

# Crosby Ravensworth Travel Plan

## 1 School details

Name of school	Crosby Ravensworth Church of England School
DfES school reference no.	9093356
Type of school	Voluntary Aided Primary
Number on roll	48
Number of staff	12
Age range of pupils	4-11
<b>School contact details</b>	
Head teacher	Mr Tim Ayre
Address	Crosby Ravensworth, Penrith, Cumbria
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<b>Working group contact</b>	
Name	Lisa Wilkinson (School Administrator)
<b>School situation and use</b>	
Description of school locality/catchment area	Crosby Ravensworth School is situated in the Eden Valley between Shap, Appleby and Penrith. The catchment area of the school falls within the most sparsely populated district council area in England and Wales, and comprises Crosby Ravensworth, Maulds Meaburn, Kings Meaburn and Reagill. Many of our children come from farming backgrounds. Two minibuses deliver children from outlying villages and dwellings.
Facilities (e.g. playground, car park, sports hall, community centre)	There is a small car park at the front of the school with a designated area for the two minibuses. The school grounds surround the building and include a netball court, football pitch, outdoor classroom and adventure trail.
Number of entrances, vehicle/pedestrian	1 for vehicles and 1 for pedestrians but could change
Core school times	9.00 am - 3.30 pm
Other uses (e.g. extra curricular/community access)	After school clubs are run at specific times of the year. There is no community use due to the proximity of the village reading rooms

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## Aims

This Travel Plan specifically aims:

To maintain the proportion of school journeys undertaken on foot, cycle or minibus.

To equip pupils with the knowledge and skills needed to walk, cycle and use minibuses safely.

To improve the safety of children, parents/carers, staff and visitors when entering and leaving the school premises

To improve safety on the journey to and from school

## Objectives

These objectives are directly linked to the Action Plan - section 7.

- Administration: Set up a school travel plan working group. Review and update annually.(7.5)
- Links: consultation with working group, parish council and include issues in Community Travel Plan
- Health: increase travel and health awareness (7.1/7.4/7.5)
- Curriculum: integrate BWTS initiatives into the curriculum via PSHE, Citizenship and SEAL(7.1)
- Communication: involve and engage the community and school in BWTS (7.4/7.5)
- Training: provide pedestrian and cycle training (7.1)
- Promotion: promote car sharing, walking and cycling to school and include in School Development Plan (7.4)
- Initiatives: Introduce initiatives to encourage walking and cycling to school (7.4/7.5) and improve safety whilst doing so (7.4/7.5)
- Facilities: improve cycling and pedestrian facilities on the school grounds (7.2), Improve parking outside the school grounds (7.3)
- Safety: improve safety on routes to school (7.3)

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## 2 Working party - to develop and implement the plan

Name	Position	Responsibility within working party
Lisa Wilkinson	School Administrator	Travel plan coordinator
Sue Hollows	Assistant Head & Governor	Vice Chair
Freya Burrill	Parent	Parent link
Helen Hall	Minibus Driver and parent	
Judith Aris	BWTS	School Travel Adviser
Kitty Smith	Parish councilor/Governor	Governor link
Gordon Bowness	Chair Parish Council	Parish Council link
Daniel Evans	Highways Technician Capita	Adviser
School Council		

### How were people consulted? (e.g. working party meetings, surveys of pupils and staff, newsletters)

A parent survey was sent out to all 31 families in May 2007, of which 19 were returned, representing 23 pupils. Children were consulted through an on line survey and also in the route plotting sessions. They also carried out traffic surveys.

14 staff completed an on-line survey in June 2007.

Working Party meetings took place on 4/10/2007 and 21/11/2007.

Daniel Evans made a site visit on 18/11/07 & 4/12/07

Letters were sent to the Parish Council and the parish newsletter.

## 3 Survey & route plotting carried out (survey results & summary enclosed)

### 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	June	37	17	46	7	19	1	2	8	22			4	11		

#### 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	June	24	1	4.2			2	8.3	18	75			2	8.3	1	4.2

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**Notes**

75% of children would like to cycle to school. The roads are narrow and many parents are not happy to let children cycle independently although several local children already cycle. 83% of children would like more cycle training.

46% of children travel by minibus from outlying villages, and they are happy with their journey. The minibus drivers are friendly and helpful, behaviour on the buses is generally good and the buses arrive on time and are not overcrowded.

5 out of 6 children travelling by car are making a special journey (all from different directions) and 13 out of 14 staff surveyed travel by car. There is some potential to car share. Parents and children are concerned about congestion at the school gates at the beginning and end of the school day, and the minibus drivers often experience difficulty in parking in their designated area because of parked cars.

Full survey results with summary are attached

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

Year	Date of route plotting	Year Groups	No. of Pupils
2007	June 2007	Whole school (Reception- Year 6)	41

Results have been collated and are attached. Year 5 and 6 children took part in a route plotting exercise as part of their local studies Geography work. Comments about their journey to school have been taken on board, they are as follows:

2 out of 24 children had been injured in a road accident on their journey to and from school (1 on a bike and 1 in a car).

14 out of 24 children had been involved in a near miss (5 on a bike, 7 in a car, 1 in a minibus, 1 on foot).

Many children were concerned about the speed of traffic, having no safe places to cross the road and the lack of footpaths or pavements.

A minibus brings children to school from the outlying villages and dwellings in the catchment area. There are no children at the school with special transport needs.

### 4 Summary of transport and road safety problems

- Complete lack of public transport - for pupils and staff.
- Sparsely populated rural area - some pupils live a good distance from the school.
- Speeding in the villages of Maulds Meaburn and Kings Meaburn (parent survey).
- Lack of footpaths and safe crossing places in Maulds Meaburn and Kings Meaburn (parent survey).
- Cars unaware of presence of school between school and Hopper Hill (working group).
- Inconsiderate local drivers (working group).
- Nowhere for parents to shelter when wet and no cycle parking (school).
- Pupils' lack of road awareness (school council).
- Cars parking in designated minibus area due to lack of sufficient parking areas for parents to use (working group).
- Narrow country lanes from neighbouring villages preventing independent cycling (working group).

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## 5 Working party recommendations for action

- Administration: set up a school travel plan working group - monitor and update annually (7.5). Include STP in SIP (7.4)
- Health: increase travel and health awareness through publicity and curriculum work (7.1/7.4)
- Training: Cyclewise training and pedestrian road safety training to start, and cycling proficiency training to continue. (7.1)
- Consultation: engage the community, parents, children and governors in the school travel plan(7.4/7.5)
- Initiatives: Apply for DfT walking grant to set up a walking bus from the village, investigate Park and Stride drop off area, bulk purchase of reasonably priced cycle helmets and high visibility waistcoats.(7.4/7.5)
- Promotion: promote walking, cycling and car sharing amongst parents, children and staff.(7.4), promote use of helmets and safety clothing (7.4)
- Engineering: Construct a parent waiting shelter and cycle parking (7.2) Improve minibus parking area (7.3)Improve amount of parking near school for parents to use.(7.3)Improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists on school route from Maulds Meaburn - improved signage around Hopper Hill (7.3)

## 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	46	Sustain at 46
Car/Van	19	Decrease to 10
Car Share	2	Increase to 6
Cycle	22	Increase to 27
Rail	n/a	n/a
Walk	11	Sustain at 11

**Although 75% of the children would like to cycle, a proportion of those come by school bus and some live on narrow twisty roads. More local children may be encouraged to cycle. A park and stride would enable those children who have to come by car to be able to walk some of the way with a walking bus.**

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### 7.1 Education & Training Targets

Measure	Year group	Number	Date	Action by	Notes
Community Police Officer - Road Safety Training	3/4/5/6	27	March 2008	Lisa Wilkinson	Improve road safety awareness and involve local community officer with school.
Pedestrian Training	R/1/2	15		F Hanson (RSO)	Improve pedestrian skills and awareness of hazards. Date of training by Steven Thompson?
Playground Cycle Skills training	3/4	15	November 2007	Cyclewise on behalf of BWTS	Improve basic cycle skills and awareness so that children are more competent when eventually cycling on the road. Motivate them to want to cycle. Teach them about helmets and safety.
Cycling Proficiency/National Standards	5/6	11	Autumn 2008	L Wilkinson/T Ayre	Cycling skills on local roads - raise awareness of safety issues. Arrange training every other year, so that each pupil receives training in Year 5 or Year 6.
Curriculum links with school travel plan			Autumn 2007/March 2008	T Ayre/S Hollows	Road Safety/PSHE/Geography & Maths

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### 7.2 School based engineering measures

Measure	Cost	Date	Action by	Notes
Install cycle storage for 15 cycles	£2500	Summer 2008	T Ayre/Governing Body	Provide safe and secure cycle storage for pupil and staff cycles. Working with parents on safety issues encouraging pupils to cycle to school. Funding from DfES/ DfT grant
Install parent waiting shelter	£2500	Summer 2008	T Ayre/Governing Body	Provide suitable shelter for parents, carers and pupils. Protection from the wind, rain and sun (!) so that they will be encouraged to walk to school. Also, younger children will be within school grounds rather than at the roadside whilst waiting with their parents. Funding from DfES/ DfT grant
Install shower facilities		Spring 2008	Tim Ayre	Staff who wish to cycle to school will be able to shower before the working day. This has been included within some building work already planned for the school.

### 7.3 Road engineering targets

Measure	Cost	Date	Action by	Notes
Construct village gateway feature	£2000	Autumn 2008	D Evans	New village sign- bend and pedestrians in road sign To slow drivers and make them aware that that there is a school nearby and there may be pedestrians (from Hopper Hill) cyclists (from Maulds Meaburn) on their way to school. BETTER WAYS TO SCHOOL FUNDED
Traffic order to move 30mph sign from present position to include on village gateway sign	£1200	Autumn 2008	D Evans	At present 30mph is directly outside the school and in order to protect pedestrian and cyclist on Hopper Hill should be moved to position to include Hopper Hill – to be incorporated in gateway sign BETTER WAYS TO SCHOOL FUNDED
Improved marking of minibus parking area- SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR zig zags & official no parking sign	£300	Autumn 2008	D Evans/ Helen Hall	Increase awareness of visitors regarding minibus parking zone – prevent parking on minibus area BETTER WAYS TO SCHOOL FUNDED
Improvements to grass verge by vicarage – kerb and hard standing		March 2009	BWTS adviser, traffic engineer and Parish Council	Provide hard standing area for disembarkation of passengers on verge side by vicarage. This is unlikely to be funded from BWTS but discussions have taken place with the Parish Council and Bob Dow (Capita) to be included in the improvement plan

## 7.4 Promotional/publicity targets

Measure	Date	Action by	Notes
Promote car sharing	January 2008	School Council	Increase awareness of benefits of car sharing amongst staff and pupils - informal basis. Promote and include in new prospectus and to new starter families
Set up a school BWTS noticeboard	December 2007	School Council/S Hollows	Informing and involving parents, staff and children and rewarding/highlighting good practice.
Include BWTS article in Lyvennet Link (parish newsletter)	December 2007/December 2008	School Administrator L Wilkinson	Highlight BWTS to the local community and request help and consideration with safe driving.
Promote walking to school	September 2007	L Wilkinson	Target local children and also investigate park and stride and walking bus.
Regular articles in the school newsletter	Half termly	L Wilkinson	Our prize-winning newsletter is also distributed widely in the local community.
Include School Travel Plan in School Improvement Plan	July 2008	T Ayre/ Governing Body	Make sure the travel plan is seen as an ongoing process and is embedded within the school's long term plans

Promote use of safety clothing to parents	November 2007 and November 2008	L Wilkinson	Ensure accessibility to low cost cycle helmets through BWTS Headstart scheme. Also bulk purchase of high visibility waistcoats from school uniform supplier (very reasonably priced).
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### 7.5 Additional targets/action taken by school

Measure	Date	Action by	Notes
Review school travel plan annually	Jan 2009	L Wilkinson & Working Group	Repeat survey and review plan - make further improvements and ensure that travel plan is working document.
Apply for DfES/DfT walking grant	December 2007	S Hollows & L Wilkinson	funding will enable us to set up a walking bus from the village and provide high vis jackets and incentives.
Set up a walking bus	February 2008	L Wilkinson & Working Group	Investigate setting a walking bus up one day a week - hoping to increase days gradually.
Investigate Park and Stride area	February 2008	L Wilkinson & Working Group	Look into a possible Park and stride drop off point for the walking bus for car users - improved pupil health through increased exercise.
Better Ways To School school lunch in National Road Safety week	November 2007	S Hollows & Cook	Increases uptake of school lunches cooked on site, as well as publicizing the road safety issue and engaging the interest of the children by asking them to design the menu.
Liaise with Parish Council and local villages involved in Community Travel Plan	November 2007	L Wilkinson/Judith Aris	Judith will write offering support to the Parish Council in their attempt to create parking on the verge next to the double green gates. Parish Council will be invited to attend the next meeting of the working group. Lisa to contact those involved in Community Travel Plan to offer school's help and data gathered so far.

Possible cycle maintenance workshop	Spring 2008	Parent volunteers	Encourage parents and children to use bikes more often, and ensure they are fit for purpose. Improve safety of all cyclists.
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## 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	37	37	46	7	19	1	2	8	22			4	11
Yearly Target %				46		10		6		27				11
Baseline: 2008														
Yearly Target %														
Baseline: 2009														
Yearly Target %														

## 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



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### 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.

Included in School Travel Plan:

Parent questionnaire summary

Pupil/Staff survey results

Correspondence

Minutes of meetings

Route Plotting map

Site map

Photographs

Copies of newsletters/information

Report from school council

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## 12 Signed agreement



CROSBY RAVENSWORTH CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

agrees to this School Travel Plan, to undertake its objectives, and to review the Travel Plan on an annual basis. The next update will take place in January 2009 led by Lisa Wilkinson and the working group.

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:
	Signed:
	Date: