

1 School details

Name of school	St. Cuthberts Catholic Primary School and Nursery
DfES school reference no.	909 / 3653
Type of school	Catholic Primary & Nursery
Number on roll	170
Number of staff (it is highly recommended that a supplementary Travel Plan for staff and other school users is developed)	22
Age range of pupils	3-11 years old
School contact details	
Head teacher	Mr J Turner
Address	St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School & Nursery, Victoria Road, Carlisle
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Working group contact	
Name	Mr J.Turner
Address (if different to above)	
Telephone number	
Email address	
School situation and use	
Description of school locality/ catchment area	<p>Saint Cuthberts is a small Primary School on the eastern outskirts of Carlisle with 135 full time pupils and 34 in the Nursery. The school serves the Botcherby estate, an area of council housing where deprivation levels are high but also admits a small number of pupils from outside the local area due to it's catholic status. The percentage of children whose families have claimed entitlement to a free school meal currently stands at 40% .</p> <p>The Botcherby estate is served by the Stagecoach bus service route number 76, which runs from the St. Anns and Stanwix to the north of Carlisle, via the town centre, Greystoke Road, and Warwick Road, to Victoria Road and Botcheby- passing the school. The route plotting exercise indicated that the key walking routes which the pupils use to travel to the school are along residential roads in the surrounding area.</p>
Facilities (e.g. playground, car park, sports hall, community centre)	The school has one entrance, separate infant and junior playgrounds and a car park which can accomodate 13 cars comfortably.
Number of entrances vehicle/pedestrian	One combined entrance

Core school times	8.45-9.00 When most children arrive at school 2.45-3.15 When most children leave school
Other uses (e.g. extra curricular/community access)	

Aims

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

Also:

To improve pupils' health and fitness levels

To improve road and personal safety awareness

To reduce congestion, pollution and traffic danger around the school

To increase the numbers of pupils participating in cycle training and road safety education

To inform pupils, parents and teachers of the benefits of sustainable transport

Objectives (see notes for examples)

Increase cycling facilities

Provide cycle training

Provide pedestrian training

Start and support a walking bus

Reduce traffic and pollution around the school

Be involved in Walk to School campaigns- such as Walk to School Week (May) or Walk on Wednesdays

Promote the School Travel Plan

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 Councilors, Police, Outside Agencies, Local bus operator, Members of local community.

Names, Positions and Responsibilities of working party members
John Turner- Head teacher- school's Travel Plan Co-ordinator
Martin Daley- Chair of Governors- Governor link
Geraldine Murray-Bowman -Teaching Assistant/Staff Governor
Paul Marriott- Better Ways to School- School travel plan advice
Anne Glendinning- Cumbria County Councillor
Pieter Barnard- Cumbria Highways engineer- highways advice
Kevin Crawley- Capita traffic engineer- highways advice

How were people consulted? (e.g. working party meetings, surveys of pupils and staff, newsletters)
Pupils were surveyed using an on-line questionnaire in July 2007.
Pupils were also consulted during the route plotting exercise carried out in the classroom in October 2007.
Working party meetings were held in April 2007, October 2007, and January 2008.
The travel plan has been discussed at staff meetings.
The travel plan was also discussed at Friends of Saint Cuthberts Committee Meeting- November 07.

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.	%		
2007	July 2007	72	nil	nil	19	26.4	1	1.4	1	1.4	nil	nil	51	70.8	nil	nil

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.	%		
2007	July 2007	59	3	5.1	3	5.1	1	1.7	29	49.1	1	1.7	21	35.6	1	1.7

Notes

During the survey, it was found that 23 of the pupils who walked thought that their route was safe, and 3 thought it was unsafe.

Out of the 32 pupils that answered the question "do you own a bike", 24 replied yes, and 8 no. Only 5 out of 24 pupils said that they wore a helmet. The main reasons for not wearing a helmet were image, uncomfortable, and cost. 17 out of 32 pupils would like more cycle training.

Further on-line survey results will be attached to the travel plan.

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

Year	Date of route plotting	Year Groups	No. of Pupils
2007	1st October 2007	Years 4 and 5	22

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

Year 4 and 5 pupils plotted their journeys to school on large A0 maps of the area surrounding the school, brought in to school by Paul Marriott of the Better Ways to School team, who completed the exercise with the pupils.

Whilst completing their journeys, the pupils were asked if they had any problems along their routes, and reasons for not walking or cycling.

It was found that 20 of the pupils walked to school, and 2 pupils travelled to school in the car.

11 pupils said that if they were allowed to, and there was somewhere to store their bike, they would like to cycle to school.

The problems encountered included too much traffic on Eastern Way, it wasn't nice using the pathway through the woods in the Winter and the dark, and Warwick Road was quite busy and difficult to cross- but can get across ok with the traffic islands.

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

Notes

Victoria Road, the road on which the school is positioned, is a main feeder route into Warwick Road which is the only entrance to Carlisle from the East. Therefore it is constantly busy with traffic backing up to opposite the school on occasions. This in fact means the potential for cycling to school remains a concern for some parents.

The majority of children who walk to school live in one of 5 roads so the potential for a "Walking Bus" is good providing enough parent volunteers were available.

4 Summary of transport and road safety problems

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

Following the travel survey, consultation and working party meetings, the following were found to be problems:

The school is based close to a hill and a busy road which is not attractive for pupils to cycle to school

Lack of safe and secure cycle storage for pupils and staff to store bicycles.

Parking congestion near the entrance to the school.

A lot of traffic on Eastern Way and Warwick Road- can be off putting for pedestrians.

Traffic volume on Victoria Road at the start of the school day is an issue for anyone having to cross the road.

Consistent application of the law regarding the wearing of seat belts is a concern.

Lack of appropriate shelter for parents waiting to pick up children

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.

Following the previous section showing that there are a number of problems, the working party has come up with the following measures to bring about improvements:

Safe secure cycle storage- to allow those pupils and members of staff that want to cycle to school

Try to set up a Walking Bus- an organised group of pupils and parents walking to school

Parent waiting shelter

Greater awareness by parents of road safety issues

Pedestrian training

Cycle training

Take part in W.O.W. (Walk on Wednesday) initiative.

These measures will now be put in to an action plan- see section 7.

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

Year 2007/08		
Mode of Travel	Baseline Data i.e. original survey %	Target percentage for following year
Bus	nil	sustain at nil
Car/Van	26.4	decrease to 20
Car Share	1.4	increase to/sustain at 2
Cycle	1.4	increase to 4
Rail	nil	increase to/sustain at nil
Walk	70.8	increase to/sustain at 74

Notes

The key aim is to increase the number of children who walk to school, especially those who come by car and live a very short distance from the school.

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
Cycle skills training	Y4	16	13/9/07	Cyclewise instructors	The training was carried out in the playground. Cycle skills training leads up to cycling proficiency.
Pedestrian training	Y4	16	Oct' 07	Moragh Slee	Pupils responded well and appreciated the training.
Cycling Proficiency	Y 5/6	20	Spring 08	Moragh Slee	To be arranged
Community Police Officer road safety awareness training	All year groups	170	Termly	P.C. Chris Bardini	Training takes place usually prior to a longer holiday when a lot of the children will be playing outside .

7 Action Plan

School based engineering targets (e.g. cycle storage)					
Measure	Cost	Timescale	Action by	Completed? (month/year)	Notes & comments
Parent Waiting Shelter /Cycle storage	To be costed	October 2008	P Marriott- BWTS	–	No facility at present. This could be paid for using the School Travel Plan Grant. Paul M to arrange quotes.
Review of parking for staff/visitor cars	To be costed	Part of school's 5 year building plan	J Turner	–	Increase in vehicles and proximity to where children are , especially at key times of the day make this an ongoing concern

7 Action Plan

Promotional / Publicity targets (e.g. newsletters)			
Measure	Date	Action by	Notes & comment
School Travel Plan published on to BWTS website	April 2008	Paul Marriott- BWTS	The travel plan will be available to view on the Better Ways to School website- www.bwts.net once completed
Parents/Governor Newsletters	Bi-monthly	J Turner / Chair of Governors	Raising awareness of road safety/parking congestion issues at the end of the school day

Additional targets / action taken by school (e.g. walking bus, walk to school week, increase car sharing)			
Actions / Activities	Date	Action by	Notes & comment
Walking Bus	Summer 2008	J Turner/ P Marriott	A walking bus would help with attendance problems, with an organised group of pupils and parents walking in to school. The Better Ways to School team can help with the setting up of the walking bus, and providing resources such as fluorescent tabards.
W.O.W. initiative	Sept '08	J.Turner/ G Bowman	Resources from Judith Aris of BWTS

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	July 2007	72	72	nil	18	26.4	1	1.4	1	1.4	nil	nil	51	70.8
Yearly target %				nil		20		2		4		nil		74
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
8/1/08	nil	Cycle/parent shelter		

11 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.

Our school serves mainly an estate in close proximity where 90% of the children live. However many parents choose to use their cars to bring their children to school. This not only causes congestion at the school gate but also reinforces the inappropriate use of cars when the healthier option to walk has clear benefits which we as a school must try to pass across to the parents.

Therefore this opportunity to raise the profile of all aspects of road safety was the reason we joined the scheme. Thanks to the direct involvement and encouragement from our BWTS advisor we have progressed and will continue to progress with this work.

Many of our children "play out" on the streets at night and there have been instances in the area of children being knocked off bicycles and being killed. It is our responsibility to make children aware as much as possible of what they can do to be responsible for their own safety when they are on the streets.

We take every opportunity to invite in members of the wider community to reinforce key safety and social responsibility messages. In the last year we have had visits from: Fire Service, Community Police, Dog Wardens, Pedestrian Training Officer and Saint John's Ambulance .

We are currently working towards achieving the Healthy School's Award- this will support us in this work.

We use the local area a lot for walks in Geography and local History study and we often walk the children down to the local secondary schools along a busy route into the centre of Carlisle and our experience shows us that a number of children do not walk appropriately and with respect for themselves and others so this training is vital.

We promote ourselves as a Community School, and have just changed the name of the school to that effect . We now endeavour to use the community as a resource much more.

We have tried to work with the local police officer to encourage the use of seat belts and booster seats by making leaflets available and "patrolling " at the end of the day.

It is our intention to use the Travel Plan document proactively to keep the related issues high profile with governors and parents

12 Signed agreement



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary & Nursery

School

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:
	Signed:
	Date:
Chair of Governors	Name:
	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:

Mr John Turner