



School Travel Plan

Annual Review 2014

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Introduction

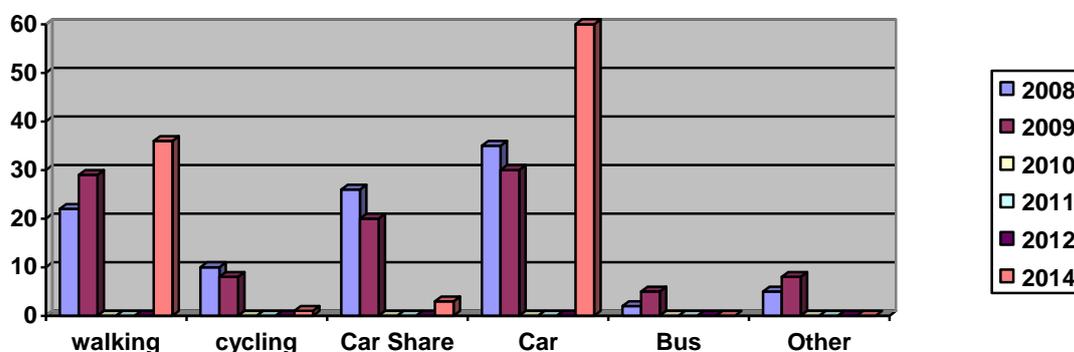
What is the school travel plan? This is a document that supports the Travelwise message by including aims and objectives to reduce car use and promote more sustainable transport options for the school journey. The plan involves researching the current situation and then finding ways to enable and encourage more people to walk, cycle or use public transport.

Present Situation

Wisborough Green School is a rural school with 176 pupils, which includes about 122 families. The village is a lovely setting for the school and the nearest town is Billingshurst, about 3 miles away. The core school hours are 8.50am to 3.30pm. The school does provide extended school services from 8am to 4.30pm on various days, through Breakfast Club and after school Clubs.

Current Travel to School – Survey Results

A questionnaire was sent to parents in October 2014. The results are as follows -



Identified areas of concern

We have asked our pupils and parents to identify barriers to them travelling in a sustainable way to school the results are shown in the tables below.

Parents have suggested the following improvements: -

- *My journey on foot would be significantly improved if the traffic through the village travelled much more slowly, if the pavements were wider and if motorists did not park on those pavements sometimes forcing us into the road*
- *Speed limit is school road - I nearly had a head on collision with somebody doing 40mph at least! And a school crossing on the green especially near where Weald bus drops off. 20 is plenty!*
- *Better bike store facilities at school - sometimes need car after school so would help to leave bike at school until following day*
- *Car share / walking bus. I work & need to drive on from school drop off/pick up so no other option other than car, even though my child could walk / ride if with others*

Initiatives and Promotions

When the children start at the School the parents are given a welcome pack which includes the latest travel plan which explains the one way system and the areas of the village that can be used for parking in.

Regular information about Park & Stride areas is sent to parents via the weekly newsletter.

The Travel Plan is on the school website.

Working with our community, several 'Park & Stride' locations have been allocated around the village of Wisborough Green; The Village Hall, The Three Crowns public house, The Cricketers public house and laybys along the village green. Parents are encouraged to use these areas to park via the weekly newsletter and this information is included in the new parents' pack.

Working with Others

We work with the Nursery (Climbing Bears) which shares our site. Climbing Bears also regularly communicate with parents about parking.

School Trips and Extended School Activities

Our Breakfast club runs from 8am – 8.45am every day. Parents can drop their child off at the front of the School. When we arrange visits and off site activities the front gates of the school are kept closed until the buses arrive. This ensures that the children can get on to the buses without crossing a main road.

Staff Travel

We currently have 11 full time and 10 part time staff. Most of our staff live over 5km from the school so have to drive to school as public transport does not fit with the school times. We encourage car sharing and cycling and some staff are able to do this.

We have restricted parking on site so additional staff or visitors have to park by blocking in other staff cars or further away from School in local laybys. Our car park is currently being re-designed.

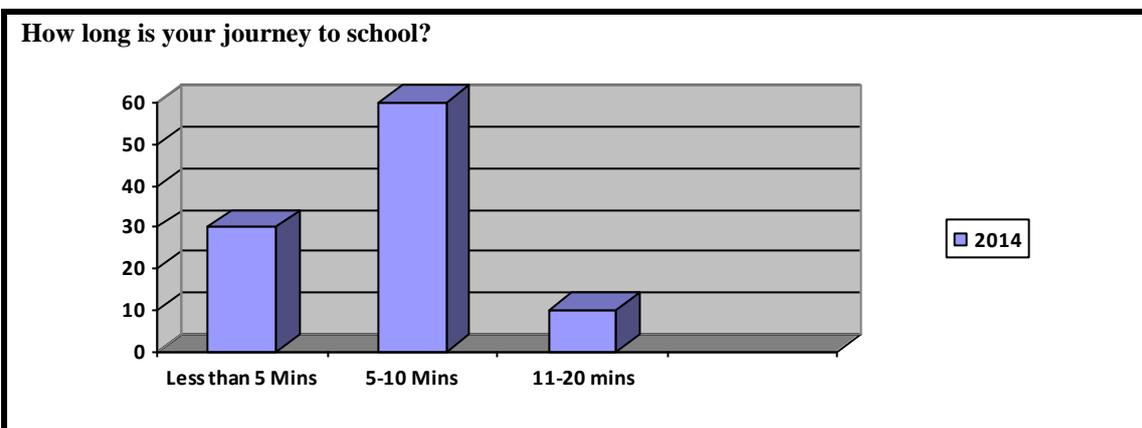
Curriculum Links

We always participate in 'walk to school' week and actively encourage children to come to school in other ways. The children learn about taking care of the environment through the curriculum.

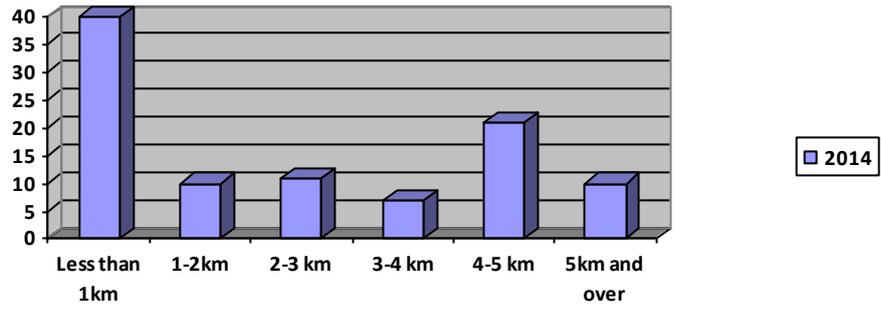
Action and Review Plan

Identified Concern and Date	Action	Responsibility	Reviewed	Update 2014
Parking on Zig Zags Feb 2010	Work with local PSCO and pupils to highlight dangers of parking on zig zags	PCSO, Travel Plan Group, School Council	Sept 2010 and monitored continually – no further issues reported as of Jan 2014.	Continuing issues with parking near front of school and on zig zags Oct 2014.
School to adopt a vigorous approach to road safety and sustainable travel.	Adopt Junior Road Safety Scheme to help address poor parking practices.	Invite WSCC Road Safety Advisor to promote scheme to school and children. Louise.bishop@westsussex.gov.uk		

Parents blocking school car park. Driving to collect children, staff blocking emergency access.	Regular reminders to parents about parking in Park & Stride locations, closing gates to enforce this. Reminders to staff about not double parking.	WSSC, Parish Council	Autumn 2013 – fewer parents using car park. Using as more of a drop off. HT has met with residents, no incidents reported during 2013-2014.	Oct 2014 – increased issues with parking.
Car park has insufficient space for school staff to park.	Headteacher to liaise with WSSC for advice. Headteacher to liaise with Parish Council. School to obtain quotes for redesign of car park	Headteacher Staff	Additional park & Stride area assigned (Cricketers Pub) from Sept 2013	Currently under review, car park is being re-designed.
School Road – parents parking inconsiderately, blocking resident access.	Headteacher to patrol the area. Headteacher to meet with residents, open up channels of communication Headteacher to liaise with WSSC & Parish Council	School, WSSC, Parish Council.	HT has regular meetings with PCSO. HT liaise closely with WSSC travel advisor.	Regular messages on Newsletter to parents about parking considerately.
Reduce the number of cars parked near the school	Adopt walking bus scheme to address the desire to increase number of children walking from park & stride locations and decrease the amount of car congestion in school road etc.	Set up a meeting with school travel working group to identify responsible adult to assess the feasibility of walking bus and who would run it etc.		



How far is your journey to school?



How would you like to travel to school?

