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Travel Policy

The British School encourages pupils, parents and staff to make travel plans that are both sustainable and safe. Sustainable transport measures aim to reduce air pollution and congestion, improve access to the school, increase physical activity and improve safety for all. The British School community is encouraged to walk, cycle, use public transport and reduce car travel.

This Travel Guide provides an overview of the rules and hazards we must all take into account to ensure that the journey to and from school is as safe as possible.

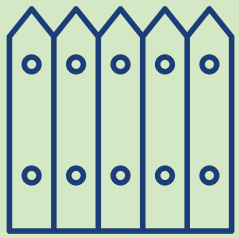


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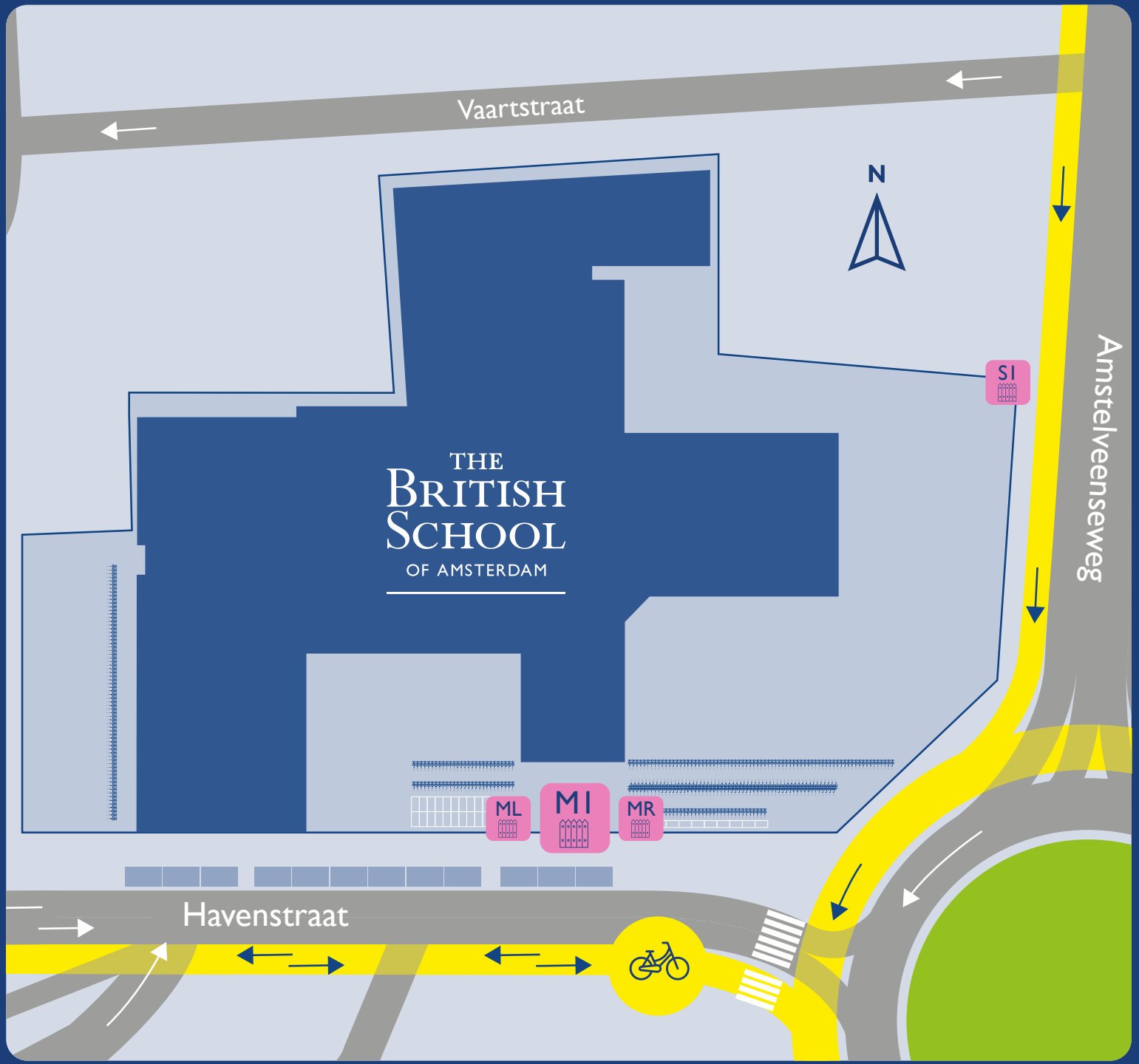
Gates & Pedestrians

There are different gates into the school grounds, so please see which one will be most appropriate for you, and if you are arriving by bike, where the bike parks are. Please pay particular attention to the safety advice on crossing the roads.

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School gates

There are many access points to the school so please familiarise yourself with the best option.

SI Senior I

For Senior School pupils arriving on foot only. No bikes are allowed through this gate.

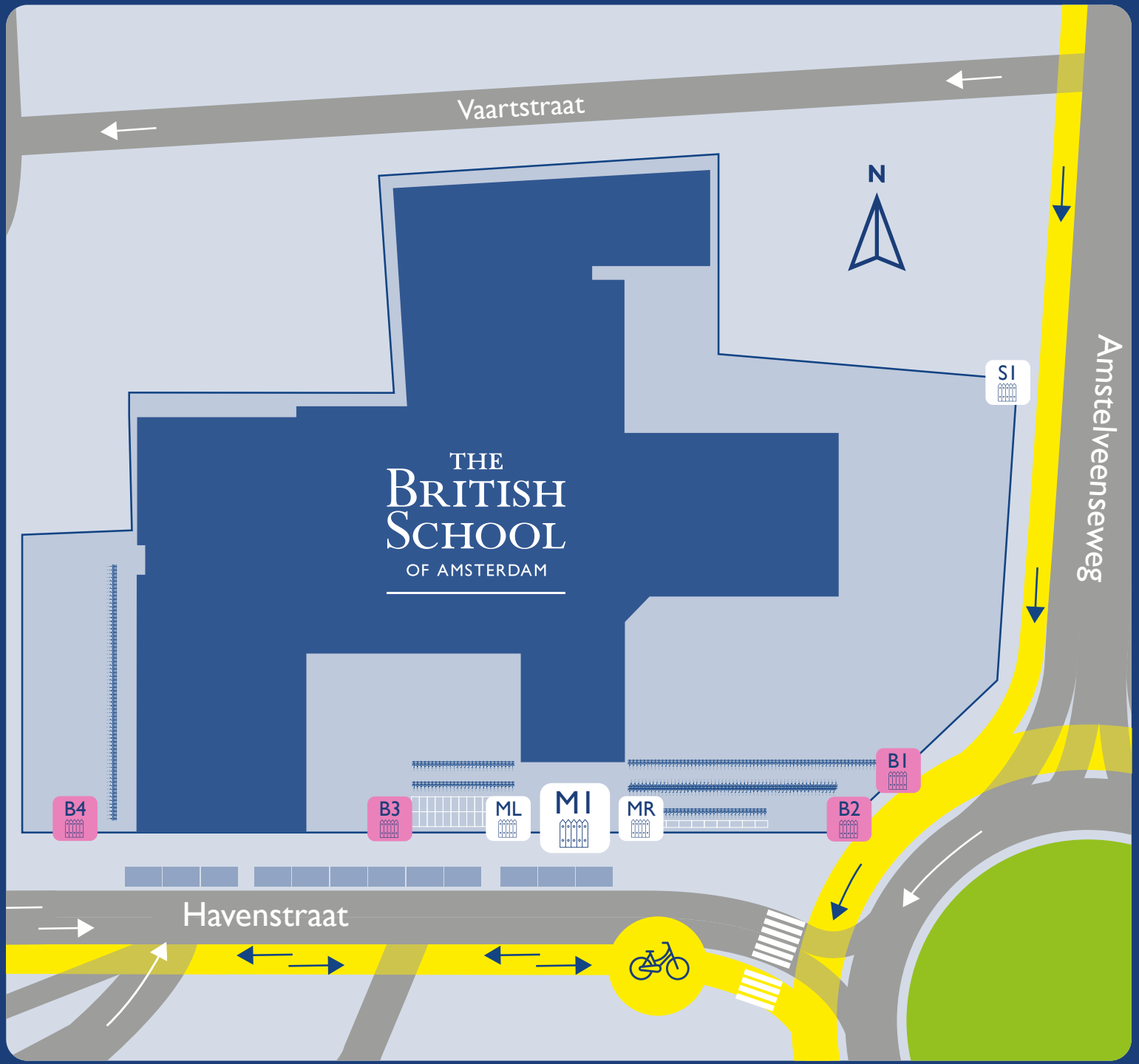
ML Main Left

MI Main I

MR Main Right

For all pedestrians entering the school and for those accessing from the south on a bike.

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B1 **Bike 1**

B2 **Bike 2**

Closest to pupil bike parking.

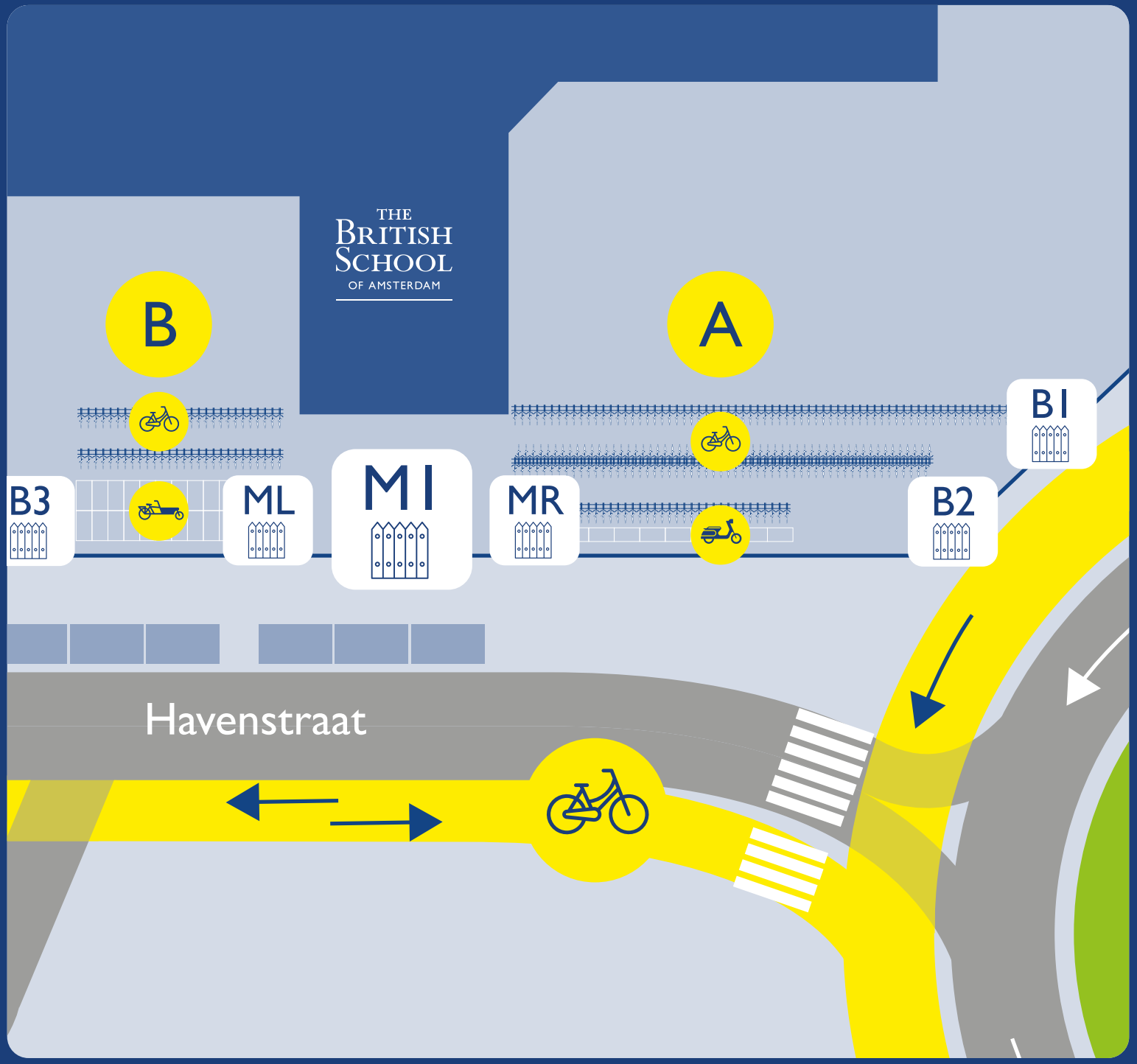
B3 **Bike 3**

Ideal for those on bakfiets needing short term parking.

B4 **Bike 4**

This gate is currently for staff bike access only.

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Bike parking

There are designated areas for bike parking at the front of the school.

A Pupil Parking

Primarily for use by Junior and Senior School pupils.

B Drop off & Visitor Parking

Primarily for drop off with bakfiets.

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Pedestrian crossing

Please use the designated crossings on the roundabout.

Do not cross here - there is no pedestrian crossing.

Use the zebra crossings.

Raised crossing here - no zebra crossing.



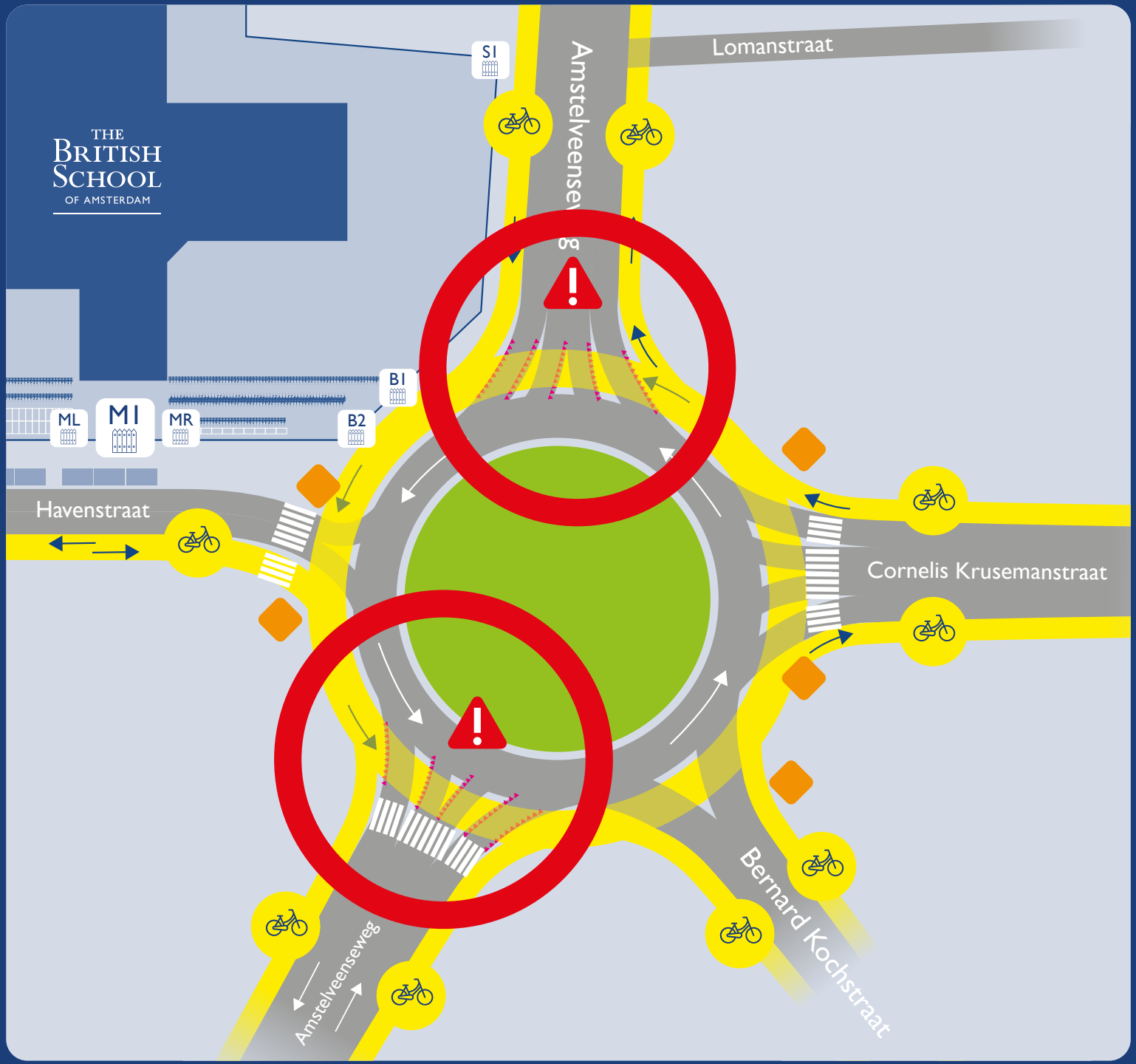
Cycling to school

Cycling to school is a great option but caution must be taken especially when approaching the roundabout. Please review all the details highlighted in the following maps to plan your safest route to school.

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Yields and right of way

Please take note of the safety measures below:

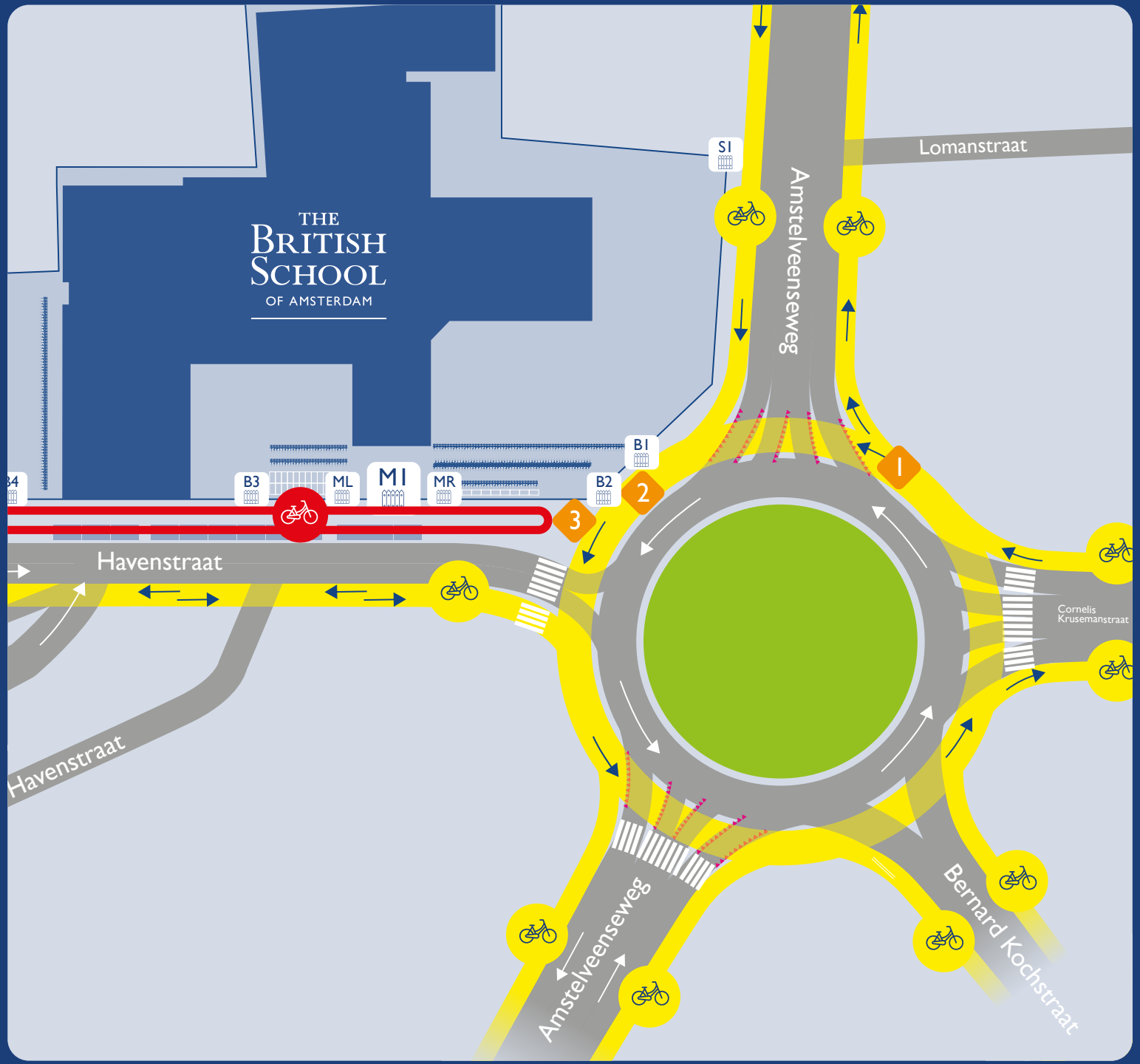
Always YIELD

STOP to cars, trams, buses or other cyclists at these points.



Caution: No yield but watch for merging traffic.

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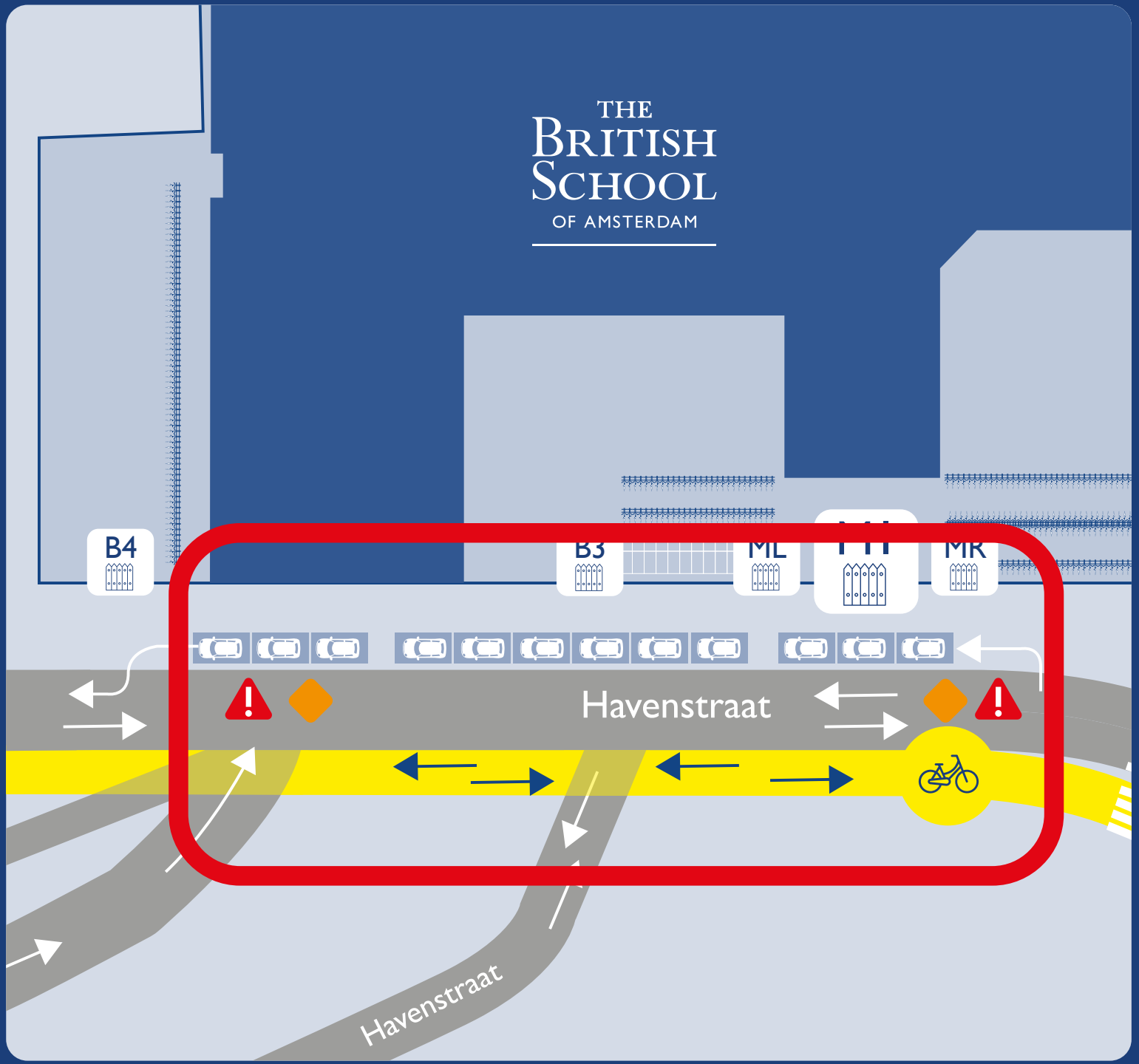
Final approach

When approaching the school please:

1. Keep left here to cross the roundabout on the north side.
2. - Signal right.
   - Turn off the bike path (watch the kerb).
   - Dismount and walk through the gate.
3. Pedestrian Zone, dismount bike.

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Caution approaching school

Please take note of the safety measures below:

- Drivers must be vigilant for cyclists and pedestrians crossing over the Havenstraat
- The Kiss & Ride Zone is not a safe place for cyclists to cross the Havenstraat.
- All cyclists and motorists must exercise caution in these areas.

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Public transport

Our new school on Havenstraat is surrounded by great transport links, and is accessible directly by Bus and Tram and is connected indirectly by Train and Metro.



The school is in the process of organising a private bus company to collect pupils from pick up points. More communication on this will follow shortly.

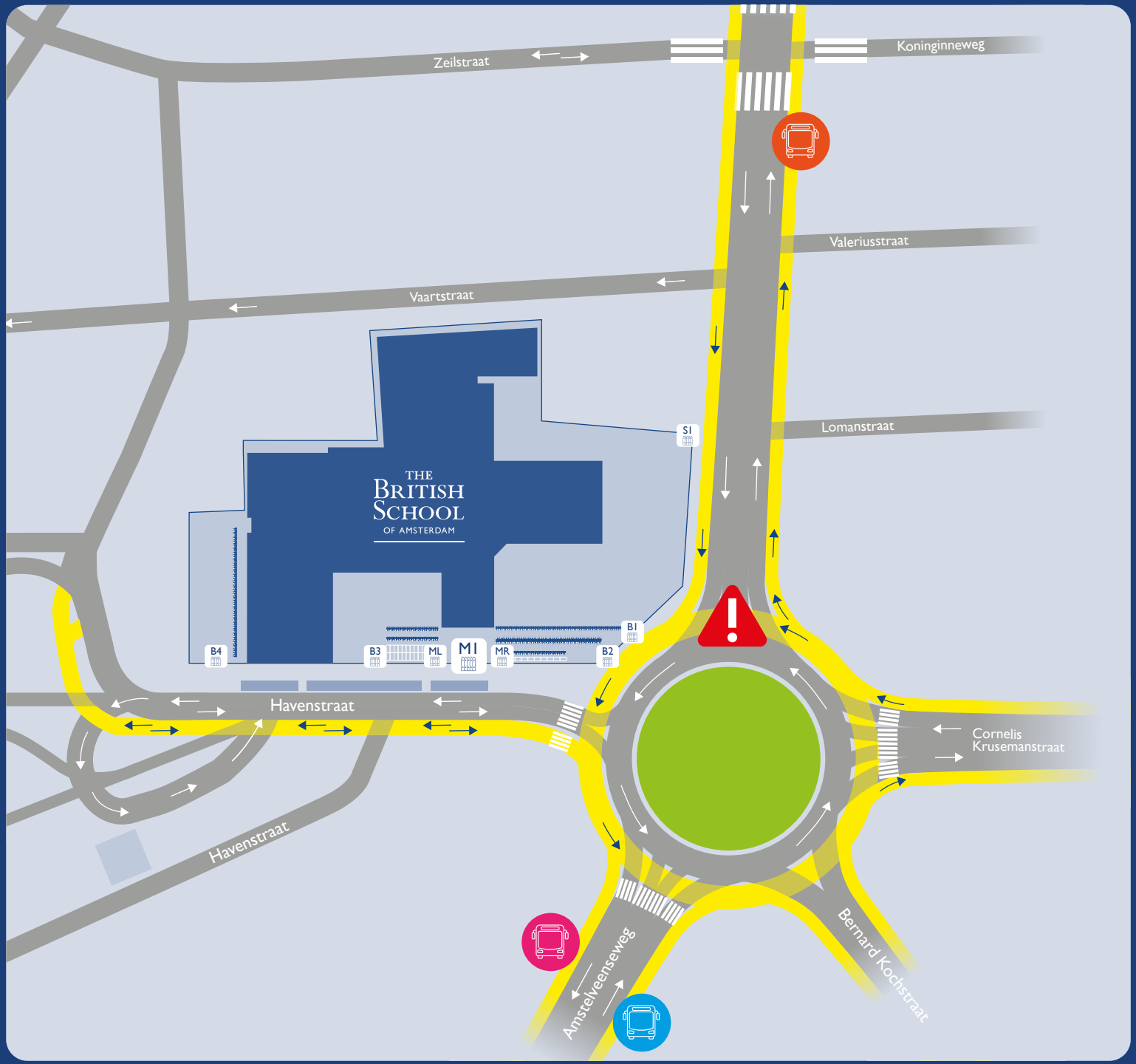
Local transport stops are within a 4-minute walk from the school.

For information, planning your route and timetables, visit: www.9292.nl
www.reisinfo.gvb.nl
www.google.com/maps

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Bus routes and stops

Zeilstraat

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Bus 62 from Amstelstation.

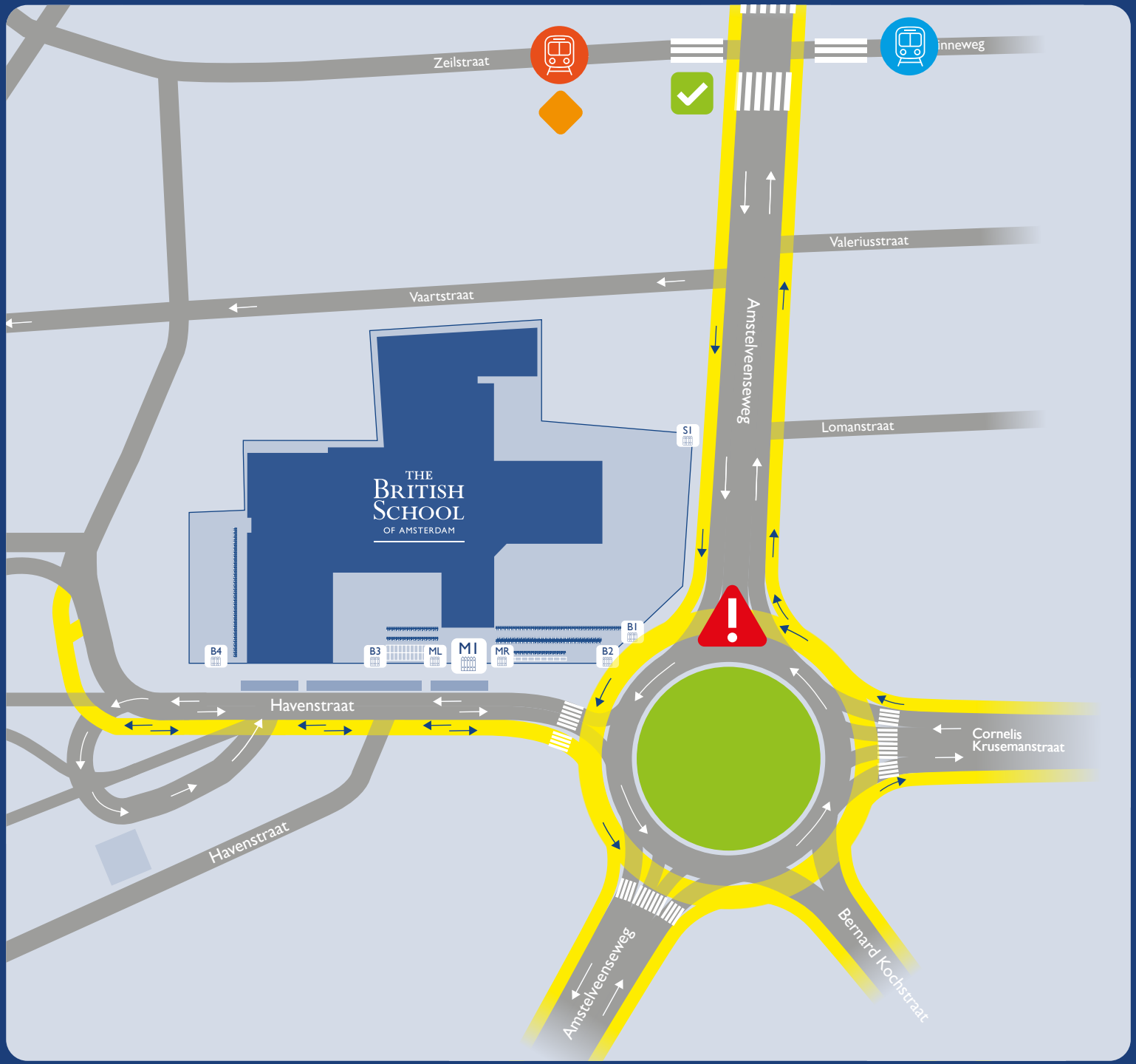
Haarlemmermeerstation

Bus 15 from Station Zuid.
Bus 62 from Amstelstation.
Bus 347 from Uithoorn.
Bus 357 from Aalsmeer.
Bus 397 from Nieuw Vennep.

Bus 15 from Station Sloterdijk.
Bus 62 from Station Lelylaan.
Bus 347/357/397 from Elandsgracht.

There is no pedestrian crossing here - Do not cross.

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Tram routes and stops

The tram stops are a 4 minute walk from the school.

Amstelveenseweg

Tram 2 from Nieuw Sloten.

Tram 2 from Central Station.

If arriving by Tram 2 from Nieuw Sloten, the Amstelveenseweg stop sets you down in the traffic, so please watch out for vehicles and cycles when disembarking.

If arriving by Tram 2 from Central Station, the only pedestrian crossing is at the lights at Amstelveenseweg/ Zeilstraat.

There is no pedestrian crossing here - Do not cross.

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Arriving by car

If you need to travel by car then please consider the options available ahead of time. There is no parking provided by the school but there is limited public paid parking. We strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the area to ensure safety for all.

Please always be mindful and respectful of our neighbours whilst driving and parking in the area of the school.

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Driver Guidelines

Where possible we would ask parents not to travel by car, but if necessary then please take note of the following;



Car Pool Update

Sharing the commute to and from school will reduce congestion. To encourage more of our community to car pool we will be setting up a car pool notice board on Firefly.

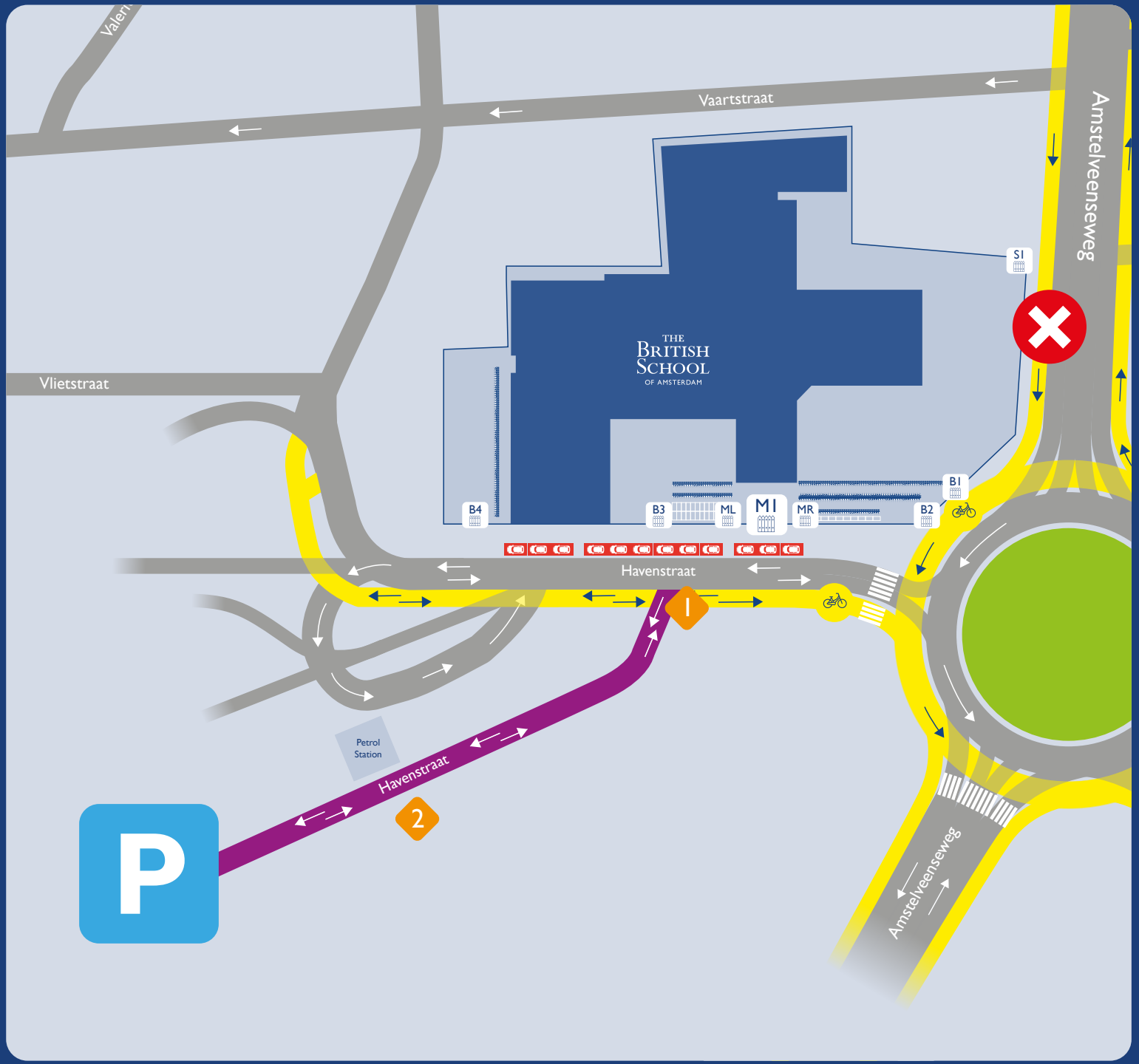
Car Parking Guidelines

Please find local parking if:

- You have children in Nursery up to Year 4.
- You need to talk with a member of staff.
- Your child needs assistance to enter or leave school.

Express (for pupils in Year 5 upwards) Kiss & Ride Zone Rules

- The Express Kiss & Ride Zone is not suitable for children in Year 4 or below.
- Pupils must be able to leave the car and enter school grounds INDEPENDENTLY (you may not leave your vehicle and there will NOT be any school staff on hand to assist).
- Pupils must be able to exit the school grounds and wait UNSUPERVISED for pick up (you may not leave your vehicle and there will NOT be any school staff on hand to assist).
- This a strictly a NO PARKING ZONE.
- Drivers may not leave the vehicle unattended, if you need to come in to school you will need to park elsewhere.
- There is no waiting in this zone, only stop in this zone when your child is ready to enter the vehicle.

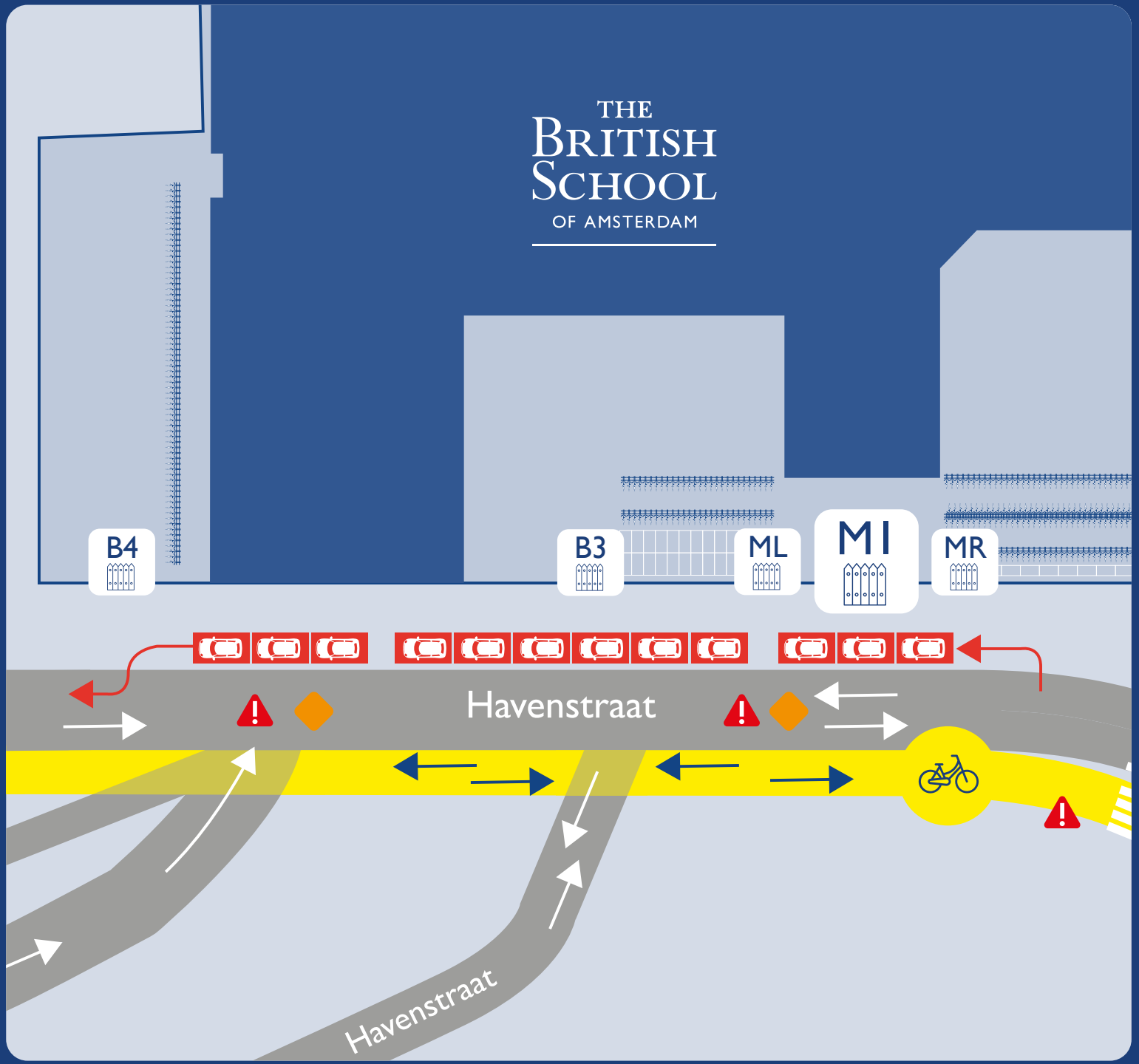


Parking your car

There is a small paid for car park, down a lane, a 3 minute walk from the school.

- Parking charges are €6 per hour (free if you have a residential parking permit for parking zones Zuid 2 and Zuid 8).
- You can check parking zone information by clicking here.
- Useful parking apps: Parkmobile and Parkbee.
- There is strictly no parking in the taxi rank.
- Caution - drivers must watch for crossing cyclists.
- No pavement (sidewalk) for pedestrians.

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Express Kiss & Ride Zone

Express (Year 5 upwards) Kiss & Ride Zone.

Drivers must watch out for cyclists and pedestrians crossing the road at all times

Drivers may not leave the vehicle.

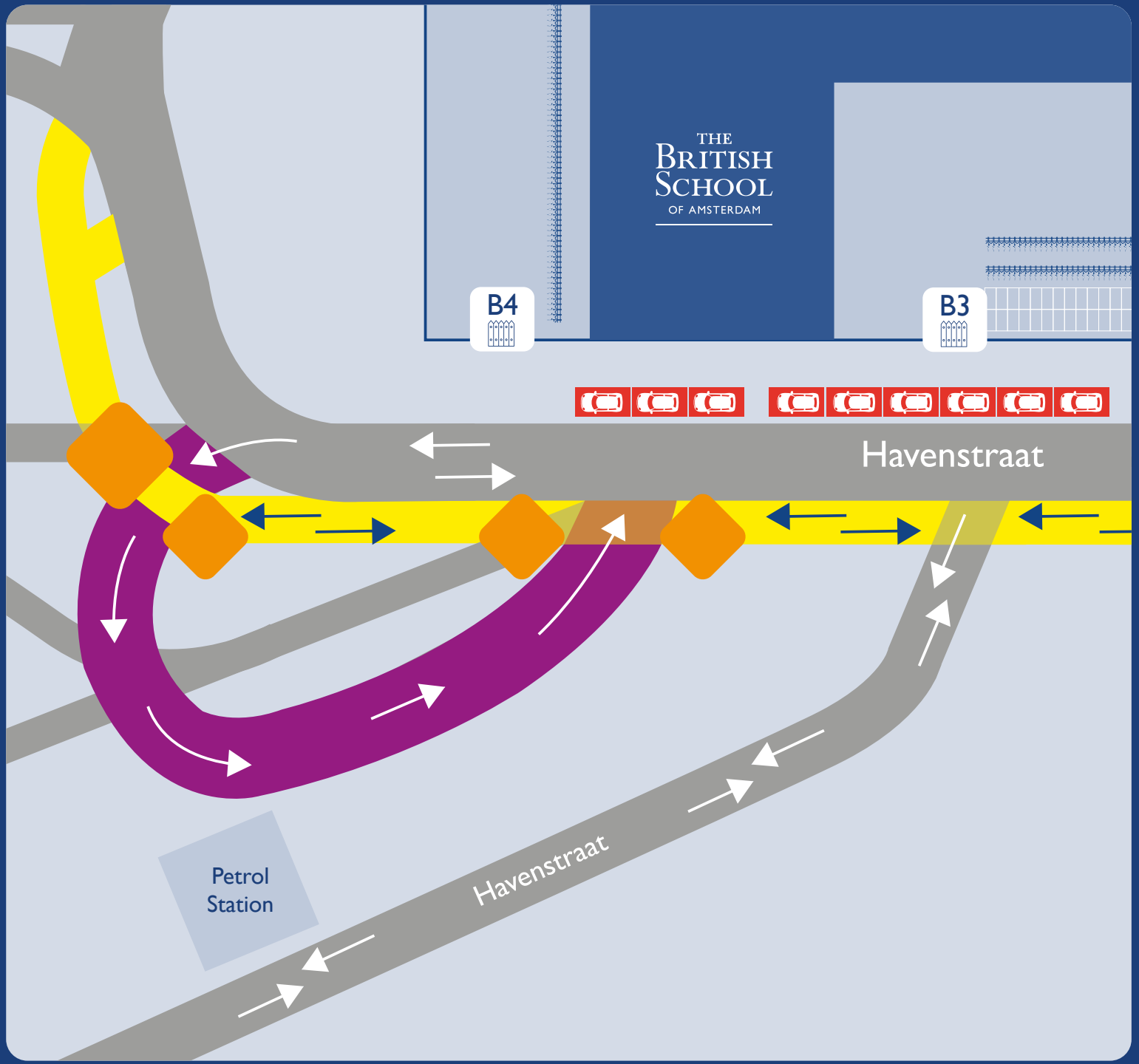
Children are expected to enter and exit the car and school independently.

There is no waiting allowed in this zone.

Only children in Year 5 upwards and older can use this area.

This zone becomes open to paid public parking on weekdays between 17.00 and 08.00, and all day on weekends.

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Car turn around loop

Turn around loop.

Do not leave via the residential streets. Please use the turn around loop.

Caution - drivers must watch for crossing cyclists when entering and leaving the loop.

When exiting the loop, drivers need to look left and right.

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