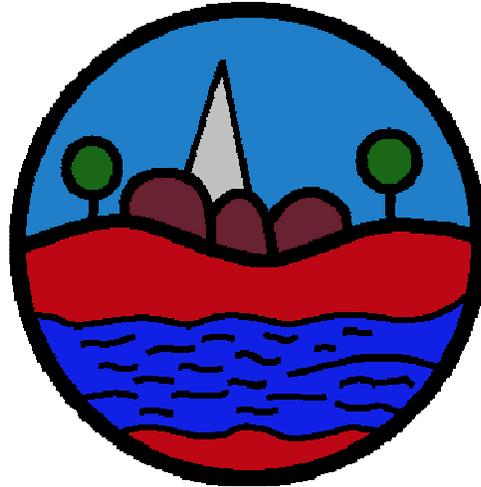


Rockcliffe CE Primary School



SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN 2010

School Aims

For every child to have a positive attitude to learning and for them to have the opportunity to achieve to their full potential.

To offer an understanding of the beliefs and traditions of the Christian faith together with an appreciation of other beliefs and cultures.

To be a safe learning environment in which children feel secure, and where self-esteem, confidence and respect, both for self and for others, can be promoted.

To prepare children to play an active role in the community.

To make our school a place where children want to be.

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I School details

DCSF school reference number	909/ 3031
Type of school	Voluntary Controlled Primary
Number on roll (including no. of SEN pupils with a brief description of subsequent impact on travel)	106 Including 25 SEN pupils
Number of staff (It is highly recommended that a supplementary Travel Plan for staff and other school users is developed)	4 Full Time & 3 Part Time Teachers, 5 Teaching Assistants, 1 secretary, 1 Caretaker, 1 Cook, 1 Assistant Cook, 2 lunch time supervisors
Age range of pupils	3 – 11 (85 FT pupils and 10 PT pupils)
School contact details	
Head teacher	Mr David Hodgkiss
Address	Rockcliffe CE Primary School Rockcliffe Carlisle Cumbria
Postcode	CA6 4AA
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Fax	01228 674631
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Website	www.rockcliffe.cumbria.sch.uk
Working group contact	
Name	Mr David Hodgkiss
Address	As above
Telephone number	01228 674631
Email address	head@rockcliffe.cumbria.sch.uk
School situation and use	
Description of school	<p>Rockcliffe is located on a cliff above the river Eden near the Solway Firth it is on a minor road about 4 miles north west of Carlisle, off the A74. In bygone times the nearness of the village to Scotland enabled smugglers to convey whisky and salt from Scotland across to Cumbria. Because of its location, Rockcliffe was once important for shipbuilding and was used as a port.</p>  <p>Rockcliffe Beach</p>

Rockcliffe Marsh is a Site of Special Scientific Interest under the care of the Cumbria Wildlife Trust. It is thought to be the largest salt marsh in Cumbria.



Rockcliffe Marsh

Rockcliffe C of E Primary School is located in the village. The school serves the villages of Cargo, Rockcliffe and Todhills along with the surrounding area. Pupil and staff post code plots, mode of travel and residence plans are located

Two school buses arrive at the start and end of the school day; they park in the layby in front of the school for safe dropping off and collection of the children. There is a bus stop and shelter in the middle of the layby which is used by the local service bus – timetable details are in Appendix 3 – Transport Links This is the last drop off first collection point stop in the village. There are no yellow zigzags outside the school.

There are 2 entrance points to the school, one double gated into the staff car park and one with a small gate leading to the main school entrance. The playground is located behind the main school building away from the road. The school has 4 classrooms, multi-purpose hall and a small kitchen cooking meals for the school and neighboring schools. The staff car park has room for approximately 10 vehicles.





Pupils leave this school and have a choice of several local secondary schools; these include Caldew in Dalston, William Howard Secondary School in Brampton, Trinity, Newman, and Richard Rose Academy in Carlisle.

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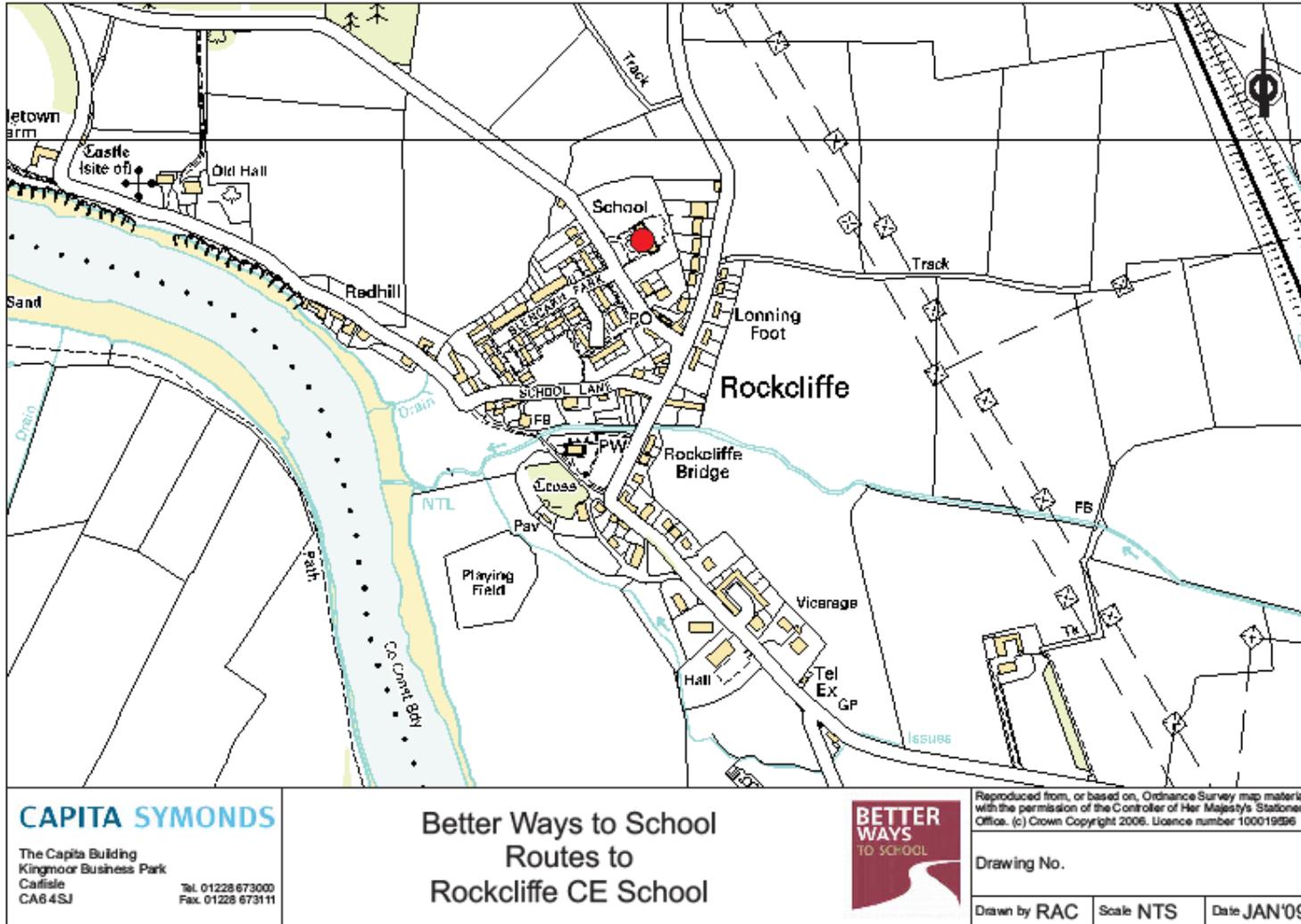
School core times are 8.50 am to 12 noon, 1 pm to 3.30 pm
Nursery Class 1 – 3.30 pm each day

We offer a range of after-school activities which vary throughout the year. These normally run between 3.30 and 3.40pm.

Currently after school club days and times are:-
Tuesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm - Netball club for KS2
Wednesdays 3.30 – 4.15pm - Choir
Thursdays 3.30 – 4.15pm - KS1 Multi skills
Fridays 3.30 – 4.45pm - Film making

Other activities
Beavers – Fridays from 6pm
Playgroups – one morning per week

Location map of School





Transport Links

Most roads through the village are very narrow and twisty and in a few places where there are no footways the road is just wide enough for two vehicles.



Trains

There are train stations in Carlisle and Gretna both approximately 4 – 5 miles away. Service buses 79, 179 and 379 do travel to between Gretna and Carlisle which could link up with the trains but because none of these buses travel through Rockcliffe they are not considered feasible.

Bus Timetables and a map showing the footpaths and bus stops/routes around Rockcliffe can be seen in Appendix 3 - Transport Links.

Public Transport

Directly outside the school there is a bus stop/layby and bus shelter.



Service Bus 101- Carlisle – Rockcliffe - Longtown.

The first bus starts from the centre of Carlisle at 0735 and arrives at Rockcliffe School at 0755 approximately 1 hour before the start of the school day. A bus leaves the school at 1540 and arrives at the centre of Carlisle at 1600. The buses run at two and a half hour intervals.

Some staff do occasionally use this service.

There are three Stagecoach service buses which travel near to Rockcliffe but it is not really realistic to use them, they are:-

Service No 79, travels from Dumfries – Annan – Carlisle via Gretna & Kingstown

Service No 179, travels from Annan – Carlisle via Gretna, Longtown & Kingstown

Service No 379, travels from Annan – Carlisle via Newington, Gretna, Longtown & Kingstown

School Transport

As the school serves a large area, bus transport is available from Cargo, Todhills, Edenside and Crindledyke. The County ruling on free transport for children under 8 years who live more than 2 miles from school and children over 8 years who live more than 3 miles from school applies, unless there are medical or safety reasons for exceptions. Some children who live less than these distances from school have received free transport after appealing to the road safety officer. Further details of these and other transport arrangements can be obtained from the school or Children's Services, Cumbria County Council 5 Portland Square, Carlisle. Telephone:- 01228 606060.

Our school transport policy

Risk assessments are undertaken for all off-site activities run by the school as part of our Educational Visits Policy. These can be categorized as follows:-

Educational visits within the school day as part of a large group
Attendance at sporting or other small group events

Educational visits within the school day as part of a large group – In such instances the school uses a reputable firm to provide coach transportation for the children. Such firms have either been used before by the school or have been highly recommended by other local schools. Necessary checks are carried out by the school to ensure the companies used in these instances provide transportation in line with relevant national safety guidance (ensuring the operator has the appropriate Public Service Vehicle (PSV) Operators License. The teacher in charge during these trips carries a mobile phone, first aid kit and a list of children/adults including medical details for use in emergencies.

Attendance at sporting or other small group events -

When on school visits prior permission of the parents will be requested. Games teams will compete with children from other schools at home and away. Occasionally parents/carers will be required to organize and provide transport for their own children to and from an event. Children will remain under the supervision of the group leader (school staff member) until they are picked up by the designated adult indicated on the parental permission slip. If children are to be brought back to Rockcliffe School the leader of the event will ensure adequate supervision until the parents/carers collect their child (unless the parent has completed a permission slip allowing their child to travel with another parent).

Aims

This Travel Plan specifically aims at reducing car journeys to and from school, and reducing/preventing casualties on these journeys.

- 1 To safely reduce the number of people who travel to school by car in favour or using more sustainable modes of transport
- 2 Create a safer environment for our pupils outside the school
- 3 Reduce carbon footprint
- 4 Improve road and personal safety awareness – need to understand safety is paramount
- 5 Provide pedestrian and cycle training
- 6 Contribute to pupils health and personal development by encouraging increased levels of walking and cycling so that they can carry these habits into adulthood.
- 7 Promote healthy modes of travel.

Objectives (linked to Action Plan – Section 7)

- 1 Set up and sustain a school travel plan steering group with annual monitoring and review (Aim 1 & Action 7.5)
- 2 Reduce traffic, pollution and create safer environment around the school (Aims 2/3 & Actions 7.3/7.4)
- 3 Increase road safety awareness (Aim 4 & Action 7.1/7.2 & 7.4)
- 4 Provide pedestrian and cycle training (Aim 5 & Action 7.1)
- 5 Integrate sustainable and healthy travel issues into the curriculum e.g. safe route planning in geography (Aim 6 & 7.1)
- 6 Link school travel plan to healthy schools initiative (Aim 6 & Action 7.5)
- 7 Increase travel and health awareness. (Aim 7 & Action 7.4/7.5)
- 8 Provide parents/pupil shelter. (Aim 6 & Action 7.2)
- 9 Provide high visibility clothing (Aim 6 & Action 7.2)

2 Working party – to develop and implement the plan

Name	Position	Responsibility within working party
Nancy Turnbull, Capita Symonds	BWTS Advisor	Travel Plan Advisor
Mr David Hodgkiss	Head teacher	Travel plan coordinator
Mr Stephen Barbour	Health and Safety Governor	Governor link
Mr Ian Alecock	Parish Councillor	Parish council link
Kevin Crawley	Capita Highway Engineer	Highway link
Ms Clifford	Road Safety Officer	Road safety advisor

How were people consulted?			
Name/position	Subject/how the consultation took place	Date	Appendix no.
Parents	Questionnaire	24.02.10	1
Staff, Pupils	On-line Surveys	25.06.09	1
Yrs 5 & 6	Route Plotting Exercise and discussion about journeys to school	25.06.09	1
Governors, Working Party, PTA	Discussions at Meetings	various	2

First of all a survey was carried out amongst the children about their journeys to school. A working party was set up and the School travel plan began to take shape.

3 Survey and route plotting carried out

Baseline Data Survey

How do you travel to school?																
Year	Date of survey (dd/mm)	No. of pupils	Bus		Car/Van		Car Share		Cycling		Rail		Walk		Taxi	
			No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2009	25 Jun 09	42	17	40	16	38	0		0		0	0	9	21	0	0

How would you like to travel to school?																
Year	Date of Survey (dd/mm)	No. of pupils	Bus		Car/Van		Car Share		Cycling		Rail		Walk		Other	
			No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2009	25 Jun 09	14	1	7					5	36	1	7	3	21	3	21

Survey Notes

Year groups 1 – 4 completed the on-line surveys

38% of pupils traveled to school by car.
 22% of pupils travel to school by walking.
 40% of pupils travel to school by bus.

However when children were asked how they would like to travel to school, results were as follows:

7% would like to travel by bus.
 7% would like to travel by train – even though this is not feasible
 36% would like to cycle
 21% would like to walk
 7% would like to travel by taxi – even though there are no taxis being used.
 21% would like to travel by some other means

Six Staff travel to and from school by car, 5 from the north of Carlisle, and 1 from Cargo, 2 staff live in Rockcliffe and they walk.

Route Plotting			
Year	Date of route plotting	Year Groups	No. of pupils
2009	25 June	1, 2, 3, 4,5,& 6	
Route Plotting Notes			
<p>Route plotting found that 39 pupils are and 28 pupils are not eligible for free school transport. All the pupils who live in Rockcliffe - 18 – walk to and from school. 1 child who is entitled to free transport lives near Cargo but his mum prefers to drive him to and from school.</p> <p>Key Stage 2 pupils</p> <p>12 pupils travel on bus 1 - 1 from Moor Cottage, 10 from Cargo and 1 N of Cargo 5 pupils travel on bus 2 - 4 from High Crindledyke, 1 SE of Heathlands 11 pupils walk and they all live in Rockcliffe 9 pupils travel by car – 8 of them are not eligible for free school transport - 1 from Rockcliffe Cross, 1 from Todhills, 1 from Blackdyke, 1 S of Cargo and 5 from N Carlisle.</p> <p>Key Stage 1 pupils</p> <p>15 pupils travel on bus 1 - 1 from Moor Cottage, 10 from Cargo and 1 N of Cargo 6 pupils travel on bus 2 - 4 from High Crindledyke, 2 S of Heathlands 7 pupils walk and they all live in Rockcliffe 20 pupils travel by car – none of them are eligible for free school transport - 1 from Wether Hill, 1 from 1 Todhills, 1 from Moor House, 1 from Rockcliffe Moss, 1 S of Cargo, 11 from north and 3 south of the River Eden in Carlisle.</p> <p>Staff Survey – See Appendix I for results</p> <p>9 members of staff completed the survey. 1 member of staff lives in Blencarn Park just across the road from the school. 8 members of staff travel by car. Those travelling by car said that they travel by car because they live too far away from the school and they have too much equipment/books to carry. They said they were not happy with the bus service provided due to punctuality, cost, and frequency of service and proximity of bus stops to where they live. Only one member of staff said they were concerned about personal safety. On occasion they have cycled, travelled by taxi, bus and car share. They travel a distance of between 2 – 10+ miles – none of them give lifts to children. They said that cycling facilities at the school were poor, cycle racks for 2 bikes outside. They have no shower/changing facilities or storage for helmets/gear. The walking/cycling route to school was considered unsafe by 5 members of staff due to poor lighting, no cycle lanes, heavy traffic, speed of traffic, poor condition of roads and lack of safe crossing places.</p>			

Notes
<p>The 2 school buses used also transport children to and from Austin Friars Independent School in Carlisle</p> <p>None of the children with special educational needs require special transport provision. Both children with statements are brought by car as they live outside Rockcliffe School catchment area.</p> <p>Children have commented on their safety concerns crossing the road outside the school at the beginning and end of the school, day. Parking by parents makes crossing the road difficult. There is also a fear of speeding drivers who seem not to slow down on entry to the village from the NW.</p>

4 Summary of transport and road safety problems

<p>Consultation with parents, children and the community raised the following issues:- Please refer to Appendix I – Surveys</p> <p>Only concern is when some cars double park outside school at 3.30pm Outside school – cars parked on pavement – have to push pram onto road as they prevent pram passing through - gap too narrow</p>

Road from bend at Lonning Foot Corner to School gates. Visibility from the school side of the road can be difficult as cars are often parked up to crossing places and result in having to step out in front of cars to view the road prior to crossing. Children would not be seen by drivers until very late – my child is always accompanied by an adult to cross the road.

Busy junction at the entrance to Blencarn Park.

Parked cars pull out, sometimes without indicating and often meet cars travelling in the opposite direction.

Side walk leading to school is narrow and on a couple of occasions I have seen parents parking over it, making it even narrower.

Big wood lorries on road.

'T' junction into/out of Cargo should be a lower speed limit on the road – poor visibility.

Outside school, children running over the road without looking.

Cars approaching the corner too fast.

Cars parked on the corner of the junction on Blencarn Park

Cars travel too fast round blind corner

Photographs taken outside the school at the start/end of the school day.





Parents made the following suggestions:-

Speed bumps either side of the school

More parking would be beneficial, therefore no need for double parking - would also make the route safer.

The existing crossing needs to be upgraded to a pelican/zebra crossing (no signs to indicate a crossing at present)

School crossing zone (for village children walking and crossing road)

Clear signage

Chevrons outside school gates

Suggest lay by be created on the opposite side of the road to the school next to the junction with Blencarn Park. The verge looks wide enough to do this.

For those who need to use their car to take children to school, perhaps a drop-off area or more parking spaces would be a useful improvement for everyone.

What we already do

Regularly inform parents that they should not be parking on the lay by directly outside school and encouraging them to park away from the school and walk via Newsletters and notes – please refer to **Appendix 3 – Transport Links**.

Most staff have basic first aid qualifications plus EYFS and KS1 staff have P level

Cycling proficiency in Y6 takes place annually as does road safety training for younger pupils, cycling safety for Y4 pupils and the use of internet/CD/DVD to warn of traffic dangers as appropriate to year group and class activity.

We have an up to date Healthy Schools / PSHE policy which states that pupils are encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle and keep safe.

The play area is open after school and at weekends to allow local children a safe place to play.

Close links between 2 feeder villages Rockcliffe and Cargo

Signpost opportunities for children to take part in structured play e.g. Through Carlisle City Council.

Work with cluster schools – Carlisle North / Longtown clusters

Belong to RRCA School Sport Coordinator group

Provide high visibility tabards for children to wear when walking through the village.

As part of the curriculum in work is done on road safety in the following subjects - DT/Art, Literacy, Science, Numeracy and PSHE. – Please refer to **Appendix 5 - School Work**.



This picture has been taken from the side of the school looking towards the main entrance. The play area/equipment is situated here where pupils can easily be seen by staff in the office and staff room. The tables and benches are often used by parents having a chat while waiting for or after dropping off their children



Key Stage 2 pupils out walking

5 Working party recommendations for action

Provide pedestrian training Y3 & 4 – **See Action 7.1**
 Provide cycle training Y6 & 4- **See Action 7.1**
 Promotion of safe travel by topic base in school activities – whole school - **Action 7.1**
 Provide shelter for parents and cycles - **Action 7.2**
 Create safe environment around the school – **Action 7.3**
 Encourage parents not to park near the school and to be considerate of other drivers and pedestrians. – **Action 7.4**
 Revisit, monitor, review and update travel plan annually **Action 7.5**

6 Targets – specific % targets for modal shift by yearly review date

Year 2009		
Mode of Travel	Baseline Data i.e. original survey %	Target percentage for following year
Bus	40%	Increase to 45%
Car/Van	38%	Decrease to 25%
Car share	0%	Increase to 5%
Cycle	0%	Increase to 3%
Walk	21%	Increase 22%

Notes

We are not going to actively encourage nor discourage independent cycling to school as many roads through the village are narrow and winding.

In order to achieve any modal shift/carbon footprint reduction parents will be encouraged to car share. At a later date we may investigate the possibility of park and stride which would ease congestion outside the school. Children travelling on the bus are all entitled to free transport and those driven to school are not entitled because they live out of the village/catchment area of the school.

7 Action plans

7.1 Education and training planned (e.g. Primary: pedestrian skills training / Secondary: teenage cycle training)						
Measure	Year group	Number	Date (dd.mm.yy)	Action by	Completed? (month/year)	Notes/success criteria and risks, including links to objectives/targets and issues previously identified
Playground Cycle Skills Training	4	10		Cyclewise		Highlight safety aspects of cycling eg helmets, safety checks, motivation to cycle. Basic cycle Skills improve. See objective 4
Pedestrian Training	Key Stage 2	30	17/09/2009	Moragh Clifford	October 2009	Children are safer crossing the road and are able to select crossing points. See objective 4
Road Safety Talk from Road Safety Officer	Whole School	106	To be arranged	Moragh Clifford	July 2010	Raise awareness of walking and cycling to school. . See objective 3
Cycle Proficiency	Yr 6	12	21-24/09/09	Cyclewise	September 2009	Equip children with road safety skills for cycling on quiet roads. See objective 4
BWTS links in curriculum – geography / local study	Key Stage 2	47	June 2009	Mr Hodgkiss	June 2009	Highlight local issues and incorporate BWTS in environmental and health issues. See objective 5

7.2 School based engineering targets (e.g. cycle storage)

Measure	Cost	Date (dd.mm.yy)	Action by	Completed? (month/year)	Notes/success criteria and risks, including links to objectives/targets and issues previously identified
Pedestrian Shelter	£4000	September 2010	Head teacher and Governors		Provide covered waiting area for pedestrians. See objective 8.
Playground road markings	£250	June 2010	KS1 Staff		Playground markings will enable road safety training. See objective 3
Playground equipment	£250	September 2010	CGM Grounds Maintenance		The provision of playground equipment will make road safety and pedestrian training more enjoyable. See objective 3
Reflective jackets	£150	October 2010	KS2 Staff		Providing the children with reflective jackets will highlight their presence to other road users making their journey safer. See objective 9

7.3 Long term Road engineering targets – approved and funded by the BWTS physical measures budget

Measure	Cost will be included if approved by Capita Engineer	Time scale	Action by e.g. traffic engineer	Date approved by CCC engineer	Completed? (month/year)	Notes/success criteria and risks, including links to objectives/targets and issues previously identified
Pedestrian Guardrail	£500	March 2011	K Crawley			Provision of a guardrail outside the school gate will prevent children running straight into the road. See objective 2.
School Keep Clear Markings	£2,000	March 2011	K Crawley			Leaving enough room for the school library van/two vehicles on the road side of the guardrail and from there to the far side of the entrance to the staff car park the provision of Keep Clear markings will create a safer environment around the school. See objective 2.

7.4 Promotional/Publicity Targets

Measure	Time scale	Action by	Notes
Promote BWTS in newsletters and assemblies	termly	Head teacher	Regularly update parents with changes/promotions etc regarding safe travel to school. See objective 7.
Promote car share in newsletters and on school website	termly	Head teacher	In order to achieve any modal shift/carbon footprint reduction parents will be encouraged to car share. See objective 2.

7.5 Additional Targets/Actions taken by the school

Measure	Time scale	Action by	Notes
Set up and maintain travel plan steering group	September 2009	Head teacher and steering group	For consistency and control of the plan. See objective 1
Review, revisit and update the travel plan annually	July 2010	Head teacher and steering group	To guard against inactivity. See objective 1
Link school travel plan to healthy schools initiative			The school travel plan ties in well with the Healthy School accreditation. See objective 6
Include the travel plan in school policy and promotion	September 2010		A copy of the school travel plan will be added to the school website and mentioned in the next school prospectus. See objective 7

8 Review of targets

This Travel Plan will be a working document and will be reviewed and updated annually by the working group. Any review shall be planned to commence before the action plan has run its course to guard against inactivity. The next review will be in July 2010

The school will complete the survey annually to assess any modal shift which may have occurred.

Integration of the STP into the school development/improvement plan is the most effective way to ensure the plan is sustained (attach relevant section of SDP/SIP if applicable).

Survey Results

How do you travel to and from school?														
	Date of survey	Total no. of pupils	Bus		Car/Van		Car Share		Cycling		Taxi		Walk	
			No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Baseline:2009	25.6.09	42	17	40	16	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	21
Yearly Target %				38		25		5		3				22
Baseline:2010														
Yearly Target %														
Baseline:2011														
Yearly Target %														

Comments

To reach the targets set the child whose mum prefers to drive him to school will be encouraged to let him travel on the free bus provided; Parents who drive their children will be encouraged to car share and children living within a reasonable distance from the school will be encouraged to walk.

9 Cycle count

The school is to take a cycle count before and after any improvements to cycle facilities are made. It is also recommended that a cycle count is taken before and after provision of any other measures such as training to show effects.

Cycle Count				
Date of count before	Cycle count	Measure Implemented	Date of count after	Cycle count
5 March 2010	0			

10 Monitoring training

All activities/training/improvements will be recorded and monitored and notes will be added to the Travel Plan each time something is done.

Year	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
Activity	Year Group	Number	Year Group	Number	Year Group	Number	Year Group	Number	Year Group	Number
Cycling Proficiency	Yr 6	12								
Pedestrian Training	Key Stage 1	30								
Playground Cycle Skills Training	Yr 4	10								

11 Comments and notes

Rockcliffe School has gained the following accreditations.



Documents included in the plan are:-

Appendix 1 – Surveys

Pupil on line survey results

Parent survey summary

Parent survey form and analysis

Staff Survey results

Appendix 2 – Consultation

Minutes of meetings

Newsletters

Notice to parents re parking outside the school

Appendix 3 – Transport Links

Transport Links Map

Bus timetable 101 for Carlisle – Rockcliffe (Longtown)

Bus timetable 79 Carlisle – Annan – Dumfries via Kingstown and Gretna

Bus timetable 179 Carlisle – Longtown – Annan – Dumfries via Kingstown & Gretna

Photographs of the school locality

Appendix 4 – Quotes

Parent waiting shelter

Playground equipment and markings

Hi-visibility tabards

Appendix 5 – School Work

Photographs of activity– cycle training

Children’s work on road safety

Appendix 6 – Maps

Route plotting map

Pupil and Staff Post code plot

Mode of travel maps for Key Stage 1 and 2 and staff

Location maps

12 Signed agreement

Rockcliffe CE School

Agrees to this School Travel Plan, to undertake its objectives, and to review the Travel Plan on an annual basis. Any review shall be planned to commence before the action plan has run its course to guard against inactivity **in July 2010**.

This review will also consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision, and the STP will be revised as necessary to take these in to account.

Signatures	
Head - teacher	Name: David Hodgkiss
	Signed:
	Date:
Chair of Governors	Name:
	Signed:
	Date:
Area Engineer Cumbria County Council	Name:
	Signed:
	Date:
BWTS Coordinator	Name: Nancy Turnbull
	Signed:
	Date:

Thank you for completing this School Travel Plan

Please give details of the nominated person who will be responsible for the annual review of the School Travel Plan: