

## Our Car

We use the BMW 120D SE. This is BMW's smallest car and has rear wheeled drive. With an abundance of air bags and a full score in European safety tests we keep our clients safe. A prominent 'start' button on the fascia ensures that the car can be started easily. There is no need to put the car into neutral to start the engine since you must have your foot on the clutch before the engine starts so it cannot jump forward when you press the button. The 2.0 litre turbo diesel has plenty of torque for relaxed progress and pull at tick over means that it is less likely to stall compared to most petrol cars. Hill starts can be a trivial concern.

Since the car is rear wheel drive, the gear lever connects directly on to the gear box. This ensures that the gear lever moves precisely without the springiness sometimes associated with conventional front wheel drive. Gear changes should be much easier. The gearbox has synchromesh on all six forward gears. Reverse also has synchromesh. This means that clients need not stop completely before engaging reverse gear. This allows them to manoeuvre with great ease. Reversing sensors also help with manoeuvring.

The front wheels do not drive the car, they only have only to steer. The steering linkage can be designed with fewer compromises. A for-and-aft engine allows more space for the front wheels to turn when lock is applied. This allows a tighter turning circle for easy manoeuvres. Turns in the road will be much easier.

Driving efficiency is constantly monitored by the engines' computer so that the car adapts to the driver. The computer also allows clients to monitor their fuel consumption so that they can improve their driving efficiency. This in turn reduces the future costs of clients' motoring and can more than recoup the costs of their driving lessons. Above all this reduces our carbon footprint.

The car has one of the top level specifications and this gives an abundance of devices to help make the car safer and easier to drive and to ensure that the driving experience is comfortable and relaxing. Clients will be mainly interested in passing their driving test in the smallest number of driving lessons. This car will reduce the number of lessons needed. When coupled to a tutor who has experience, high level qualifications and a patient personality – your training will be cost effective.

If you would like to drive this rather special car please phone us on 01344303132 or email us at [john@berkshire-driving-school.co.uk](mailto:john@berkshire-driving-school.co.uk).