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This Document Presents a Framework for a Travel Plan for the Manchester Communication Primary Academy Temporary Accommodation September 2014 – July 2015

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Type of Accommodation:

The temporary accommodation is intended to cater for 60 reception and KS1 children and 7 staff. It is anticipated that a high proportion of the pupils that attend the academy will be from north-east Manchester, an area of considerable social and economic disadvantage. It is likely that a high proportion would originate from the wards of Harpurhey, Collyhurst, and Moston. Currently 10 applications for reception places have been submitted and all are local and/ or siblings of MCA.

Location of Academy:

The temporary accommodation is situated on the campus for Manchester Communication Academy; on what is currently bus access, only used for MCA trips not to transport students to and from the Academy. Refer to diagram

Academy (2104 – 2015) opening & closing times:

	Open/Starts	Close/Finishes
Academy	08:20	3:15
Pupil official academy time	08:50	3:15

Pupil & Staff Numbers:

Numbers of pupils on roll		
Nursery and EYFS	30	
Key Stage 1	30	
Number of full time staff	7	
Number of part time staff	0	
Number of academy volunteers	0	

Facilities

Description		Numbers
Car Park	Staff parking (shared with MCA) Visitors Parking Staff Disabled Visitors Disabled	90 28 3 9
Cycle Storage	Cycle bays for staff (shared with MCA) Students	90 30
Storage Lockers	Staff Lockers	TBC
Shower Facilities (shared with MCA)	Staff Students	2 2

Use of academy outside hours including extended academy activities

The temporary accommodation will only be used out of hours for parent/ carer review meeting and induction meetings for 2015 applicants.

Transport Links:
The site is served by public transport given that it lies adjacent to both a major arterial route to/from the city Centre along Rochdale Road and a major local distributor road in Queens Road. The existing bus stops on Rochdale Road provide connections to a high frequency services to the city centre, Bury, Rochdale and numerous other local destinations. The Bus stop on Monsall Road and Monsall Street, which are also located within easy distance of the site, provide high frequency services to Cheetham Hill, Crumpsall, Blackley, Moston and Newton Heath. Further public transport connections can be made from the bus stops located on Queens road and on the section of Carisbrook Street that fronts the proposed sport facilities.

The site is highly accessible by pedestrians using of the existing footway network along the major routes in the vicinity of the site, namely Rochdale Road, Queens Road, Lathbury Road, Silchester Drive and the footway network within the nearby residential areas.

Signal controlled pedestrian crossing facilities are incorporated into Rochdale Road, Queen Road, Scropton Street, Topley Street junction. In addition, a pelican crossing is located on Rochdale Road, in the vicinity of the northerly entrance to Queens Park; this assists the crossing of road and provide access to the existing bus stops.

The Metrolink station is provided on Monsall Street as part of the extensions to the Metrolink system. This station lies within easy walking distance of the Academy site thereby offering further public transport connections.

Access
Parents will be able access the temporary building via Silchester drive; there is a pedestrian access and access for parents who travel by car, via MCA visitor car park.

Q and A

Note that it is stated that parents could park on the existing visitor's car park and Silchester Drive, however, we need to know likely numbers of anticipated cars and current usage in order to assess whether this will work, in conjunction with the operation of the existing school.
Where will staff park? Is there room in the existing car park?

Yes we estimate that we will need an extra 5 places for staff, we have more staff car places as the Football Association will not be based at MCA (September 2015)

I appreciate that the existing secondary has a low proportion of pupils travelling by car, however, as we know, Primary drop off is quite different to secondary, as parents need to accompany their children into and out of school. Where is the catchment area for the Primary pupils? And is the distance walkable?

The majority of our current pupils do walk and initial applications for reception places are from siblings. We have a flexible drop off time that will enable siblings to drop off and will enable parents to drop off within a 30 min window, after the majority of MCA pupils have arrived/ dropped off.

I recall mention of existing parents of pupils at the secondary currently parking/collecting/dropping off on the bus layby - would they be displaced by this proposal?

Parents currently (From Easter 2104) cannot use the lay by due to a dining room extension; this has not created any issues as parents/carers use the visitor parking spaces.

Has a staggered start time been explored for the primary and the secondary?

Secondary open from 7:15; we experience a slow flow of arrivals until 8:30, core learning ends at 3:00pm with at least 250 students staying in school until 4:15pm
Primary window 8:20am – 8:50am; core learning will finish at 3:15pm.

Academy Travel working group:

Travel plan co-ordinator.

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Academy Staff:

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Pupils:

N/A

Governors:

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Links Used

www.cyclescheme.co.uk/151c9f
www.cyclegm.org/
www.walkit.com
www.walkingworks.org.uk
www.tfgm.com/journey_planning/
www.carsharegm.com/
http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&tab=wl

Sign off and formal approval-academy signatures

The following signatures confirm the academy management have read and approve the contents of this document. By signing this document the academy is committing itself to make every effort to resolve problems identified within the enclosed document and implement the actions identified. The academy further acknowledges that they have committed to achieving all targets highlighted in their action plan and to the annual review and monitoring of the plan.

Principal Designate
Sue Farrimond

Academy Travel Plan Coordinator

Mark Farrimond
