

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN MONITORING REPORT

Date: 9th July 2015

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.
- Travel Plan Working group – The school has been working with Surrey Officers to review the feasibility of various proposals regarding improvements to parking arrangements in 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. Final decisions are yet to be made over which proposals can be implemented, however a traffic survey has now been commissioned by Surrey to take place before the end of the summer term 2015.
- 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 – This is currently being planned for the Autumn Term for current Yr 7.
- 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 to be installed over the Summer break.

Travel to/from school survey results

Travel Surveys were conducted with students and staff in Dec 2014 and Jan 2015, these will be updated and included in the next progress report. 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.

Mode of Transport	Sep-14	%	Jul-15	%	% Shift
Car Share (with child/children)	22	2.1	30	2.4	0.3
Car/Van	250	23.4	317	25.3	1.9
Cycle	159	14.9	183	14.6	-0.3
Public Transport (Bus)	25	2.3	28	2.2	-0.1
Other	22	2.1	11	0.9	-1.2
Taxi	3	0.3	2	0.2	-0.1
Train	175	16.4	196	15.7	-0.7
Walk	412	38.6	484	38.7	0.1
Totals	1068	100	1251	100.0	

Bike count

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

Approx 150 Student Between 5-10 Staff

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 data in the school Management Information System, when comparing July's data with September's, demonstrates an increase in the data captured as the school year progresses. This is not data collated from students themselves but from parents through regular data-checking exercises. Students will be surveyed later in the Autumn Term so that survey data can be compared on a like for like basis (i.e. at the same time of year when the school population is the same with all year groups present and no significant absences due to examinations or students having left school) . All the differences are marginal which is to be expected as the data source and actual students are the same.

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.

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.

Progress has been made with Surrey Officers who have undertaken a cost v benefits review of various proposals for developments to roads and parking in the immediate school vicinity including improving sightlines and safety through changes to parking restrictions, cutting back vegetation and assessing the feasibility of other options. Surrey Officers have met with residents and also Brooklands College to consult on these proposals.

A traffic assessment is scheduled for early July 2015. This data will be reviewed and assessed at the earliest opportunity to inform further actions to be included in the Travel Plan.

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.
- Parent Information Evenings for all Year groups to be held in September will repeat the message regarding the voluntary one system and the need to park considerately at all times.
- Heathside 'Challenges' to be removed from Admission Criteria which will reduce the number of students travelling from outside the school catchment area.
- Development of Travel Plan Working Group
- Increase the number of Sixth Form lessons that take place outside the normal school day
- Implement no-moped rule for Year 11
- Bikeability cycle training for Yr7
- 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' Session for Yr 12
- Drive Aware Session for Yr 11
- Update student survey data and evaluate impact and travel plan progress to date.

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 to increase & improve cycle storage facilities at the school.
- Data gathered in the SCC commissioned traffic assessment will be reviewed and analysed at the earliest opportunity to inform further actions to be included in school travel plan.

Next review date: 10th January 2015