

Co-op Academy
Belle Vue
Modular Build
Travel Plan

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Travel Plans

The academy has canvassed its pupils, the number of children travelling to school by car will approximately equal 30% which in real terms will be 30 pupils in the first year of occupation 2021, many children live close enough to school to walk.

We are estimating that many of our pupils will access local bus services. The local bus routes are well established, and access is from Alan Turing Way adjacent to the main Connell Co-op College site.

Why have a travel plan?

Travel plans are an excellent way of reducing both car use and road accidents in the journey to school. A School Travel Plan can:

- Improve safety
- Improve the environment
- Improve health
- Encourage independence
- Improve accessibility

What is a Travel Plan?

A travel plan is a document produced by the Academy that sets out how it is going to encourage pupils to walk, cycle or use public transport on the journey to and from the Academy, in order to reduce the number of car journeys.

The Academy travel plan contains information about the way pupils presently travel to and from school, objectives and an action plan.

In order to be successful, the travel plan will need to have the support of pupils and parents, the Local Authority and any other relevant partners, such as the Police or Bus Operators. It will also need to be incorporated into the Academy Development Plan.

Travel Plan Introduction

Co-op Academy Belle Vue is centrally located within Manchester and is within 1 mile of the city centre. The Academy has been built to temporarily house students for 1 year prior to the opening of a permanent secondary academy building.

The Academy's first intake of students will be around 100 from the ages of 11 – 12 years and will operate independently of Connell Co-op Academy. In the short term they share the same campus. The catchment area is entirely urban, and the Academy serves a community of considerable social and economic deprivation. Most students travel to the Academy on foot or by public transport.

The Academy follows the Co-op values in all aspects of its day to day running procedures.

We are committed to the wellbeing and health of all students and our aims are to make sure:

- Our students feel happy and safe
- All students make a positive contribution to academy life
- All students participate in the extended schools/enrichment programme
- We are constantly working to improve our students' health and fitness
- Our students are confident, with high self-esteem

The staffing in the Academy consists of approximately 10 staff members 8 will travel to work by car 2 by public transport – Tram.

It is envisaged that the Academy facilities will be open from 7.00 am until 6.00 pm Monday to Friday. Pupils can access breakfast clubs from 7.30 am, pupils will access after school clubs and enrichment between 3.00 pm and 5.30 pm.

Our Academy site consists of the following:

- Primary vehicle access from Wilson Street
- Parent drop off zone (1 identified bay)
- Visitor parking area
- Bus drop off zone (not applicable until the academy mini bus is purchased November 2021)
- Secure staff car parking area spaces (including accessible spaces)
- Secure cycle parking covered spaces
- Shared cycle and pedestrian access route from A6010 Alan Turing Way
- Shared cycle and pedestrian access route from Connell Co-op College
- Turning circle – this will not be available until October 2021 due to construction issues.

Turning Circle Mitigation short term plan

A maximum of 30 cars will arrive on site between the period of 7.00 am and 8.45am. This will be a staggered drop off. The following mitigation regimes will be in place to manage any traffic congestion and reduce any health and safety issues until the final layout of the turning circle is accessible.

- The academy will have 8 teacher staff members to meet and greet pupils on available on duty until all pupils have arrived and exited the site daily AM and PM
- The site manager will be highly visible wearing high vis PPE controlling traffic movement and checking parking restrictions are observed AM and PM
- Parents will be encouraged to make appointments for any meetings with academy staff. This will be managed via an appointment system between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm to reduce congestion numbers on site.
- Visitors and deliveries will be monitored and where possible a designated time will be given to reduce congestion at drop off and pick up times
- Pupils' entry will be expected to be staggered as all pupils do not take advantage of the before and after school services
- All staff members will be asked to use the public car park attached to the local leisure centre which is opposite the site on Alan Turing Way. Reducing parked cars around the entrance of the Belle Vue site.
- Parents will be given a written update on any parking issues and restrictions which may have to be enforced short term
- Parents and pupils who arrive at the academy may be designated a time slot and a plan to expand the start time will be developed if drop off/pick up becomes an issue.
- The academy accept that they may have to stagger start times: 50 pupils will start the school day at 8.30 and leave at 2.30 pm and 50 pupils will arrive at 9.30 am and leave at 3.30 pm to allow for the agreed September opening date and as a mitigation if required

Students who live outside the three mile radius of the Academy good public transport provision is available .

For staff, most will cycle or drive to school. We anticipate that a very small number will use public transport, probably the bus or tram. All drivers will be encouraged to use the public car park provision at the leisure centre off Alan Turing Way.

Anticipated travel issues may be significantly reduced as our entrance from Wilson Street is extremely long and is not a public through road. This may reduce the congestion in the immediate area caused by student drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the Academy Day. Many students will probably choose to walk or cycle when it would be feasible to do so. Parking around the Academy will be monitored continually through the day by a designated academy staff member.

The person with responsibility for the Travel Plan in the Academy will be the Principal Benjamin Barker

Travel Plan and Objectives

The travel plan is produced against a background of increasing emphasis on health and safety. The safety of students travelling to and from the Academy, and around the Academy, is obviously important. The national concern about the health of teenagers is also relevant, in that walking and cycling to school are less common than previously, and would contribute to a healthier lifestyle.

The specific aims of the plan are to

- Maximise safety en-route to and from the Academy by offering appropriate advice and encouragement

- Maximise safety in the immediate Academy area by discouraging car usage
- Improve health outcomes for students and staff by encouraging walking and cycling
- Contributing to the 'green' agenda by encouraging alternatives to individual car use by parents and staff

The Academy community will benefit from reduced congestion and increased health benefits. The environment will benefit also.

Actions the Academy can take to ensure the objectives are met

The following actions and initiatives can be taken to ensure the Academy is making progress towards the objectives outlined above.

- During the academic year the Academy will undertake a survey of travel patterns.
- The physical and social barriers to walking or cycling will be identified and addressed.
- Parents/Carers will be engaged in the promotion of walking and cycling to the Academy.
- Safety issues for students and staff who do walk or cycle will be explored.
- Students and staff who adopt the 'green' approach to travel will be acknowledged and rewarded.

Other initiatives that will promote cycling and walking will be explored. These could include:

- Cycle training for students.
- Public transport timetables made readily available.
- Information on travel currently to be included in the Academy prospectus.
- Notice-board with public transport timetables to be put in reception.
- Travel information for parents to be included in school newsletters and websites.
- Information on safe walking and cycling to be disseminated to students and staff.

The Academy Senior Leadership Team has been involved in the consultation process regarding roads and parking in the immediate vicinity of the Academy building and will continue to be involved.

Covered Cycle storage bays have been created within the Academy grounds and all pupils and staff will have access to showers and lockers to store equipment.

Our Priorities for Travel

The priorities will be to

- Encourage walking
- Display public transport timetables and cycle routes
- Encourage car sharing amongst staff
- Use the PSHE programme to promote healthier lifestyles and increase environmental awareness.

Travel Action Plan

Issue	Action	Who	Target Date
No turning circle access in the first term	Approach road/driveway with clearly marked traffic signage Manned drop off and pick am and pm Site staff member monitoring traffic throughout the day Vehicle Drop off / pick up bay Alternative parking for staff members available off site	Co-op Academy Belle Vue	1st September 2021
-	Flat top humps Raised junctions (off Hinchley Road) Raised plateau paving Crossing points for pedestrians Traffic monitoring of traffic impact on Alan Turing way following opening (planning condition 30 2014)	Existing Capital Build project - BSF	September 2021 Sept – Dec 2021
Safety advice	Offer advice to students and parents Parents information flyer	SLT Police/CSO Pastoral Team	Sept – Dec 2021
Low numbers walking or cycling to school	Encourage students, staff and parents to consider this via ● Providing secure facilities	SLT Pastoral Team	Sept – Dec 2021

	• Assemblies • Newsletters • Handbook • Parents' Evenings • Academy website		
Low use of public transport	Display timetables of public transport in Student Services and main reception, Academy website, LRC.	Receptionists Student Services	Sept – Dec 2021
Use of private car	Safe parking advice • Parents • Staff • Students Dedicated parking spaces for staff to prevent unnecessary traffic at site entrances Encourage car sharing via academy scheme.	SLT/Site Manager Site Manager	September 2021

Monitoring Progress

The Travel Plan will be published via the newsletter and website.

Travel surveys will be implemented on a yearly cycle and results compared with previous years. This information will be displayed at the Academy.

Results of 'green' travel initiatives will be disseminated to parents, students and staff.

Following the annual review of progress, the action plan will be updated.

Criteria for Success

The following will be indicators that we are making progress towards our objectives:

- Increase in number of students walking to school
- Decrease in number of car journeys to school
- Increase in numbers cycling or using public transport

- Decrease in number of cars parked at the academy
- Reduction in recorded number of road/car incidents on Victoria Avenue / Hinchley Road

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The Academy will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the Academy.

Adopted by Co-op Academy Belle Vue On 3 September 2021

Chair of Co-op Academy Belle Vue XXXXXXXXXX

Head of School **Benjamin Barker**

Review date 1 December 2021