Holy Trinity CE Primary School

Travel Plan

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Overview:

This school travel plan puts forward a package of measures to improve safety and reduce car use on the journey to and from school. The plan is supported by a partnership with children, staff, education, transport and road safety officers at the council. The plan is based on consultation with parents, staff, pupils, governors, City Council officers and the wider local community.

Our School Context:

The school is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school situated in Blackley on the outskirts of Manchester. There are currently 234 pupils on roll including 26 Nursery children, who attend on a full-time basis. The percentage of pupils with free school meals is 30%. This is well above the national average, and reflects the very high levels of social deprivation in the area. 39% are white British with 61% ethnicity – 28 different languages are spoken. Of these, several are at the early stages of learning English. There is 1 Traveller pupil on roll. Twenty Five pupils are currently on the school's special educational needs register. This represents approx. 11% of the school population and is a conservative estimate of the actual special educational needs in the school. Pupil mobility is high with 26 pupils having joined the school other than at the usual point of entry and 21 pupils having left the school other than at the usual point of transfer. The children's attainment when they start school in the Nursery class is at a very low level across all areas of learning.

The School is set off Moston Lane (on Capstan St), which is a major road that cuts through the Harpurhey Shopping area. This road is in very close proximity to Rochdale Rd (A564); this road carries a significant number of cars into Manchester from Oldham/Rochdale and the M60. Moston Lane is often used as a cut-through by local traffic to avoid congestion on the main roads. This had led to a high number of Child pedestrian accidents around the school. Side streets have traffic calmers and are 20mph zones but these are not necessarily observed by motorists. The yellow lines outside school are fading and despite contact with Manchester City Council, this remains an outstanding action.

The school day starts at 8.55am but children are able to come into school from 8.45am. Some children and parents arrive before these times and wait on the playground or under the key stage shelters. Breakfast Club attended by approx 40 children starts at 8.00am.

In the evening school finishes at 3.00pm and has after school clubs on Wednesdays and Thursdays until 4pm. The school is not used by outside groups on a regular basis.

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Travel issues at our school:

- Residential area – parking issues especially on Capstan Street
- Speed of cars on Dalbeattie Street, Capstan Street , Moston Lane/Rochdale Rd
- Safety of pupils in local area, incidencies of high accident rates amongst pupils
- Keen to improve health and fitness of pupils – Healthy Schools by increasing physical activity
- Keen to involve the pupil voice of the school council and parents/carers
- Keen to introduce new methods of travel to school
- Importance of involving only adults who have been DBS checked.

The above travel issues have been identified by carrying out a questionnaire with the pupils and parents and also sending out a covering letter that asked the parents to identify specific issues. These issues have been addressed as representative of the whole school community including provision for SEN pupils and also staff travel.

Results of our Pupil Travel Survey (June 2014):

This is a summary of the results of our whole school travel survey (see Appendix 1).

Pupils and parents completed the survey in autumn term 2014. This includes our Nursery class.

How pupils travel to school:

Table 5 How do you mostly get to school in the morning?							
	How travel to school						
	Walk	**Bike**	**Car**	**Car Share**	**Bus**	**Taxi**	**Total**
Number of Pupils	149	3	68	0	11	3	**234**
%	63	1	29	0	5	1	100

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How pupils travel from school:

Table 13	How do you mostly get from school in the afternoon?						
	How travel from school						
	Walk	Bike	Car	Car Share	Bus	Taxi	Total
Number of Pupils	155	4	61	0	12	2	**234**
%	65	2	26	0	5	0.8	100

APPENDIX A (Parent/Carer survey results)

Conclusions:

Just over half of the children in school (63%) already walk to school, although there is the potential for up to a further 37% to do so. There is a feeling amongst some parents/carers that the roads near school are not safe for pupils to walk along – hopefully this will be at least in part addressed by the Safer Routes to School measures in the near future. The leadership team of the school and Site Manger are in dialogue with MCC to renew the yellow painted zig zags near school.

Only 1% currently cycle to school and this could be improved by offering secure bike storage. Again, improvements to the routes would make this feel safer for pupils and parents, alongside the provision of Bicycle safety training. Pupils have expressed an interest in cycling to school but 'grown-ups at home won't let them'. This would be overcome by offering the Safe Bicycle training, both on-road and skills training. There is a large percentage of pupils who indicated that they would prefer to cycle rather than their current mode of transport.

Walking Buses and Cycle Trains would help keep levels of pupils walking high and encourage some to cycle. They would help both parents and pupils feel safer about the school journey and give parents more time in the mornings as they would be sharing the school journey with others, so would not need to do it every day.

It will be necessary to carry out more parent/carer consultation as the travel plan evolves to make sure that parents are kept informed of any new schemes that are being implemented. This will also allow the parents/carers and pupils to take ownership of the Travel Plan and ultimately help them to progress the initiatives.

APPENDIX B (What we want our Travel Plan to achieve

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Involving others in our Travel plan:

- Mr L Hardy (Headteacher)
- PSHE/Healthy Schools Coordinator
- Mr L Hardy – Child Protection responsibility
- School Council – overseen by Miss Magda
- 4 Junior Road Safety Officers (two from Year 5, two from Year 6)
- School Governor Representative – a parent governor
- Eco Schools Coordinator – Miss K Glaysher

In the future we will involve the school council in the decisions of choosing bike security and safety signs.

We will work with the LA road safety team and Bike Right to implement our plan.

Monitoring and Reviewing our Travel Plan:

We will monitor our targets termly by;

- conducting a hands up survey with each class (see Appendix A).
- conducting parking surveys on Dalbeattie Street and Capstan St.
- reviewing & refining the travel plan each July in line with our findings
- as part of the review process for the Healthy Schools Award
- Headteacher's termly report to governors
- Through assemblies and curriculum links