



*Kirkstall St Stephen's Church of
England (VA) Primary School*

Travel Plan

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children, and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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KSS School Mission Statement

We are cherished, we are challenged, we are children of God

Our Vision

We are cherished – we aim to create a caring environment where all children and staff feel welcome, valued, supported and respected.

We are challenged- through a stimulating and challenging learning environment, where achievements are recognised but it is also safe to fail, increasing our resilience.

We are children of God – we recognise the value of each and every individual, encouraging everyone's unique spiritual development and potential.

Our Ethos Statement

Our school ethos is represented by the KSS Values Tree; showing children's growth as a tree planted firmly into God's sustaining love and rooted in our school values of: trust, justice, perseverance, respect, thankfulness and forgiveness.

This is based on Psalm 1:1-3.

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They are like trees that grow beside a stream,
that bear fruit at the right time,
and whose leaves do not dry up.

They succeed in everything they do

Aims

Our travel plan aims to:

- Increase the safety of all the school community
- Decrease congestion around our school
- Improve children's health and happiness
- Improve facilities for pedestrians

Our school is a community primary school serving a very wide catchment area. The majority of our children live in Kirkstall, Hawksworth and Burley but a significant minority travel from Bramley and further afield.

(Please see attached catchment area map)

The school caters for aged 4-11 and presently has 191 on roll.
We have ten teachers and 10 support staff plus two administrative staff.

Our school day runs from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Our Before and After school club runs from 7.45am – 9.00am and from 3.30 – 5.30pm. At present we have many after school clubs which usually run from 3.30pm –4.30pm for sports and musical activities.

Plan of roads surrounding our school: (Please see attached map).

Consultation

The school has consulted widely with all stakeholders before drawing up its proposals for action:

- All parents/carers received a comprehensive questionnaire the results of which are attached. We had 83 questionnaires returned, approx 60% of our households.
- All children were surveyed – results attached. All children in all classes were included in the survey.
- Full Governing Body and Pupil Support Subcommittee consulted – Governing Body and Pupil Support Subcommittee minutes attached.
- School and Class councils fully involved – please see attached School Council Letter and Questionnaire.
- Results of surveys shared with all stakeholders
- Staff consulted in drawing up plan and in providing own travel information – see attached staff questionnaire.

Parents

Of those families that responded 65 live under 2 miles from school. Of those parents that drive their children to school less than half travel on to work each morning. Parents registered most interest in school walking week, the walking bus, cycling and incentive schemes.

Pupils

When asked how they would like to travel to school 45% said they would like to cycle (currently only 9% do). 93% of our children travel to school with adults, only 7% travel alone.

Main Problems Faced by School Community

From consultation and experience the main travel problems faced are:

- Congestion on Spring Road
- Traffic failing to stop at lights on Cardigan Road
- Cars reversing into school car park to turn around
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Action Planned

The school has drawn up an action plan to address the identified problems. (See Action Plan)

Targets

5% reduction in travelling to school by car over 2007 (from 40% -35%), further 5% reduction 2008 (from 35% to 30%)

90% of children to walk/cycle part or all of journey to school on Walk on Wednesdays (an increase of 30%)

10% reduction in late arrivals over 2007. The present figures are an average of 10 children per day.

Increase cycling to school by 10% each year over next 3 years.

Monitoring and Review

The Travel Plan will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher.

Parents/carers and stakeholders will be asked for feedback on initiatives. A repeat questionnaire will be given to parents/carers/stakeholders annually for feedback. The Head will be responsible for gathering this information. We will also participate in the school travel question in PLASC. .

Any new in-year activities or initiatives will be added to the action plan.

Travel Information

Access Into School: There is a separate vehicle and pedestrian access into school. There is a walkway for pushchair/wheelchair/disabled access. Of the two pedestrian entrances one (the walkway) is fully segregated from vehicular access.

Car Park: The school has parking for 9 cars plus one disabled space.

Cycles: We have covered cycle shelter with stands for bikes/scooters.

Buses/trains: Cardigan Road and Otley Road/Headingley Lane at either end of our school road (Spring Road) have buses to most local areas. The nearest rail stations are Headingley and Burley Park, both one mile from the school.

School Travel / Road Safety Practices and Policies

Our School Council gave out a questionnaire asking all children to list any worries they had about traffic outside school. They shared the results with parents and children. (see attached questionnaire and letter).

During our Parents' Evening this term three members of the school council showed a Power Point Presentation they had made to all parents and children on Road Safety.

We have road safety training from the Road Safety Team for Years 1 and 4 each year.

During Sport and Health Week we have cycle training for all children who can bring (and ride) a bike.

We have a banner from the Road Safety Team displayed outside our school encouraging parents to park thoughtfully.

We have a bike shelter with stands for bikes/scooters to be secured.

We have a before and after school club which reduces the volume of traffic at the start and end of the school day.

We have a later closing time than the other local school (3.30pm) so as not to clash and make congestion worse.

Off site activities are weekly swimming and trips supporting curriculum teaching. These are met by a service bus to the pool and paid coaches for class trips. On occasions the older children use public transport for visits to events in the town centre.

Regular pre and after school clubs are all on the school site. When after school clubs are run for older children at the local high school parents are encouraged and supported by the school to share transport roles to enable more children to take part whilst limiting congestion.

Intended Use of Grant Funding

We intend to use the funding to provide benches for parents/carers to sit on outside our classrooms. At present all parents/carers have to stand which encourages everyone to arrive at the same time. In addition, should funds permit, we would aim for some of the benches to have a shelter over them.

Measures and Initiatives

Key Measures and initiatives outlined in our Action Plan are: Walk On Wednesdays, Walking Bus, Promotion of Car Share, Support and training for increased cycle use and provision of seating areas and cover outside the classrooms.

Staff travel

Initiatives aimed at staff travel:

- Promotion of car share
- Promotion of discounted metro card

Involvement in bikeability initiative