

1 School details

Name of school	Vickerstown
DfES school reference no.	9092513
Type of school	Primary
Number on roll	172
Number of staff (it is highly recommended that a supplementary Travel Plan for staff and other school users is developed)	25
Age range of pupils	4 to 11 years
School contact details	
Head teacher	Mrs Phizacklea
Address	Latona Street, Barrow-in-Furnes, Cumbria
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Email address	head@vickerstown.cumbria.sch.uk
Website	
Working group contact	
Name	Mrs Phizacklea
Address (if different to above)	
Telephone number	
Email address	
School situation and use	
Description of school locality/ catchment area	Vickerstown Primary is situated on one of the primary bus and vehicular route on Walney Island. The Island itself has a population of approximately 9,000 and is connected to the mainland of Barrow via a bridge. Pupils attend from all areas of Walney. Vickerston also has a SEN Unit which takes pupils from the whole of the Borough of Barrow.
Facilities (e.g. playground, car park, sports hall, community centre)	Playground, Community Development Centre, Canteen Building, Garden & SEN Unit
Number of entrances vehicle/pedestrian	1 x Vehicular, 2 x Pedestrian
Core school times	Monday to Thursday 8.30 am to 3 pm, Friday 8.30 am to 2 pm
Other uses (e.g. extra curricular/community access)	Adult Learning, After School Clubs until 4.30 pm Tuesday to Friday

Aims

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

- * To increase the numbers of pupils participating in road safety education.
- * To safely reduce the numbers of people who travel to the school by car in favour of using more sustainable modes of transport.
- * To equip pupils with knowledge and skills needed to walk and cycle safely.
- * To reduce congestion and pollution around the school.
- * To improve pupils' health and fitness levels.
- * To increase the proportion of school journeys undertaken on foot and cycle.
- * To engender a responsible attitude, in all members of the school community, towards the safety of themselves and others using the roads.

Objectives (see notes for examples)

- * Set up a school Travel Plan Working Group.
- * Increase cycling facilities.
- * Provide cycle training.
- * Write a Drivers Code of Practice.
- * To integrate sustainable and healthy travel issues into the curriculum:-
 - safe route plotting in geography
 - survey analysis in mathematics/computing
 - pedestrian training skills in PHSE.
- * Reduce traffic and pollution around the school.
- * Walk to School Campaigns such as International School Week (May 2007) and WOW (Walk on Wednesday) Scheme.
- * To safely reduce the number of people who travel to the school by car in favour of using more sustainable modes of transport

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
Mrs Phizacklea, Head Teacher, School Contact Mrs Hanson, BWTS Advisor, Travel Plan Advice Mr Hanson, Road Safety Officer, Education & Training Mrs D Greer, CDC Manager, Working Party Member PC Kerley, Community Police Officer, Cycling Proficiency Instructor Mr G Hemsall, Chair of Governors, Working Party Member

How were people consulted? (e.g. working party meetings, surveys of pupils and staff, newsletters)
Emails, Telephone Calls, Drivers Code of Practice, On-line Survey, Route Plotting, Working Group Meetings, School Newsletters, Walking Bus Letter/Questionnaire

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	12/02/2007	154	3	2	87	56			4	3			49	32	11	7

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	12/02/2007	154	4	3	13	8			103	67			27	18	7	4

Notes
Vickerstown Primary School has a large majority of pupils who come to School by car, at 56%, however the School has a significant number of pupils with special needs and this contributes to these figures. It is obvious from the second count that 67% of pupils would like to cycle to School and although this is very encouraging it has to be understood that some of these pupils will simply not be able to cycle. Following on from these two comments the School is keen to install cycle shelters which will enable, those pupils who can, to cycle to School. The 7% which falls within the 'Other' category are pupils who come to school via taxi or Local Education Authority provided transport.

Route Plotting (Primary: Year 5 or Secondary: Year 7)			
Year	Date of route plotting	Year Groups	No. of Pupils
2006	05/07/2006	5	29

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

Pupils are under the impression that vehicles speed on Douglas Street, Latona Street and the Promenade and this leads to a need for a 20 mph speed limit to surround the school. There is a problem with Parents parking on the school zig zags, which in turn causes pupils to have to cross the road from between two parked cars. The children were eager to adopt an approach where they would be able to advise Parents who were parking dangerously. Surrounding footpaths were thought to be uneven and dangerous. It was noted that not all vehicle passengers and drivers wear their seatbelts. A cycle storage shed is needed to encourage and allow more pupils to cycle to school. There is a need for dog bins to be provided around the school and pupils thought that there should be signs showing school start and end times and more advertising the schools location.

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

Notes

Pupils travel to school by various means but those who attend the SEN Unit either travel by taxi or a special mini bus, these pupils travel from all parts of Walney Island, Barrow Town and further afield as far as Ulverston which is approximately 10 miles away.

The School has a good percentage of pupils who already walk to school and this could be increased through the set up of a Walking Bus. The Working Group decided to negate the idea of the WOW (Walk on Wednesday) Scheme due to the exclusion of Special Need pupils.

The purchase and installation of cycle shelters would provide a safe, secure and dry environment to encourage cycling to School.

4 Summary of transport and road safety problems

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

As Vickerstown Primary School has a SEN Unit attached to it, this means that there is no other alternative (for some pupils) other than a motorised mode of travel, however the upside of this is that the Local Education Authority provides mini buses and taxi's, which in turn means that pupils 'car share'. The School is situated on an island which is connected to the mainland via a bridge, quite a number of pupils live off the island itself and use public transport to travel to school.

The school is surrounded by residential homes and this can lead to a lack of parking spaces but this is not a major problem. The problem lies with those parents who do not respect local residents i.e. parking across driveways, and ignore school carriageway markings.

The supply of street lighting is considered to be quite poor.

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 Group recommended that:-

- * Pedestrian skills training should be provided by the Road Safety Officer, with help provided by the School.
- * Cycling Proficiency training be offered to years 5 and 6, instruction to be given by PC Kerely.
- * Cyclewise to provide basic cycle training to years 3 and 4.
- * Quotes to be obtained for cycle storage.
- * Concerns over the condition of surrounding footways to be raised with Cumbria County Council and Capita.
- * A Drivers Code of Practice to be developed and sent out to all Parents.
- * Send a Walking Bus letter/questionnaire to all parents.
- * Send a letter to Barrow Borough Council, Environmental Health Dept re: littering and dog faeces.
- * Cumbria Constabulary and Environmental Health to form joint patrols to hand out environmental crime fines.
- * Request permission from The Ferry Public House and Barrow Borough Council to use their respective car parks, on central and north Walney, as starting points for the walking buses.
- * Purchase high visibility vests to highlight pupils proximity.
- * Investigate street lighting around the school.

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	2%	sustain at 2%
Car/Van	56%	decrease to 48%
Car Share	0%	increase to/sustain at 0%
Cycle	3%	increase to 7%
Rail	0%	increase to/sustain at 0%
Walk	32%	increase to/sustain at 36%

Notes

To obtain an 8% drop in car useage it would mean that 6 extra children would have to walk to School and 6 extra children would have to cycle to School. Both of these figures could be easily achieved with the introduction of a Walking Bus and the installation of cycle storage. The 8% is felt to be reasonable and achievable.

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 Proficiency Training	6	14	Jun 2006	PC Kerely - Cycle Instructor	Successful candidates will receive Nationally recognised certificates and badges
Cyclewise Training	3 & 4	57	14/10/06	Cyclewise	Basic cycle training
Pedestrian Skills Training	Whole School	172	Jun 07	Mr Hanson - Road Safety Officer	Pupils given road safety skills and education

7 Action Plan

Promotional / Publicity targets (e.g. newsletters)			
Measure	Date	Action by	Notes & comment
Drivers Code of Practice	Feb 2007	Mrs Phizacklea - Head Teacher	To educate Parents on parking etiquette
Walking Bus Letter/Questionnaire	Feb 2007	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor	To assess participation and volunteer levels
School Newsletters	1/2 Termly	Mrs Phizacklea - Head Teacher	To keep Parents and School Community upto date with events, activities and relevant information
Letter to Barrow Borough Council	10/10/06	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor	To Environmental Health regarding lack of rubbish and dog faeces receptacles around the school
Environmental Health & Police Patrols	May 07	PC Kerley	To set up environmental patrols around the school where £45 fines for rubbish dropping and the non collection of faeces can be made

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	Sep 2007	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor/Mrs Phizacklea - Head Teacher	Walking buses to be set up, one to start from The Ferry Public House and one from Barrow Borough Council's car park at the bottom of North Scale Village
High Visibility Vests	Sep 2007	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor/Mrs Phizacklea - Head Teacher	Vests to be purchased for pupils and adult volunteers participating in the Walking Bus schemes, to highlight the proximity of pupils to drivers and other pedestrians
Permission Letter to Barrow Borough Council & The Ferry	Apr 2007	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor	To request permission to use the individual car parks as starting points for the Walking Buses

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	12/02/07	143	143	2	87	56			4	3			49	32
Yearly target %			3	2	74	48			11	7			55	36
Baseline														
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9 Cycle count

Cycle Count				
Date of count before	Cycle count	Measure Implemented	Date of count after	Cycle count
13/06/2006	8	Cycle Storage Installation		

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.

Vickerstown Primary School's Working Group has made careful consideration of issues relating to the Travel Plan and more sustainable transport and have the following notes to enlist:-

If the School is to encourage cycling then it has been agreed to purchase and install cycle storage, to provide a safe, secure and dry area for pupils cycles. Cyclewise, a nationally trained organisation, provided a half day basic cycle education and maintenance course for years 3 and 4 and Cycling Proficiency training is given to years 5 and 6 via the Road Safety Officer and Cumbria Constabulary.

A Drivers Code of Practice, highlighting School concerns regarding parking and driving issues, has been sent out to all Parents.

A Walking Bus letter/questionnaire to be sent out to all parents to ascertain levels of pupil participation and adult volunteers. The idea is that if the participation level is high enough then two buses could run simultaneously, one starting from The Ferry Public House's car park, situated on the Promenade in the centre of Walney Island and the other starting from Barrow Borough Council's car park, at the bottom of North Scale Village, on the north of Walney. To this end letters are to be sent to both organisations, requesting permission of useage.

It is also recognised that if the School and the Working Group are to advocate walking to school then pupils should be given adequate training to try and ensure pedestrian safety and due to this the Road Safety Officer is to provide pedestrian skills training, which is hoped to instill personal responsibility and encourage road safety awareness. The Travel Plan also has made provision for the purchase of high visibility vests, to highlight the proximity of pupils.

The Working Group discussed joining the WOW (Walk on Wednesday) Scheme but decided that as they have pupils with special needs to drop the idea, as it could not include all members of the student body.

Barrow Borough Council and Cumbria Constabulary and to join forces, through the Borough, and to patrol areas for environmental crimes, this covers such things as littering and dog faeces. A letter has already been sent to Barrow Borough Council highlighting concerns as to the problem of faeces found around the school.

The street lighting provision in the area is to be investigated as the Working Group considered the lighting to be insufficient and old fashioned.

12 Signed agreement



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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:
	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:

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:
