 10.05 - 10.35 am, 11.20 - 11.35 am, 12.30 - 1.40 pm, 2.30 - 2.40 pm, and 3.35 - 3.55 pm).

Pedestrian access to the school is via paved roads. There are no other footpaths.

There is a system of 10 CCTV cameras on the main site, which covers most pedestrian areas. There is currently no CCTV at Isaac Newton site.