

1 School details

Name of school	South Walney Infants
DfES school reference no.	9092518
Type of school	Infant
Number on roll	150
Number of staff (it is highly recommended that a supplementary Travel Plan for staff and other school users is developed)	8
Age range of pupils	3 to 7 years
School contact details	
Head teacher	Mrs J Wray
Address	Amphitrite Street, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria
Postcode	LA14 3BZ
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Website	
Working group contact	
Name	Mrs J Wray
Address (if different to above)	
Telephone number	
Email address	head@southwalney-inf.cumbria.sch.uk
School situation and use	
Description of school locality/ catchment area	South Walney Infant School is situated on a busy commuter and bus 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 the Island
Facilities (e.g. playground, car park, sports hall, community centre)	Playground, carpark, garden and grassed areas, wildlife area including pond
Number of entrances vehicle/pedestrian	4 x Pedestrian, 1 Dedicated Vehicular & 1 Shared Vehicular & Pedestrian
Core school times	Yr 1 & 2 - 8.55 am - 3.15 pm, Reception - 8.55 am - 3.10 pm, Nursery- 9 am - 11.30, 12.50 - 3.20 pm
Other uses (e.g. extra curricular/community access)	After school clubs are run over blocks of time eg. once a week for 5 weeks usually for 3/4 - 1 hour

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

Objectives (see notes for examples)

- * To set up a school travel plan working group.
- * Increase travel and health awareness.
- * Integrate sustainable and healthy travel issues into the curriculum:
 - pedestrian skills training in PHSE lessons
 - online survey completion in geography.
- * Reduce traffic and pollution around the school.
- * Provide pedestrian training.
- * Design a Drivers Code of Practice for parents.
- * Encourage participation in Walk to School initiatives.

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 J Wray - Head Teacher - School Contact
Mrs F Hanson - BWTS Advisor - Travel Plan Advice
Mr K Hanson - Road Safety Officer - Education & Training
Mrs Atkinson - PTA Member - Working Group Member
Mrs P Foxcroft - PTA Member - Working Group Member
Mrs S Walton - Teaching Assistant - Working Group Member
Mrs Fagan - Teacher - Working Group Member
Mrs Williams - School Governor - Working Group Member
Sam Hayes - School Council Member - Pupils' Representative
Amber Walton - School Council Member - Pupils' Representative
Emily Carr - School Council Member - Pupils' Representative
Tom Oakes - School Council Member - Pupils' Representative

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

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	13/02/2007	102	5	5	47	46	2	2					48	47		

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.	%		
N/A																

Notes
It was surprising to note that the result was the same for travelling by car and foot. By South Walney Infants participating in a Walking Bus and the WOW (Walk on Wednesday) scheme, it is hoped to dramatically decrease the car usage percentage. As this is an Infant school the children were not asked how they would like to travel to school.

Route Plotting (Primary: Year 5 or Secondary: Year 7)			
Year	Date of route plotting	Year Groups	No. of Pupils
N/A			

Route Plotting Notes (e.g. comments made by pupils / any results found)
Not Applicable

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

Notes
As South Walney is an Infant School, children's journeys are always accompanied. The majority of children walking will be hopefully increased through participation in WOW (Walk on Wednesday) scheme and a walking bus.

4 Summary of transport and road safety problems

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

<p>There is no dropped footway crossing outside 'Mac's' shop, at the junction of Amphitrite Street and Strathnaver Avenue, which causes difficulties for small children, the pushing of prams, wheelchair useage and pedestrians in general. It has been noted that there is a severe lack of dog bins throughout the Island, in particular around school areas. There has been complaints of Walney Senior School children swearing, spitting and throwing litter into the Infant School playground when they are passing by.</p> <p>Amphitrite Street is on a public transport route which runs from the centre of the Island to the South, there is a bus stop at the junction of Amphitrite Street and King Alfred Street, lower down on the opposite side of the road to the school. This bus stop has a clearly marked carriageway painted sign, however parents insist on parking there, this in turn either causes the bus to double park or to move further up the road, where it stops directly opposite the school gates, these actions cause severe obstruction, congestion and poor visibility for both vehicle users and pedestrians. The street lights outside the school and further down Amphitrite Street do not work.</p> <p>There is a zebra crossing situated on Ocean Road, near the junction of Amphitrite Street, adjacent to both the Infant and Junior Schools. Up until approximately 2000 a Crossing Patrol Operative was sited on this zebra, enabling ease of crossing Ocean Road (again another major commuter route on Walney Island). The Crossing Patrol Operative's post has been vacant since this time and due to this the School Flashing Warning Lights, situated on Ocean Road, have not been in operation because of the need for manual operation.</p>
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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 recommends that:

- * A dropped footway crossing be installed on the junction of Strathnaver Avenue and Amphitrite Street, outside 'Mac's' shop.
- * A walking bus letter/questionnaire be sent out to all parents to ascertain possible pupil participation and adult volunteer numbers.
- * A Drivers Code of Practice be sent out to all Parents.
- * Hi-visibility vests be purchased for pupils and volunteers walking to school.
- * Ocean Road Crossing Patrol - vacancy advertisement to be published in local press.
- * School Flashing Warning Lights - If no uptake on the Crossing Patrol vacancy, South Walney Infant and Junior School to share cost of replacing manual controls on lights to automatic.
- * On-line travel survey to be completed by pupils.
- * Pedestrian skills training to be given to years 1 and 2.
- * School to participate in WOW (Walk on Wednesday), starting in October 2007.
- * Letter to be sent to local transport provider Stagecoach to request removal of bus stop from the junction of Amphitrite Street and King Alfred Street.
- * Letter to be sent to Walney Senior School to highlight problems with senior pupil behaviour.
- * Cumbria Constabulary to issue a Parking Policy letter to all parents.
- * Cumbria Constabulary to provide temporary Police presence at school start and finish periods.
- * Letter sent to Barrow Borough Council, Environmental Health Department, in relation to dog fouling problems.
- * Letter sent to Cumbria Highways regarding the defective street lighting outside the Infant School.
- * South Walney Infants to design and produce a railing banner, which gives a 'School Keep Clear' message.

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	5%	sustain at 5%
Car/Van	46%	decrease to 31%
Car Share	2%	increase to/sustain at 2%
Cycle	0%	increase to 0%
Rail	0%	increase to/sustain at 0%
Walk	47%	increase to/sustain at 62%

Notes

South Walney Infant School's Working Group looked carefully at the baseline data and decided that if they were to look to a 10% increase in the children walking to school this would only mean 10 actual children and it was thought that the introduction of WOW (Walk on Wednesday) would be an incentive to raise this percentage to a reasonable and achievable level of 62%, which is a total number of an extra 16 children walking.

The above would decrease the number of pupils travelling by car from 47 to 31.5 which would be of great benefit to the parking and congestion problems the school is currently experiencing.

7 Action Plan

Long term road engineering targets					
Measure	Cost	Timescale	Action by e.g. traffic engineer	Completed? (month/year)	Notes & comments
Crossing Patrol Operative	Cumbria County Council	Apr 2007	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor		To advertise for a Crossing Patrol Operative who will be sited on the zebra crossing at the junction of Ocean Road and Amphitrite Street and who will be responsible for the manual operation of the school flashing warning lights
Flashing School Warning Lights	£900	Sep 2007	Mr Hankin - Traffic Engineer		To alter lighting system from manual to automatic if there is no take up on Crossing Patrol Operative post
Removal of Bus Stop	£300	Sep 2007	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor		To remove bus stop footway sign and carriageway markings to lessen congestion and obstruction from the junction of Amphitrite Street and King Alfred Street
Dropped Footway Crossing	£1,000	May 2007	Mr Hankin - Traffic Engineer		To provide a definitive crossing point for pedestrians

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Promotional / Publicity targets (e.g. newsletters)			
Measure	Date	Action by	Notes & comment
Walking Bus Letter/Questionnaire	13/02/07	Mrs Wray - Head Teacher	To ascertain participation and volunteer numbers
WOW (Walk on Wednesday)	Oct 2007	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor / Mrs Wray - Head Teacher	School to participate in scheme.
School News Letter	Quarterly	Mrs Wray - Head Teacher	To inform parents and pupils on school activities and promotions
High Visibility Vests	Sep 2007	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor	To highlight to pedestrians and vehicle users the proximity of pupils engaged in various activities and the presence of a Walking Bus

Additional targets / action taken by school (e.g. walking bus, walk to school week, increase car sharing)			
Actions / Activities	Date	Action by	Notes & comment
WOW (Walk on Wednesday)	Oct 2007	Mrs Wray - Head Teacher	School to participate in scheme.
Cumbria Constabulary - Letter re: Parking	March 2007	PC Kendal - Community Police Officer / Mrs Wray - Head Teacher	To be issued to all parents to highlight parking problems affecting the school and the journeys made to and from
Cumbria Constabulary - Police Presence	May 2007	PC Kendal - Community Police Officer/Mrs Wray - Head Teacher	Police to give a temporary interim presence at the start and end of the school day to deter dangerous driving and parking practices
Letter to Barrow Borough Council re: Dog Fouling	Feb 2007	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor	To highlight Working Group and pupil concerns regarding the amount of fouling in the school vicinity
Letter to Stagecoach (transport provider)	Feb 2007	Mrs Hanson - BWTS Advisor	To request removal of bus stop at the junction of Amphitrite Street and King Alfred Street to ease congestion and minimise potential danger

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	31/02/2007	102	102	5	47	46	2	2					48	47
Yearly target %			5	5	32	31	2	2					63	62
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9 Cycle count

Cycle Count				
Date of count before	Cycle count	Measure Implemented	Date of count after	Cycle count
07/09/06		Non		

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.

South Walney Infant School has worked hard towards meeting the aims and objectives set out in this travel plan and hopes that the procedures it has put in place will be more than adequate. A good, solid, Working Group has been put together with members comprising of School Council, PTA, Teachers, Road Safety Representatives and Governors. The School Council Working Group Members have been tasked with the dissemination of information and topics of discussion to other pupils. Parents and Guardians have been informed about the compilation of the Travel Plan and the Better Ways to School ethos through newsletters and questionnaires.

The Infant School has decided to participate in the national WOW (Walk on Wednesday) scheme, beginning in October 2007, it is hoped that this will increase and encourage pupils to walk to school, to support this idea the Road Safety Officer has provided pedestrian skills training. The Working Group have also made provision in the travel plan for the purchase of high visibility vests for those adult volunteers and pupils who will walk to school under the WOW scheme.

Cumbria Constabulary has kindly agreed to draft a letter to parents for the school to issue in regard to parking problems. This letter, it is hoped, will sway and deter parents from parking illegally and causing obstructions. Also to further this aim a Drivers Code of Practice has been raised by the school and has been issued to parents and again Cumbria Constabulary have agreed to give a police presence in the interim.

An advertisement will be placed in the local press for the post of Crossing Patrol Operative, to be sited at Ocean Road zebra crossing, due to the absence of this operative the school flashing warning lights, which are manual, have not been operated in approximately the last seven years. To combat this it is hoped that there will be applicants for the post, if however this does not happen both the Junior and Infant School have pledged to each cover half the cost of altering the manual controls on the lights to automatic.

A letter has been sent to Walney Senior School to highlight the poor behaviour of some senior children, the Working Group awaits a response.

The issue of dog fouling was raised not only by the School Council but the Working Group as a whole, also this issue has raised its head throughout the other schools situated on Walney Island. A letter was sent to Barrow Borough Council, Environmental Health Department, to inform them of the Schools' concerns.

Another letter has been sent to the Street Lighting Engineer at Cumbria Highways to inform them that the street lights outside the school and further down Amphitrite Street are defective. The response has shown that Contractors damaged cables whilst replacing lighting columns in the area and that once the exact details of the damage has been uncovered repairs will take place.

In an effort to stop parents parking on the school zig zags on both Amphitrite Street and Strathaird Avenue it has been agreed that railing banners will be designed (through workshops with pupils) and manufactured, these banners will give a 'Keep School Gates Clear' message.

There is a bus stop located lower down Amphitrite Street, at the junction with King Alfred Street, this bus stop has carriageway markings and a footway signed post. Parents will insist, however, on parking in this designated bus stop, this causes the bus to either double park or to move upwards and directly opposite the Infant School entrance gate, this causes severe congestion and high potential pedestrian danger. In a bid to solve this problem both the local transport provider Stagecoach and Cumbria Highways have been approached with the request to remove the bus stop. Investigations are currently taking place by Stagecoach to access the impact of the stops removal.

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:
