TRAVEL PLAN: Dowdales School

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

1. SCHOOL DETAILS

Name of school	Dowdales School
Type of school	Secondary- mixed comprehensive
Number on roll	
Number of staff (It is highly recommended that a supplementary travel plan for staff and other school users is also developed)	
Age range of pupils	11 to 16
School contact details	
Head teacher	Mrs L Moffatt
Address	Dowdales School Dalton in Furness
Postcode.	LA15 8AH
Tel no	01229 897911
Fax	01229 897913
Email address	office@dowdales.cumbria.sch.uk
Website	
Working group contact	
Name	
Address (if different to above)	
Tel no	
Email address	
School situation and use	
Catchment	School serves Dalton & surrounding villages. Surrounded by narrow roads, woodland & playing fields. Over 300 children use school bus each day.
Facilities e.g. playground, car park, sports hall, community centre	
Number of entrances, vehicular/pedestrian	
Core school times	
Out of/after school activities times	
Community links	

2. WORKING PARTY – to develop and implement the plan

Names of people in the working party could include:
Co-ordinator (main school contact), Pupils, Staff, Governors, Parents, BWTS Capita Contact, County/Local/Parish Councillors, Police, Outside Agencies, Local bus operator, Members of local community, Residents adjacent to school.

Name	Position	Responsibility
Kate Jonas	Head of Geography	
Ian Booth	Assistant Head teacher	
Debbie O'Connor	Head of citizenship	
Councillor Phizaclea	Councillor for Dalton North	
Roger Mallet	Police Safety Officer	
Ken Hanson	Road Safety Officer	
Gary Thomas	Principle Traffic engineer	
Jennifer Martin & Nick Judd	Representatives of Lower School	
Anna Brocklebank & Daisy Forrest	Representatives of Upper School	

3. SURVEYS & ROUTE PLOTTING CARRIED OUT

Please **attach survey results and analysis** from BWTS website & keep a record of survey/route plotting

BASELINE DATA SURVEY YEAR 3 PUPILS						
Year	Date of survey	No. of pupils	% travelling by car	% walking	% cycling	% bus/taxi
200_						

This same year of pupils will be surveyed again when they reach year 6 – please see section 8 on monitoring

Notes:
Of 808 pupils that responded to survey- 46% regularly walk to/from school, 13% regularly use cars. Only 1% uses a bicycle. 43% live within one mile radius of school. 8% live further than 5 miles away. 15% would like to cycle to school.

ROUTE PLOTTING			
Year	Date of route plotting	Year Groups	No. of pupils
200_			

Notes:

Add any additional local information known to the school

4. SUMMARY OF TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM REPORT OF ROUTE PLOTTING

At present the number of pupils travelling to school by car is increasing and there is no scheme for operating a “car pool” system. As numbers on roll rise, this problem will become more acute. Pupils are unable to come to school by bike because there is no secure space available for them to be left during the day.
Pupils living in out-lying villages are unable to walk to school because of distance and because the routes are perceived to be unsafe for pedestrians.
There have been numerous problems over punctuality and capacity of buses. These have been largely overcome due to buses now collecting and dropping pupils off on site. However this has caused problems of ingress and egress for the buses because of parked cars. Additional parking space on school site would ease congestion at bottom of the drive. In addition, pupils waiting for buses have to either wait on grass or spill on to road due to lack of concreted/paved area for them to wait.
Vehicle access to Dalton clinic means school gates can not be locked. This causes additional congestion.
Parents and pupils have difficulty getting to and from school using public transport for extra curricular events because of infrequency of the service.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

Improve cycling facilities
Provide cycle proficiency training
Provide storage for helmets and wet gear
Continue to improve the safety and quality of the school bus run
Create more on school site parking to reduce congestion on the drive
Create more concreted/paved waiting areas so that pupils do not have to wait on grass or spill on to the drive
Re-site vehicular entrance to Dalton clinic to avoid vehicles coming on to school site thereby reducing congestion
Advertise and set up a "car pool" system
Improve safety on journey to school especially at major crossing points

6. TARGETS – specific % targets for measured modal shift by 3 year review date

Mode of travel	**Baseline data i.e. original survey** **Year200_**	**3 YEAR TARGET** **PERCENTAGE**
	%	**%**
Car use		**Reduction**
Walk		**Increase**
Cycle		**Increase**
Bus/taxi		**Increase**

Notes:
Increase number of pupils cycling to school by 50%
Reduce the number of car journeys by parents and staff by 20%

7. ACTION PLAN

Go to 'guidelines section' for measures to include in the Action Plan

EDUCATION AND TRAINING MEASURES							
MEASURE	**YR GROUP**	**NO.**	**COST**	**DATE**	**ACTION BY**	**COMPLETED?**	**NOTES**
Road Safety Education							
Investigate cycling proficiency, safety and maintenance training							

SCHOOL BASED ENGINEERING MEASURES

MEASURE	COST	TIMESCALE	ACTION BY	COMPLETED?	NOTES
Install traffic calming measures on school drive and erected 5mph speed limit signs					**Installed**

ROAD ENGINEERING MEASURES						
MEASURE	**COST**	**TIMESCALE**	**ACTION BY e.g. traffic engineer**	**DATE APPROVED BY CCC COMMITTEE**	**COMPLETED?**	**NOTES**
Single yellow lines to be painted on approach road before the school gates					**Completed**	

PROMOTIONAL/PUBLICITY MEASURES							
MEASURE	**YR GROUP**	**NO.**	**COST**	**DATE**	**ACTION BY**	**COMPLETED?**	**NOTES**
Include information on school journeys in school prospectus, newsletters & website							
Travel plan available to staff, parents & pupils							
Written to parents requesting they do not park on school site in mornings & evenings							
Art workshops with local artist Maddie Nicholson	**Year 7**			**March 2003**			
Links with Citizenship and Art. Design & create banners							

ADDITIONAL MEASURES/ACTION TAKEN BY THE SCHOOL							
MEASURE	**YR GROUP**	**NO.**	**COST**	**DATE**	**ACTION BY**	**COMPLETED?**	**NOTES**
Negotiated with Stagecoach for pupils to be collected & dropped off on school site							
Issued bus users agreement form, signed by pupils who travel on school bus							

8. REVIEW AND MONITORING

This Travel Plan will be a working document and will be reviewed and updated annually by the working group.

The school will survey the original year group in three years time to assess any modal shift, which may have occurred.

MODE	YEAR 3 % 200_	3 YEAR TARGET %	YEAR 6 % 200_
Car use			
Walk			
Cycle			
Bus/taxi			

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**

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

9. MONITORING TRAINING

YEAR	200_		200_		200_		200_		200_	
ACTIVITY	YR GROUP	NO.	YR GROUP	NO.	YR GROUP	NO.	YR GROUP	NO.	YR GROUP	NO.
SECONDARY										

10. COMMENTS/NOTES

Please include any photographic or informal records of activities/achievements and include details of any publicity gained.

Add details of relevant national awards given or working towards

11. SIGNED AGREEMENT

…….School agrees to this School Travel Plan and to undertake its objectives.

Headteacher	**Name:…….**
	Signed: ……..
	Date:……
Area Engineer	**Name:…….**
	Signed: ……..
	Date:……
BWTS Coordinator	**Name:…….**
	Signed: ……..
	Date:……

Thank you for completing this School Travel Plan.