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This RS500 replica may look like a car but it's really a 440 bhp advertising hoarding, parts van and kiddie taxi.

Even in the primary playgrounds of Britain's educational institutions it's quite apparent which kids are going somewhere in life because you can usually spot them by the pace at which they arrive and depart. Most kids turn up at school in an Astra or a Nissan Prairie, which let's face it, is better than walking if only by a manifold gasket. At Mark Jagdev's school it's clear that amongst his five-year-old contemporaries, he's the cock of the playground as he thunders up to the gates in the passenger seat of his old man's 440 bhp three-door Sierra Cosworth.

Mark's Dad is PJ of PJ Motorsport and Performance Centre Ltd (01902 311746), Wolverhampton-based performance tuners and suppliers of all things Cosworth. PJ runs the business along with his wife Dawn and this Sierra Cos is not only the school bus but PJ's company car and the parts delivery van.

When PJ acquired the car several years ago, it was clean and original with no modifications. His initial intention was to sell it on through the business but it was at about that time that he decided to build a rolling advertisement for PJ Motorsport and a white three-door Sierra is as good a hoarding board as any.

Big power was the first thing on the list and in a quest for roughly double the original bhp figure, it was decided that the original lump was not going to be strong enough. It was craned out and banished to a remote corner of the workshop, where it sulked like a girl until little Mark stumbled across it and bolted it to his skateboard. ➡