

Nunnery Wood Primary School

Annual STP Review 2014

School travel plan review details

- LA/School DCSF ref. no: 2172
- Date original STP approved: March 2005
- Date of this STP review: January 2014
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1. Introduction

Since the original travel plan the following structural changes have happened:

- In 2009 there were 292 pupils at the school; by September 2013 the NOR had risen to 340, with the admission of the first two cohorts of 60 pupils following a permanent PAN increase. Numbers are now expected to increase steadily over the coming years, to a maximum of 420 by September 2018. Increasing numbers has necessitated an extensive building programme; works are currently underway and due for completion by September 2014. Car parking / cycle storage for additional members of staff and visitors is being catered for as part of these works.
- The main school drive is no longer used pupils and parents at the start and end of the school day, increasing pupil safety; the school has established two car-free entrances for pupils and parents to use, leading off adjacent footpaths. Through liaison with local councillors, one footpath has been re-surfaced, allowing easy access for parents who make use of car parking at a nearby public house.
- Excellent, covered cycle storage at the south of the site has been installed, and is well-used by parents and children, and by a small number of staff who regularly cycle to school.

2. Travel data

a) Pupils' postcodes

More pupils have been coming to Nunnery Wood Primary School from out of catchment. In January 2014 63% of the 341 children on roll lived outside the catchment area.

b) Hands Up Survey: November 2012 – November 2013

Type of Travel					Preference	
	No.		%		No	%
Walk	146	155	51	48	0	0
Cycle	2	2	1	1	0	0
Car – single occupancy	46	78	16	24	0	0
Car – Siblings	86	70	30	22	0	0
Car Share (with pupils from other households)	9	20	3	6	0	0
School Bus	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Bus	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taxi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (e.g. train)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	289	325	101	101	0	0

2012: Of those pupils that travel to school by car, 85 are dropped off outside the school and 39 park and walk. On occasion 32 pupils walk and 1 cycles instead of being driven.

2013: Of those pupils that travel to school by car, 85 are dropped off outside the school and 56 park and walk. On occasion 68 pupils walk and 13 cycle instead of being driven.

Summary of hands up survey results:

Results indicate that walking, cycling and car sharing have all increased, if only slightly. The school and its pupil Eco-Council actively encourage more sustainable transport, especially walking and cycling to school.

Hands Up Survey results are generally good, but we now need to gather and analyse preference data. We are also aware that the times of year and weather patterns affect hands up data, and, therefore, that it is approximate.

3. Summary of school's transport and road safety issues

a) Problems identified in the original STP:

Problem	Is this still an issue?
Conflict between pedestrians and vehicles using the same entrance – near misses.	Solved – car free entrances created.
Inadequate parking on site, cars parking on approach road and on the footpath forcing pedestrians to walk in the road.	Improved – staff can now safely park along the school driveway as no conflict with pedestrians. This will be further improved following completion of works.
Pedestrian waiting areas for parents need extending / access to school office by parents at rear of school.	Adequate waiting areas for parents have now been created. A new school office is being created as part of current works.
No cycle storage facilities.	Solved – covered, secure cycle stands installed.

b) New problems/areas of concern that have arisen since the original STP was submitted:

Problem	Possible solutions?
Inconsiderate parking by parents outside the school and dangerous manoeuvring, especially on the roundabout on Prestwich Avenue and the cul-de-sacs at the rear of the school – near misses.	Yellow zig zags to both sides of road and roundabout on Prestwich Ave have improved this. Promotional activities/posters etc. from the school and invite CSO to patrol more.
Difficulty for parents to access school office at front of building at beginning / end of school day.	Accessible office for parents to be created at rear of building to facilitate easy access at these times – works now underway.
Increase in pupil numbers necessitates review of car parking / cycle storage for staff and visitors.	Car parking areas at front of school need to be carefully planned within the scope of the buildings development – underway.

4. Objectives, Targets and Development Tasks

a) Objectives

- Raising awareness of the transport problems faced by the school and in the surrounding environment, and of the need to reduce these as the school gets bigger.
- Increasing awareness among pupils, staff and parents of the environmental, safety, health and social consequences of their travel choices.
- Informing pupils, parents and staff of the benefits of green transport.
- Reducing traffic congestion and pollution in the neighbourhood of the school.
- Increasing the health and fitness of the pupils.
- In the long term, to decrease the number of children making their school journey by car.
- Rationalise the existing car parking spaces, without compromising other areas of the school grounds.
- Creating easier access for parents at the rear of the school.

b) Targets 2012 - 2014

These targets have been set using the hands up survey data, which will be collected twice a year, in November and April. Therefore the first interim target was set for November 2012, and subsequently to reduce car use by 1% every 6 months until April 2014, when the target will be reviewed and reset.

Targets	Actual April 2012	Target Nov 2012	Actual Nov 2012	Target Apr 2013	Actual Apr 2013	Target Nov 2013	Actual Nov 2013	Target Apr 2014	Actual Apr 2014
Reduce the number of pupils travelling to school by car (single or with siblings) from 40% to 36% by 2014.	40%	39%	46%	38%	42%	37%	46%	36%	

5. Travel Plan Action for Nunnery Wood Primary School

	Development Tasks	Lead person	Target date	Progress	Comments
1	Include STP in School Improvement Plan	SM		Done annually	Next update due September 2014.
2	Hands-Up Surveys and preference surveys: April / November annually.	MS		Done and ongoing	Next survey due April 2014.

3	Survey pupils about modes of transport used and perceived dangers.	EC	May 14		Through Eco-Council. Use maps to show where dropped off.
4	Survey parents about modes of transport used and how they could be persuaded to use other means.	MJ (governor)	May 14		Advice to be sought from LA.
5	Involve pupils and parents in regular Walk to School programmes.	EC	May 14		Walk to School Week in May.
6	Work to be completed to redesign car parking area and accessible office for parents.	SM	Sep.14		Works underway.
7	Survey staff re: facilities to persuade them to use more sustainable modes of transport, where possible.	SM	Oct. 14		
8	Draw up staff Cycling Policy.	SM	Oct. 14		
9	Review coach access and risk assessment. Seek advice about any alternatives.	SM	Oct. 14		

Key to lead names in action tables above:

Lead initial	Name	Job role
SM	Susan Mason	Head Teacher
MS	Marie Sowney	School administrator
MJ	Matt Jenkins	Governor with responsibility for sustainability
EC	Emma Cother	Teacher – Eco-Council leader

6. Other STP activities

The Head Teacher sends regular letters to parents about dangerous and inconsiderate parking near the school and encourages parents to park further away from the school and walk their children the remaining distance. This is raised with parents during induction visits.

Pupils walk into Worcester city centre for day trips and use the Worcester Walk and Cycle maps to plan routes. Year 5 and 6 pupils walk to their swimming lessons every week.

The school incorporates road safety training into lessons as well as inviting the County Road Safety Officers to give class talks and cycle proficiency training in Year 5. Any child who does not achieve this in Year 5 repeats the course in Year 6.

7. Approval of STP review

Nunnery Wood Primary School agrees to the contents of this School Travel Plan Review.

- This is a living document that will be reviewed and updated annually by the Head Teacher / Eco-Schools Action Team (ESAT).
- ESAT will monitor the delivery of the plan and all subsequent reviews, and will update the plan as required.
- ESAT will consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision and the STP will be revised as necessary to take account of these.
- The school will maintain links with the County Council on road safety issues on the public highway outside and near the school.
- The school will keep parents, pupils and staff up to date with information about the School Travel Plan.

The next annual review will take place during or before January 2015.

Signed..... Date: January 2014

Susan Mason, Head Teacher

Appendix A: Postcode Plot January 2009

