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MARYPORT COUNTY JUNIOR SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN (STP) - 26/11/04 (Note: This page common to all school travel plans)

To be incorporated in the School Development Plan

WHY A SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN?

The Government has made it clear that all bids for funding by local authorities for road and travel improvements must include plans for reducing the number of car journeys, increasing bus use, cycling and walking. Local authorities obtain funding through a Local Transport Plan (LTP) and a school needs a School Travel Plan for further funding opportunities. This is the first draft which will now go to governors and the parents for their comments. Then it will become part of the School Development Plan (SDP). Ofsted and their inspectors support the idea of incorporating STP's into a School's Development Plan as it demonstrates a commitment to a partnership approach with the school community and the local authority.

"This school travel plan is prepared under the auspices of Cumbria County Council's Better Ways to School initiative which aims to restore countrywide levels of walking, cycling and bus use for the school journey in the mid-1980's by 2010."

Aims :

- To reduce the number of car journeys to/from school
- To encourage parents to include at least a little walking or cycling in the daily journey for their child's fitness and health
- To improve safety and air quality on the school journey
- To reduce all child casualties

INTRODUCTION

Maryport Junior School has 226 children from 7 to 11 years old. The majority of these children move on to Netherhall School. These children come from all districts of Maryport.

The main travel problems are the volume of traffic on the main routes to school at peak times and the lack of pedestrian crossings. The journey for many of these children involves crossing the A595 and A 594.

The School is situated in a built up area and therefore there is much traffic congestion at the school gates at both ends of the school day.

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SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN – MAIN TARGETS

	MAIN TARGETS	TARGET DATE	PROGRESS
1.	To increase number of pupils walking to school by 5%	March 2006	
2.	To decrease number of pupils travelling to school by car by 5%	March 2006	
3.	To achieve 100% seatbelt use by all car occupants	March 2005	
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SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN - DEVELOPMENT TASKS

	DEVELOPMENT TASKS	LEAD	COST TO SCHOOL	TARGET DATE	PROGRESS	ACTION BY
1.	Add road safety awareness into curriculum	Governors		Sept 2005		Working party / Governors
2.	Installation of Road safety education centre at Camp road site.	B Stanley		Sept 2006		County/ B Stanley
3.	Light controlled pedestrian crossings at:- 1. Mealpot roundabout At mealpot road and Dearham road. 2. Mealpot Railway bridge(Grasslot) 3. Station Street (Waverley Hotel)	County road traffic engineers	£10,000-£120,000	March 2006	1. Junction of Mealpot Road/Dearham Road. Present junction is controlled by a not very well observed mini-roundabout. Further investigation is needed, but if a pedestrian crossing were to be installed, it would be best to signalise the whole junction and include a pedestrian stage. Interaction with the nearby Curzon Street traffic lights would have to be considered. Budget cost of full signals =£50-100000. A Pelican on its own approx. £30000. In the interim perhaps a pedestian refuge could be built in the mouth of Mealpot Road, if road is	CCC.

					wide enough to accommodate all movements. Intervisibility of pedestrians/drivers might be a problem. Approx. cost of refuge £10000 – 20,000. 2. Mealpot Railway Bridge (Grasslot). This is a busy junction with many pedestrians. Further investigation is needed to check on numbers of vehicles/pedestrians and desired pedestrian routes. Budget costs of safety features as above. 3. Station Street/Curzon Street Junction Further surveys needed to determine volumes of pedestrians/vehicles and desired pedestrian routes. Station Road would be wide enough to fit in a pedestrian refuge.	
4..	Re address road safety signeage and markings on all roads to school to comply with current guidance.	County road traffic engineers	£250	March 2006	On Camp Road, Christian Street and Church Street, all school signs in good condition. Recommended: Renew school entrance markings on Camp Road at cost of £250.	CCC.

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5.	Encourage involvement by law enforcement agencies	Working Party		Ongoing.	Undergoing with Police. Community officer attending Governors meeting.	Governors
6.	Promote high Viz clothing	BStanley/workin party		Sept 2005	Colan website details given to working party	Governors
7.	Investigate walking bus programme.	Working Party		Sept 2005		Governors
8.	Provide surfaced waiting area within school Church St. gateway and bollarded area outside gateway to provide safe waiting area for parents and children. Resurface, widen and improve path from gateway to school and include extra section to lower end of infant school. Provide safety barrier to full length adjacent to driveway. Investigate possibility of CCTV coverage at both gateways.	County/ Governors.	Approx. cost £5-10000.	March 2006	At the Christian Street/Church Street entrance it appears that the road up to the school gates is probably public highway, but this should be checked out. If it is public highway a small improvement scheme is recommended as follows: • Surface present rough tarmaced area • Provide bollards to prevent parking • Amend the school entrance markings on Christian St/Church St so that the marking systems are taken right up to the school entrance. • Consider providing double yellow lines on the corner opposite • Consider mandatory "No Stopping" order on school	County/ Governors

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					entrance markings. The above package approx cost £5-10000.	
9.	Promote car sharing and 100% usage of seatbelts to all car users.	Working party		Ongoing.	ongoing with Law enforcement.	Working party/ Governors.
10.	Publicise travel plan in newsletter, prospectus and website.	Working party		Sept 2005		
11.	Promote Walk to school week Yearly.	B Stanley/ School.				
12.	Liase with other schools in Maryport area.	Governors / Working party		Ongoing		
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