

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN MONITORING REPORT

Date: 7th January 2016

School name	Heathside School
Travel plan date	10 th January 2015
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1. Recap of objectives, targets and measures in our travel plan:

Objectives

1. All parents park considerately at school peak times.
2. The percentage of single occupancy vehicles (cars containing only the driver and 1 or 2 pupils from the same family) travelling to school is the same as it was before the school expanded.
3. More parents to be aware of and comply with voluntary one way system.
4. Reduce the volume of vehicles using Brooklands Lane at peak times due to school and service vehicles.
5. Increase the number of students using sustainable travel modes on their school journeys.

Measures identified for implementation

- Regular reminders sent to parents in newsletters.
- Request support from local PCSOs and Elmbridge Borough Council.
- Heathside 'Challenges' to be removed from Admission Criteria which will reduce the number of students travelling from outside the school catchment area.
- Admission criteria to be amended (subject to consultation) to ensure applicants who live within catchment are given higher priority than those living outside.
- Establishment of travel plan working group
- Reminders to parents re voluntary one way system via flyers, website, newsletter and Parents' Evenings
- Commissioning of a detailed traffic assessment to be submitted as part of the planning application detailing the proposed works for the expansion
- Increase the number of sixth forms lessons outside the normal school day.
- Implement no-moped rule for Year 11.
- Prominently display train and bus timetable for students in school and on the school website
- Bikeability cycle training for Yr7
- 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' for Yr 12
- Drive Aware for Yr 11
- Provide additional security camera on sixth form cycle storage
- Share student survey data with Surrey CC and Elmbridge BC to inform review of pedestrian and cycle routes to Heathside

Measures identified for implementation before the date of this report

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2. Details of our travel plan progress to date:

Please describe measures implemented to date

- Every half term a reminder is sent to parents regarding the voluntary one way system and the need to park considerately at all times.
- Information meeting held in July 2015 for all new parents of new students joining the school in September 2015. At the meeting parents were made aware of the voluntary one way system and the requirement to park considerately. Parents of students in all year groups reminded of voluntary one way system at Year Group Information Meetings held in September 2015
- Travel Plan Working group – The school has worked with Surrey Officers to appraise options to improve parking on Brooklands Lane. This has involved 2 meetings at the school and a site visit from Highways engineers. Surrey Officers have also met with residents and Brooklands College to consult and evaluate over proposals. This has resulted in additional double yellow line parking restrictions at the junction of Brooklands Lane and the Emergency access road to Brooklands College and also on apex of bend in Brooklands Lane to create a 'passing point'.
- There is now a dedicated travel information page on the school's website which details bus and train timetable information.
- Bikeability Training for Year 7 & 8 to be promoted in assemblies and to parents in newsletter in January 2016
- Safe Drive/Stay Alive Training for Yr 12 delivered in December 2015
- Road Safety Training delivered to Year 7 through workshop sessions delivered by 'Performance in Education' in conjunction with Surrey County Council in May 2015.
- Additional security camera for the sixth form cycle storage area installed.
- Implemented 'No Moped' Rule for Year 11
- A combined total of 243 student journeys home for sixth form students take place later than peak hours owing to lessons timetabled outside of the normal school day compared with 211 last year.
- Traffic Assessment undertaken by WS Atkins – July 2015
- Challenges no longer exist in Admissions Criteria – Sept 2015
- Deliveries not permitted within peak hours flyers and signage for drivers to implement

Travel to/from school survey results

Online Travel Surveys were conducted with students and staff in Dec 2014 and Jan 2015, these are due to be updated in the coming term.

Travel Data is collected from parents on enrolment at the school and checked on an annual basis. The data is stored in the school's Management Information System (MIS). As the academic year progresses the school's MIS is updated as more information is reported. An updated analysis of travel data can be seen below.

Student Mode of Transport MIS Data	Jan 16	%	Jan 15	%	% Shift
Car Share (with child/children)	32	2.5	26	2.1	0.4
Car/Van	287	22.7	286	23.5	-0.8
Cycle	190	15	170	14	1.0
Public Transport (Bus)	33	2.6	28	2.3	+0.3
Other	6	0.5	17	1.4	-0.9
Taxi	3	0.2	3	0.2	N/C
Train	210	16.6	196	16.2	+0.4
Walk	505	39.9	490	40	-0.1
Totals (recorded)	1266	100	1216	100.0	

Bike count

How many bikes are usually stored in school, for both pupil and staff/visitors?

Approx 190 Student	Between 5-10 Staff
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Vehicle count

How many staff vehicles are usually parked in the school car park?

100

Summary of our travel plan progress to date

How do the survey results, bike and vehicle counts compare with the travel plan's targets?

The above data from the school Management Information System, when comparing current data with the same time last year demonstrates a consistent shift towards sustainable travel modes. The % of students that travel by car has reduced and all sustainable methods show small increases. This is not data collated from students themselves but from parents through regular data-checking exercises.

The current bike counts demonstrate adequate storage for staff cycles, although this could be improved as all storage is currently not sheltered.

There is a shortage of cycle storage for student cycles and the current condition of the main cycle storage facility has deteriorated over time. Please see below for additional action point.

The current vehicle count matches the data in the school travel plan with regards to staff that drive to work. Proposals to improve parking areas available for staff has been included in the recent discussions with Surrey Officers.

The data indicates the school has achieved success to date towards achieving all 5 objectives detailed in the travel plan.

Please describe the current situation, with regard to the issues identified in the travel plan

Whilst the percentage of children that cycle to school at Heathside is significantly high compared to other Surrey Schools, this is due to a number of factors including student and parent awareness of the health and sustainability benefits of cycling to school coupled with the increased independence cycling can give students. External statistics identify that improvements are required at a strategic level to improve cycle routes across Surrey, specifically to ensure student safety as more students opt for this mode of transport. As a school we would advocate this is an area of funding priority as it has the highest impact on student safety and consequently on the proportion of students cycling to school.

Improvements have been put in place in Brooklands Lane through the introduction of additional yellow lines and this has ensured that the emergency access route through Brooklands College is always accessible and provided a passing point in Brooklands Lane which means that vehicles no longer have to mount the pavement to pass each other.

3. Our next steps

Measures identified in the travel plan for implementation during the next year

- Newsletter reminders regarding the one way system and the need to park considerately to be regularly sent out.
- Increase the number of Sixth Form lessons that take place outside the normal school day
- Bikeability cycle training to be promoted for Yr7 and Yr 8 in assemblies and newsletter
- Update student 'hands up' survey data and further evaluate impact and travel plan progress to date.
- Evaluate traffic assessment report received from Atkins

Additional ideas we will put in place during the next year

- Delivery of 'Free Your Feet' Campaign in conjunction with the charity Living Streets by March 2016. This is a week-long challenge which aims to encourage healthier journeys to and from school resulting in less congestion and more sustainable travel.
- Explore funding opportunities including Bid to Elmbridge CIL fund to increase & improve cycle storage facilities at the school.

Next review date: 10th July 2016