

## 1 School details

Name of school	ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
DfES school reference no.	909 / 3510
Type of school	Voluntary Aided Primary
Number on roll	76
Number of staff (it is highly recommended that a supplementary Travel Plan for staff and other school users is developed)	10
Age range of pupils	4-11 years
<b>School contact details</b>	
Head teacher	Mr D. Sherwen
Address	St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Yeathouse Road, Frizington
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Website	N/A
<b>Working group contact</b>	
Name	Heather Abbott
Address (if different to above)	
Telephone number	
Email address	
<b>School situation and use</b>	
Description of school locality/ catchment area	St Joseph's is a Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School, located in the large village of Frizington, West Cumbria. It is a small school of 76 pupils. The catchment area contains a mixture of private and council housing. Some children come from outside the designated area because parents wish them to attend our school. Our school is situated near another primary school in the same village. The majority of children though live in Frizington and walk to the school.
Facilities (e.g. playground, car park, sports hall, community centre)	There is a small staff car park situated to the side of the school with a dedicated entrance. The school hall is used for assemblies, PE and serving of school dinners. There are two enclosed playgrounds, the smaller for KS1 Children who also enjoy the use of a covered play area. The school also has a large enclosed grass recreation area.
Number of entrances vehicle/pedestrian	There is 1 pedestrian and 1 vehicle (Staff use only) entrances
Core school times	9.00am - 3.15pm

Other uses (e.g. extra curricular/community access)	We run a few after school clubs including netball, hockey and PTA Events
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## Aims

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

Increasing the proportion of school journeys undertaken on foot and cycle, thus contributing to the children's health and personal development.

Improving the safety of pupils, parent/carers, staff and Governors entering and leaving the school gates

Reducing the congestion and pollution around school

## Objectives (see notes for examples)

1. Administration: Set up a school travel plan working group
2. Health: Increase travel and health awareness. Link travel plan to healthy school initiative.
3. Curriculum: Integrate BWTS initiatives into the curriculum, Use cross curricular activities during BWTS week etc.
4. Communication: Include BWTS news at least once a term in the newsletter
5. Pollution: Reduce congestion and traffic pollution around school
6. Training: Access training from BWTS, CCC, Local police.
7. Initiatives: Start the Walk on Wednesdays scheme. Create a safe storage area for cycles and a shelter for parents/carers and pupils in the school grounds.
8. Consultation: Identify safer routes to school through consultaion with pupils, staff, parents, BWTS advisor, county engineer and community police officer.
9. Campaigns: Take part in WOW, walk to school week and BWTS week.
10. Promotion: Promote school travel plan at assemblies, in SIP, at new parents evening, PTA events, newsletters and the new school website
11. Publicity: Record and publicise successes within local community.

## 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.

Names, Positions and Responsibilities of working party members
Heather Abbott- School admin officer- School travel plan co-ordinator
Paul Marriott- Better Ways to School- Travel Plan advice
Mr D Sherwen- Head Teacher (now former)- working party member
John Dell- Cumbria County Council Area Engineer- highways advice
Timothy Knowles- Cumbria County Councillor
David Bell- Capita Traffic engineer- highways advice
Ms B.Kenyon - Parent Governor - Working Party governor link
Mrs A. Worthington - Acting Head Teacher - Working Party member

How were people consulted? (e.g. working party meetings, surveys of pupils and staff, newsletters)
On-line survey with Years 1-6, hands up questionnaire with Reception class, and staff
Article in newsletter (example will be attached to the travel plan)
Working party meeting 18/10/07 (minutes are attached to the travel plan)
Baseline survey results from on-line survey
Routes to school plotting- pupils were consulted during route plotting exercise

## 3 Survey & route plotting carried out

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

### Baseline Data Survey

How do you travel to and from school?																
Year	Date of Survey	No. of Pupils	Bus		Car/Van		Car Share		Cycling		Rail		Walk		Other	
			no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
2007	18/10/07	51			14	27.5	6	11.8	1	2			28	54.9	2	3.9

How would you like to travel to and from school?																
Year	Date of Survey	No. of Pupils	Bus		Car/Van		Car Share		Cycling		Rail		Walk		Other	
			no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
2007	18/10/07	51			12	23.5	6	11.8	1	2			30	58.8	2	3.9

### Notes

Baseline survey results were taken from on-line survey- results above. This excluded Reception class but we will be taking a hands up survey of our Reception year- a summary will be attached to the travel plan.  
A parent questionnaire will be taken in the spring term 2008, we hope that this will highlight parents travel and safety concerns.  
The full on-line survey results will be attached as an appendix.

### Route Plotting (Primary: Year 5 or Secondary: Year 7)

Year	Date of route plotting	Year Groups	No. of Pupils
2007	10/10/07	5 & 6	15

### Route Plotting Notes (e.g. comments made by pupils / any results found)

Pupils from Years 5 & 6 took part in a route plotting exercise, where their journeys from home to school were drawn on large maps, using a colour code for different modes of travel. They were also asked whether they had any problems on their journey or reasons preventing them from travelling in a sustainable way. These findings have helped when producing the travel plan objectives and action plan.

Most children live in close proximity to school and therefore walk on their own or with parents. Parents worry about the busy roads in the area and don't encourage their children to cycle.

Parents in cars or using the taxis generally come from outside our catchment area or are dropping children off on their way to work.

Add any additional local information known to the school (e.g. where pupils travel in from, particularly if travelling in by bus)

### Notes

Pupils have travelled from as far as Egremont to access the school. They usually travel by car or share a taxi with others on the same route.

Most children locally walk to school.

There is a local bus service ran by Stagecoach which travels from Whitehaven to Frizington, via Hensingham, Keekle, Cleator Moor and Wath Brow. The service runs every 15-30 minutes during week days.

## 4 Summary of transport and road safety problems

(Current problems on routes to the school, and reasons preventing sustainable travel to school)

Following consultation with the working party and comments made by pupils and staff during the survey and route plotting exercises, the following are issues and problems relating to travel to St Joseph's School:

Speeding of vehicles past the school gates on Yeathouse Rd  
Speed limit not adhered too  
Drivers not aware of school signs as they are partially hidden  
Public not aware of location of school due to lack of signage  
Parking restrictions ignored  
Parents/carers using the school drive or staff car park to turn cars causing safety issues  
Parents walking through the staff cars only entrance with children, causing safety issues  
Children climbing on dividing fence and falling on school drive in front of cars  
Nowhere for parents to wait under in bad weather- lack of a waiting shelter  
Lack of a small storage area for bicycles

The action plan in section 7 has been developed to help meet these issues.

## 5 Working party recommendations for action

Measures the school would like to see happen e.g. cycle storage

N.B. There are no guarantees that these recommendations will be actioned. Advice should be taken from a BWTS adviser on completing this section.

The working party has produced the following recommendations to help resolve some of the issues raised in the previous section (these recommendations will help inform our action plan):

To receive funding to provide a pupil/parent shelter outside school entrance to shelter from the rain and a small secure storage area for bikes- this shelter could be combined

Improve warning signage including a flashing school sign along Yeathouse Road to ensure all road users adhere to speed limit and are aware of a school in the vicinity- create a school zone

Promote BWTS initiatives within school by setting up a "walk on wednesday scheme", A bike helmet campaign and an annual walk to school week

Use educational and promotional activities in school

Road safety training

Cycle training

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

Year 2007		
Mode of Travel	Baseline Data i.e. original survey %	Target percentage for following year
Bus	nil	sustain at nil
Car/Van	27.5	decrease to 13
Car Share	11.8	increase to/sustain at 12
Cycle	2	increase to 10
Rail	nil	increase to/sustain at Not Applicable
Walk	54.9	increase to/sustain at 65

### Notes

We are trying to increase the number of pupils walking and cycling into school by the introduction of the walk on Wednesday scheme, pedestrian training, cycle training, cycle storage and the promotion of the subsidised helmet scheme.

The modal split will be monitored in June 2008 by way of another survey- this will show whether things have changed and whether our action plan has helped to achieve the objectives.

## 7 Action Plan

Education and training targets (e.g. Primary: pedestrian skills training / Secondary: teenage cycle training)					
Measure	Year group	Number	Date	Action by	Notes & comments
Access CCC Road Safety Training	All	76	28/9/07	Steven Thompson- Road Safety Officer	Completed 28th September 2007. To improve pedestrian training for all pupils each year
Community police officer Road Safety training - Identify safer routes to school	All	76	1/9/07	Local PC	Improve road safety for all pupils.
Road Safety assemblies and the presentation of walk on wednesdays certificates	All	76	From 1/9/07	Head Teacher and Mrs Abbott	
Link to healthy school initiative	All	76	From 1/9/07	Mrs Hastings	Children start to understand the health benefits of walking to school. Increase the amount of exercise children undertake on a daily basis
Speed Awareness by use of travelling speedometer	All	76	From 1/9/07	Local PC	Help local drivers slow down
Promotion of walk on wednesdays campaign	All	76	From 1/9/07	Mrs Worthington & Judith Aris (BWTS)	Encourage children to walk to school and improve health. See WOW information on BWTS website <a href="http://www.bwts.net">www.bwts.net</a>
Enable the purchase of subsidised cycle helmets	Pupils	76	From 1/9/07	Head Teacher	Cost is often a barrier to the purchase of cycle helmets - this will ensure they are available to all parents at a low cost. Details on <a href="http://www.bwts.net">www.bwts.net</a>

## 7 Action Plan

School based engineering targets (e.g. cycle storage)					
Measure	Cost	Timescale	Action by	Completed? (month/year)	Notes & comments
Rain Shelter and for pupils, parents and carers	approx £3000	summer term 2008	H.Abbott		Provide suitable shelter for parents,carers and pupils. Protection from rain and sunshine. To be quoted. School Travel Plan grant would help to pay for this.
Cycle store as part of the above shelter for 6 cycles	As above	Summer Term 2008	H.Abbott		Provision of safe secure storage for pupil's cycle. Working with parents on safety issues, encouraging pupils to cycle to school in support of BWTS initiative
Appropriate fencing to segregate pedestrians from car drivers within school grounds	approx £1000	Summer Term 2008	H.Abbott		To stop parents and pupils using the car entrance and to stop pupils climbing on fencing and falling into vehicles path
					The above measures could be bought with the travel plan grant once successful

## 7 Action Plan

Long term road engineering targets					
Measure	Cost	Timescale	Action by e.g. traffic engineer	Completed? (month/year)	Notes & comments
Relocating school warning sign on Yeathouse Road	approx £550	October 2008	David Bell, traffic engineer/ P Marriott-BWTS		Road sign is not very clear in present location. Moving it would give an earlier warning to motorists that they are approaching the school.

## 7 Action Plan

Promotional / Publicity targets (e.g. newsletters)			
Measure	Date	Action by	Notes & comment
Regular and accurate notices/posters on the parent notice board	From Sept 07	H.Abbott and working party	Informing and involving staff, parents/carers and pupils
Regular articles in the school news letter	From Sept 07	Head Teacher and Mrs Abbott	Greater parental awareness of travel plan and travel issues. celebration of success
Handouts/promotional material to parents/carers and pupils	From Sept 07	H Abbott & Working party	BWTS Parental leaflets Luminous tags given to KSI
Activities in school recorded for the community and media coverage	From Sept 07	Head Teacher/working party/Pupil, Governors, Staff, and locl community	Increase community awareness of BWTS initiative.
Promotion of walk on wednesdays and the production of reward certificates	From Sept 07	Head Teacher and Mrs Abbott	Informing pupils, parents and carers of scheme and its rewards
Include travel plan in SIP	From Sept 07	Head Teacher, staff and Governors	Support the healthy schools initiative
Future incusion of summary of travel plans aims and objectives in the school prospectus and on websi	Sept 08	Head Teacher	Informing new parents of BWTS Scheme

Additional targets / action taken by school (e.g. walking bus, walk to school week, increase car sharing)			
Actions / Activities	Date	Action by	Notes & comment
Continue WOW and support other road safety schemes	Spring 2008	H. Abbott & Working party	Sustaining and increasing numbers taking part in WOW
Include in the creation of our new website	Spring 2008	H Abbott	Providing up to date information for BWTS scheme. Increasing the nuber of people visiting BWTS site via a direct link
Participate in the next walk to school week	Spring 2008	Head Teacher	Contributing to pupils health and personal development.

## 8 Review of Targets

This Travel Plan will be a working document and will be reviewed and updated annually by the working group. The school will complete the survey annually to assess any modal shift which may have occurred.

### Survey Results

How do you travel to and from school?														
	Date of survey	Total No. of Pupils	Bus		Car/Van		Car Share		Cycling		Rail		Walk	
			no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Baseline 2007	18/10/07	76	76	nil	14	27.5	6	11.8	1	2	nil	nil	30	58.8
Yearly target %			-	nil	-	13	-	12	-	10	-	n/a	-	65
Baseline 2008														
Yearly target %														
Baseline 2009														
Yearly target %														

## 9 Cycle count

Cycle Count				
Date of count before	Cycle count	Measure Implemented	Date of count after	Cycle count
18/10/07	nil	Storage facilities and cycle training		



## 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.

## II Comments & notes

Please include any photographic or informal records of activities, and achievements; and include details of any publicity gained. Add details of relevant national awards given to / working towards.

We are pleased to be involved with the Better Ways to school scheme and to help promote safety, health and environmental issues in our school and community. At the moment we are going through some significant changes and will be implementing technologies; for example we are preparing our first web-site and will be including a BWTS page to promote these issues.

Following on from a general school questionnaire which was sent out in early January, it is clear from the results that a large number of parents would benefit from a rain shelter and this would encourage more parents to walk to school.

The following will be attached to the Travel Plan once completed:

Online pupil survey- results report  
Hands up Reception survey  
Newsletter/correspondance

## 12 Signed agreement



St Joseph's Catholic Primary

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agrees to this School Travel Plan, to undertake its objectives, and to review the Travel Plan on an annual basis. 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	
Headteacher	Name: Mrs A. Worthington  Signed:  Date:
Chair of Governors	Name: Mr J. Noake  Signed:  Date:
Director / Deputy Director of Highways	Name:  Signed:  Date:
Director / Deputy Director of Education	Name:  Signed:  Date:
BWTS Coordinator	Name: Paul Marriott  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:

Mrs H. Abbott. School Business manager