

Croftlands Junior School



School Travel Plan Autumn 2018

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Statement of intent

Aims and objectives

The Travel Plan has been created to support and promote safe and sustainable travel to and from school, to highlight good practice and provide equal opportunities for all pupils. The Policy should be adhered to by both staff and pupils.

The Plan supports additional policies in place, such as Health and Safety, Behaviour and Safeguarding Policies.

School travel plan

The primary purpose of the plan is to ensure equal opportunities for all pupils, along with safe and timely access to education via a reasonable journey to and from school.

The Department for Education provides guidance on travel to and from school for pupils and this plan has been designed to meet the statutory requirements of the guidance.

The number of children travelling to school by car has increased since the school was built in the early 1970s. In order to combat congestion in the surrounding areas, and to improve the health and welfare of our pupils, we are promoting the use of alternative methods of transport.

The school encourages parents to allow their children to walk, run, cycle or use public transport to travel to and from school **where it is safe and practicable**.

1. Assessment of travel and transport needs

1.1. The breakdown of our pupils' current travel habits are as follows:

- 45% pupils currently walk or scoot to school.
- 44% pupils park & stride (i.e. park away from school and walk)
- 0% pupils currently cycle to school.
- 11% pupils currently travel by car to school.
- 1% pupils currently take public transport to school.

1.2. The main reason why some pupils do not walk to school is:

- They live too far away from school
- Their parents drop them off on their way to work
- There has been no crossing patrol since September 2018 (mornings only since January 2018)

1.3. The main reason why some pupils do not cycle to school is:

- The roads around the school are very busy because they are a commuter route out to the coast road to Barrow and also because of both schools and a full time nursery sharing the same site.

2. Summary of our travel arrangements

- We currently have 1 entrance to the staff car park.
- We have 32 car parking spaces available for staff from the Little Acorns Nursery, Infant School and Junior School. The expansion of Little Acorns has had a significant impact on the use of the school car park and increased congestion outside school.
- We have not had a school crossing patrol since September 2018 and had morning cover only from January until July 2018.
- We have cycle storage facilities (temporarily unavailable during the demolition of the old school building).
- There is a public bus service to our school.

- There is not a school bus service to our school.

3. Travelling to and from school

3.1. Walking to school

The DfE's "statutory walking distance" is 3 miles for children 8 and over. This distance is measured as the shortest route along which a child, accompanied as necessary, may walk with **reasonable safety**. Pupils within this distance are not eligible for funded school transport, with a number of exceptions.

Pupils walking to school are encouraged to walk with friends along safe routes that are pedestrian friendly. During winter months pupils should wear reflective clothing or accessories to maximise safety on the roads.

3.2. Driving to school and 'Park and Stride'

Where parents choose to drive children to school, we encourage them to car share as much as possible. Parents driving close to the school grounds are reminded to drive slowly and to park safely and legally. There is no parking for parents in the school car park.

The school encourages parents to park within a reasonable distance of the school grounds but allow children to walk a short distance each morning. The recommended parking area is Central Drive by the shops. This eases traffic around the school and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

3.3. Cycling to school

Bikeability training is given in Year 5 during the Spring term. Pupils are encouraged to cycle to and from school along designated routes to maximise safety. Full protective gear should be worn at all times and reflective gear, accessories and lights utilised. A suitable lock should be brought for securing the bicycle during school hours. A Home-School Cycle Agreement should be completed by the parents, with their child, and returned to school. These are available from the school office.

4. Arranged transport

Arranged transport, including taxis, are allowed to use the staff car park to drop off and pick up. Escorts should pick children up from the school office at the main entrance.

4.1. Regularly transported children

Statutory entitlement to free home to school transport from the local authority applies when one or more of the following criteria are met:

- The child lives 3 miles or more from the school.
- The child has been placed in a school where there is no safe walking route.

- The child is from a family entitled to free school meals.
- The child is from a family receiving the maximum Working Tax Credit.
- The child has special educational needs or a disability and a plan with transport requirements written into it.

4.2. Taxis

In some circumstances, taxis may be deemed necessary for the transportation of pupils who have no other means of viable transport. This will be agreed between the parents of a pupil and the school, and a formal arrangement will be established.

4.3. School Buses

The school is not served by any school bus service.

5. Safe practice and safeguarding

5.1. Walking alone

Parents choosing to let their child walk to or from school independently should assess the risks associated with the school route and their own child's confidence. The most important factor to consider about the suitability of a child walking to and from school alone is any risk to the child.

If parents feel safety is a concern, they are encouraged to discuss this with the school with a view to identifying alternative options, such as partnering with another child on the journey home.

5.2. Drop off and collection

It is the parent's/carer's responsibility to ensure their child is dropped off and collected by a responsible person if it is not safe for the child to walk home unsupervised.

Where a child is dropped off or arrives at school early, the school will ensure to a reasonable extent that there are no inherent dangers, in line with the Education Act 2002.

Supervision will be in place in school before the beginning of the day from 8:45am, and no children should be on site before 8:30am without prior arrangement. Where pupils arrive before this time, the school cannot take responsibility as there will be no supervision in place. **During the demolition of the old building, because there is no suitable assembly area, pupils are admitted into school at 8:45am.**

5.3. Late collection

Staff and parents/carers must work together to ensure pupils are safe. It must be made clear to parents that the school should be notified immediately should it become apparent the person collecting will be late.

In the event of late collection, the child will make the situation known to a member of staff and be supervised. We will allow a 15 minute window for late arrival. Following this, we will attempt to contact the parents on the phone numbers provided to the school. If this is unsuccessful, we will attempt to contact the emergency contacts.

The school will keep a record of incidents where parents/carers are late for no explained or good reason, or where there are repeated incidents.

In an emergency, verbal consent may be given for an agreed person to take their child home.

5.4. Non-collection

In the event a child is not collected by an authorised adult and no contact has been established within forty-five minutes to one hour of the usual collection time, the school will follow child protection procedures and the police will be informed and a safeguarding referral to Children's Services will be made.

Under no circumstances will staff go to look for the parent/carer or take the child home with them.

A letter will be sent to the parents/carer notifying them of the existing arrangements in place and inviting them to discuss any changes that need to be made. It is important that the school and parents/carers do everything possible to avoid a recurrence of the situation.

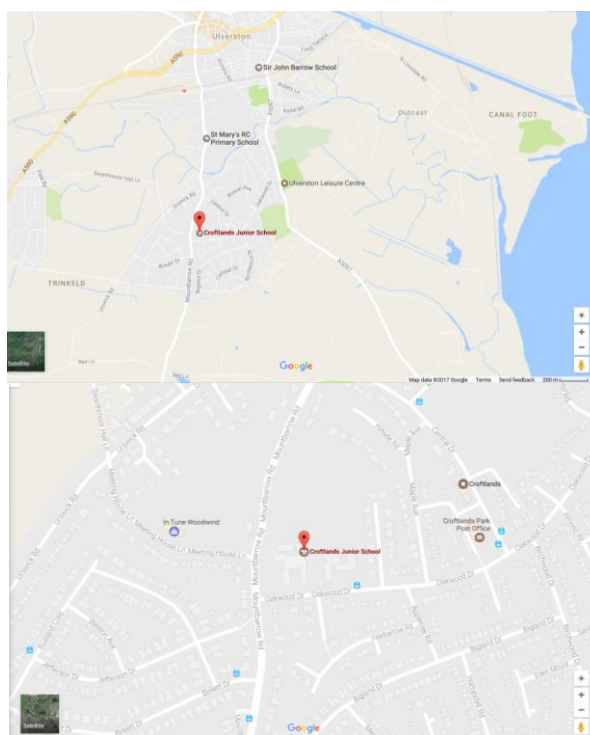
5.5. Collection from After School activities

Children who attend after school activities should leave or be collected from the main entrance. Parents are allowed to use the car park after 3:45pm to pick up from after school activities.

School travel plan

School Details

School Name:	Croftlands Junior School
School Address:	Oakwood Drive, Ulverston, LA12 9JU
Telephone: Number:	01229 585211
E-mail Address:	office@croftlands-jun.cumbria.sch.uk
Website Address:	www.croftlands-jun.cumbria.sch.uk
Type of School:	Junior School



Croftlands Junior School is situated in South Ulverston within the Croftlands housing estate, about 1.5 miles from Ulverston town centre. The estate has a range of housing, including social housing, and most of the children at the school live on the estate, although a significant proportion live in the town or in the North Lonsdale area of town. We also have some children who live out of catchment.

Pupil and Staff Numbers

Number of pupils on roll:	150
Age range of pupils:	7-11
Number of full-time staff:	8
Number of part-time staff:	19

Facilities

Number of car parking spaces:	32 but shared with the Infant School & Little Acorns Nursery
Number of cycle parking spaces:	18
How secure is the cycle storage:	Cycle pods visible to the roadside but separated by a fence. Soon to be changed to cycle shelter.
Number of storage lockers:	None
Shower facilities:	1 shower available in the hygiene room

Opening and closing times

Days on which the school closes late and reasons:	Community lettings and school activities mean that the building is <ul style="list-style-type: none">• open until 6:45pm every Monday• open until 10pm every Tuesday• open until 10pm once a month on a Wednesday• open from 10:00am - 1:00pm every Sunday
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Transportation links

Buses:	The bus stop outside school is served by the number 6 service between Ulverston and Barrow hospital.
Trains:	There is a train service that runs from Barrow and Dalton, through Ulverston and out towards Grange. The service is approximately hourly in each direction.
Cycle routes:	There are no designated cycle routes in the vicinity of the school.

Walk to School surveys

	Number of Pupils & Staff	% of Pupils & Staff
Pre-survey April 2010	177	
Car		49%
Bus/taxi		2%
Walk		48%
Bike		1%
Survey May 2010	175	
Car		28%
Bus/taxi		1%
Walk		70%
Bike		1%
Pre-survey April 2013	176	
Car		52%
Survey May 2013	174	
Car		25
Pre- Survey May 2017	150	
Car	42	28%
Walk		
Survey May 2017	162	
Car	22	13.5%
Walk		
Survey October 2018	177	
Car	35	20%
Walk	71	40%
Park & Stride	65	37%
Scoot or cycle	5	3%
Public transport	1	0.5%

Issues and opportunities

Issue/Concern	Solution
Congestion around the school at the start and end of the school day	Continue to increase percentage of children who walk or cycle or choose to park & stride
Impact of volume of traffic on the environment and local residents	Reduce the number of unnecessary car journeys. Remind parents of the need to drive and park responsibly around the school, prioritising the children's safety
Safety of children crossing the roads around school	Provide advice and support to the children about crossing the roads safely. Direct children to use the lollipop man, when available, when crossing the road, Continue to lobby the council regarding the provision of a school crossing patrol.
Congestion on the car park	Ensure parents know who is allowed to use the staff car park; encourage staff to car share or walk if possible
Increased staffing levels have increased number of staff car journeys	Encourage staff to car share or walk if possible
Too many children with reduced levels of activity	Continue to increase the number of children who walk or bike to school

Our school action plan

Action	Responsible Person	Timescale
Action area: Walking		
Reduce percentage of children travelling to & from school by car by another 5%	Headteacher & staff	May 2020
Action area: Cycling		
Run Bikeability course for Year 5, extend Bikeability course to Year 4	Headteacher & CCC	March 2020
Increase percentage of children cycling to & from school	Headteacher	March 2020
Action area: Car sharing		
Promote car sharing to parents and staff	Headteacher	September 2019
Action area: Curriculum and education		
Teach children about road safety at the beginning & end of the school day.	Headteacher & all staff	September 2019
Action Area: Promotion		
Include reminders and information in newsletter	Headteacher	Half termly
Include journey to school in new parent meeting	Headteacher	June 2019
Action Area: Staff and visitors		
Encourage visitors to park off site	Office staff	September 2018

Monitoring and reviewing

Date of next survey	May 2019
Date of annual review	Summer 2019
Date of full travel plan review	Summer 2019 or completion of the new build
Person(s) responsible for ensuring the annual review will be done	Headteacher
Reviews will take into account any new guidance from the Department for Education and best practice through collaboration and research.	