

NORTHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

TRAVEL PLAN

2012 to 2015

September 2012

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Isle of Wight Council Risk Assessment of Walking Routes to School

1. Introduction

A school travel plan (STP) is a living document that evolves over time through a series of annual monitoring and planned three yearly reviews.

The original 2006 Northwood Primary STP was first reviewed in 2009. A further update took place in 2010 to reflect the change in numbers travelling to the school as a result of the Isle of Wight Council's reorganisation of schools.

The school has now operated with a full primary age range (reception to year 6) for a whole academic year and it is time for another three yearly review of the STP.

The aims of this STP are:

- To ensure the safety of pupils during travel to and from school
- To increase active travel through walking and age appropriate cycling
- To reduce car use to school wherever possible

The Governing Body, Headteacher and senior management team are all fully supportive of the aims of this STP review.

2. School Details

Name of School: Northwood Primary School

Type of School: Community

LEA/DfE Reference Number: 921/2016

Address: Wyatts Lane
Northwood
Cowes
Isle of Wight
PO31 8PU

Telephone Number: 01983 293392

Number of pupils currently on roll: 213

Age Range: 4 to 11 (reception to year 6)

Number of Staff (including non-teaching): 43

Number of SEN pupils: 30

Number of SEN pupils with a transport element to their statement: 0

Site opening times: 7.30am to 9.00pm

School opening times: 8.50am to 3.10pm

Before school/after school clubs: Breakfast club 7.50am to 8.50am
After school club 3.10pm to 5.30pm

Date of original STP: 2006, reviewed in 2009

Date of any other reviews (e.g. for planning purposes): 2010

3. Changes in circumstances

Northwood Primary School now has two additional year groups (years 5 and 6) compared with 2006 and the admission number for reception pupils entering the school has reduced from 42 to 30. In time this will mean that the maximum number of pupils attending the school will be 210 (7 year groups x 30 pupils/year). This is the same number as in 2006 (5 year groups x 42 pupils/year). However, until 2016 the school may have more than 210 pupils (as it does now) while the older year groups with up to 42 pupils move their way through the school and leave.

The school's 'park and stride' scheme is no longer in place. The Horseshoe Pub had to withdraw the use of their car park due to insurance issues. The school would like to thank the pub for the support it provided during the scheme's operation. The school has not been able to find a suitable alternative site for a replacement 'park and stride' scheme.

Another significant change is the loss of the School Travel Adviser post at the local authority due to the removal of central government funding. The Isle of Wight Council does not provide the support for the production of STPs that it did in 2006. The link between individual STPs and the council's own Sustainable Travel to School Strategy may be less distinct as a result. The council's most recent Sustainable Travel to School Strategy is dated August 2007 and planned annual reviews have not taken place.

4. Progress on original objectives, targets and action

Objectives and Targets Progress

The following table shows the progress made towards achieving the targets set in our last School Travel Plan. The status of each target is recorded in reference to the key below:

Status

| | |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| Red | No progress - target not being met |
| Amber | Making steady progress towards target |
| Green | Targets met |

| Original Objective | Target /deadline | Status |
|--|------------------|--------|
| To increase the number of pupils walking to school to 41% | 2010 | Red |
| To increase the number of pupils cycling to school to 15% | 2010 | Red |
| To increase the number of Year 5 pupils walking, cycling or taking the bus to school to 100% | 2012 | Red |

Action Plan progress

The following table shows the progress made in each of the Actions identified in our last School Travel Plan. The status of each Action is recorded in reference to the key below:

Status

| | |
|-------|---|
| Red | No progress - action not delivered |
| Amber | Some progress made on delivering action |
| Green | Action completed/on going |

| Measure / action | Progress | Status |
|---|--|--------|
| Guinness Book of Records walking bus | Completed | Green |
| Green Britain Day | Completed | Green |
| Completion of bike shed | Completed | Green |
| Schools Walk the Wight | On going | Green |
| Safe Routes to School engineering schemes | Identified issues addressed by Isle of Wight Council | Green |
| Free transport eligibility | On going | Green |
| Voluntary exclusion zone Wyatts Lane | Not adopted | Red |
| Older children supported and encouraged to walk to school | On going | Green |
| Cloakroom provision | Completed | Green |
| Cycle helmet storage | Completed | Green |
| Pedestrian Training | On going | Green |
| Cycle training | On going | Green |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| After school bike club | Now ceased | Amber |
| Promote 'Park & Stride' | Withdrawn | Red |
| School Travel Policy | Not adopted | Red |
| Walking promotional activities | On going | Green |

5. Consultation

In order to inform this review we carried out consultation with members of the school community. Section 6 of this review contains the results of the pupil and staff surveys.

| Who was consulted | When we consulted them | What we consulted them on | How we consulted them |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Pupil survey | July 2012 | Travel mode & preference | Hands up poll |
| Staff survey | July 2012 | Travel mode & preference | Questionnaire |
| Parents | July 2012 | Travel mode & preference, barriers to travel, safety, improvement suggestions. | Questionnaire |
| Governors | September 2012 | Draft 2012 STP Review | Comments invited |
| Local Parish Council | September 2012 | Draft 2012 STP Review | Comments invited |

Parents

Date of Survey: July 2012

Number of families surveyed: 189

Number of families responding to survey: 76

- 73% of families with walking/cycling pupils consider routes to school are fairly safe or very safe overall
- Lack of pavements is a concern
- No safe crossing point in Oxford Street is a concern
- Location of Wyatts Lane zebra crossing is a concern (too close to road junction/school gates)
- Two thirds of car pupils are taken to school as part of a combined journey (i.e. dropped off on the way to work)
- Only 10 families would use a 'walking bus' service if available
- Only 8 families would be prepared to be 'walking bus' volunteers
- The Horseshoe Pub and the Venner Avenue playground were the most suggested locations for a 'walking bus' drop off point
- 45% of car using families would consider using a 'car-share' scheme

Governors

Date of Consultation: October 2012

Response to consultation:

- Car share a good idea
- Reinstate 'come to school a different way' event?
- A road safety pack has been emailed to all staff

Northwood Parish Council

Date of Consultation: October 2012

Response to consultation:

- The school travel plan an agenda item at the Parish Council meeting on 6th November 2012, which the headteacher attended (for minutes of the meeting see www.northwoodvillage.org.uk/northwood-parish-council).
- The Parish Council has no comment to make of the travel plan.

6. Pupil & Staff Survey

Pupils

Date of survey: July 2012

Number of pupils surveyed: 213

Number of pupils responding to survey: 213

How pupils travelled to school:

| Mode of Travel | Number | | Percentage | |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2010 STP Review Survey | 2012 STP Review Survey | 2010 STP Review Survey | 2012 STP Review Survey |
| Walk | | 51 | 23% | 24% |
| Cycle | | 5 | 9% | 2% |
| Car | | 148 | 59% | 69% |
| Car Share | | | 8% | |
| Bus | | 2 | 1% | 1% |
| Other | | 7 | 0% | 3% |
| Total | | 213 | 100% | 100% |

How pupils would prefer to travel to school:

| Mode of Travel | Number | | Percentage | |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2010 STP Review Survey | 2012 STP Review Survey | 2010 STP Review Survey | 2012 STP Review Survey |
| Walk | | 63 | 18% | 30% |
| Cycle | | 65 | 41% | 30% |
| Car | | 42 | 4% | 20% |
| Car Share | | | 1% | |
| Bus | | 22 | 3% | 10% |
| Other | | 21 | 33% | 10% |
| Total | | 213 | 100% | 100% |

Staff

Date of Survey: July 2012

Number of staff surveyed: 43

Number of staff responding to survey: 26

How staff travelled to school:

| Mode of Travel | Number | | Percentage | |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2010 STP Review Survey | 2012 STP Review Survey | 2010 STP Review Survey | 2012 STP Review Survey |
| Walk | | 6 | 31% | 23% |
| Cycle | | 1 | 0% | 4% |
| Car | | 19 | 69% | 73% |
| Car Share | | | 0% | |
| Bus | | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| Other | | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| Total | | 26 | 100% | 100% |

How staff would prefer to travel to school:

| Mode of Travel | Number | | Percentage | |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2010 STP Review Survey | 2012 STP Review Survey | 2010 STP Review Survey | 2012 STP Review Survey |
| Walk | | 13 | | 50% |
| Cycle | | 5 | | 19% |
| Car | | 6 | | 23% |
| Car Share | | | | |
| Bus | | 0 | | 0% |
| Other | | 2 | | 8% |
| Total | | 26 | | 100% |

7. Analysis

Despite the vast majority of actions from previous STP reviews having green status, targets remain at red with little change in modes of travel from previous surveys. This demonstrates the difficulty that all organisations, including Northwood Primary, have in influencing external travel choices. There are many reasons for this but convenience, travel distances, weather and safety are frequently given as determining factors.

The school is clearly unable to influence weather patterns or the distance to pupils' home addresses, other than using that distance as a criterion for offering places when the school is oversubscribed. The school's ability to influence convenience factors leading to car use is also limited, particularly when the majority of home to school car use is as part of an existing journey, for example en route to work. The school is, however, well placed to address some of the safety concerns that may

impact on the choice of sustainable modes of travel, especially those surrounding walking and cycling.

The provision of appropriate pedestrian and cycle training for pupils, alongside opportunities to experience these activities as part of a healthy lifestyle will only address parental safety concerns in part. Many of the roads surrounding the school are narrow and have no pavement and while walking to school is considered to be at least fairly safe by most families, safe crossing points, congestion, speed of traffic and the lack of pavements remain an issue.

In order to address this, the school will continue to promote considerate and appropriate parking and driving via its newsletter. The school council will be undertaking a campaign to reduce the speed of traffic and raise awareness of the dangers of excess speed both in school and at home. There is also scope for increased pavement provision and improved traffic management by the use of road restrictions (for example making Oxford Street one way from Newport Road to Wyatts Lane and making Wyatts Lane one way from the junction with Oxford Street to Pallance Road). It is hoped that the Isle of Wight Council will explore such options to improve inherent road safety in and around the school in order to help reduce barriers to sustainable travel choices.

The option of a 'walking bus' was not well supported in our consultation with parents, either in possible uptake or in volunteering. A suitable drop off point is also a problem; the Horseshoe Pub is no longer an option and the narrow roads leading to the Venner Avenue playground would give rise to potential congestion issues.

A more positive response was received regarding the possibility of car sharing. As nearly half of car using families indicated an interest in a 'car-share' scheme, the school will establish a contact register to facilitate car sharing arrangements between parents. If successful the scheme will be developed during the life of this STP review, in the hope that it is fully embedded by the time of the next review in 2015. The success of the scheme will largely depend on actual take up by parents.

In line with the government's policy of reducing bureaucracy in schools, the School Travel Policy, proposed in the 2010 update of the 2009 STP review, was not adopted by the governing body as it is not a statutory requirement.

8. Objectives

- Objective 1: To improve pupil's road safety awareness
- Objective 2: To provide age appropriate cycle training for pupils
- Objective 3: To promote sustainable modes of travel including car sharing
- Objective 4: To promote walking as part of a healthy lifestyle

9. Targets

| Outcomes | 2012-13 Target | 2013-14 Target | 2014-15 Target |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Objective 1 | No pupils involved in road traffic incident as pedestrian or cyclist | No pupils involved in road traffic incident as pedestrian or cyclist | No pupils involved in road traffic incident as pedestrian or cyclist |
| Objective 2 | 50% of Year 5 & 6 pupils receive cycle training | 55% of Year 5 & 6 pupils receive cycle training | 60% of Year 5 & 6 pupils receive cycle training |
| Objective 3 | 'Car-share' scheme established | 'Car-share' scheme developed | 'Car-share' scheme embedded |
| Objective 4 | All pupils participate in at least one walking activity as part of a healthy lifestyle | All pupils participate in at least two walking activities as part of a healthy lifestyle | All pupils participate in at least three walking activities as part of a healthy lifestyle |

10. Actions

Objective 1: To improve pupil's road safety awareness

2012-13 Target: No Northwood pupils involved in road traffic incident as pedestrian or cyclist

| Action | | Responsible Person(s) | Timescale | Success Criteria | Monitoring and Evaluation | | | Resources Required | |
|--------|--|-------------------------|------------|---|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| No | Description | | | | Method | Timescale | Responsible person(s) | Requirement | Funding |
| 1 | Child Pedestrian Training IWFRS | S Mumford/ L Kitteridge | Annual | All Year 1 pupils receive training | Register attendance /IWFRS feedback | Within one month of training | S Mumford/ L Kitteridge | Staff | SBS/IWFRS |
| 2 | Randini Road Safety Show | J Green | Bi-annual | All Year R - 4 pupils attend show | Register attendance /pupil feedback | Within one month of show | J Green/ School Council | Staff/funding | SBS/PTA |
| 3 | Reduce your speed poster campaign | School Council | AY 2012-13 | Posters produced by pupils with input from home Awareness raised | School assembly /pupil feedback | Sept 2013 | A Strand/ School Council | Staff/art resources | SBS |
| 4 | Road Safety Awareness PC M Armitage | M Hayward/ D Redfern | AY 2012-13 | All Year 5 & 6 pupils attend | Register attendance /PC Armitage feedback / pupil feedback | Sept 2013 | M Hayward/ D Redfern | Staff | Hampshire Constabulary |

| Objective: To provide age appropriate cycle training for pupils | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 2012-13 Target: 50% of Year 5 & 6 pupils receive cycle training | | | | | | | | | |
| Action | | Responsible Person(s) | Timescale | Success Criteria | Monitoring and Evaluation | | | Resources Required | |
| No | Description | | | | Method | Timescale | Responsible person(s) | Requirement | Funding |
| 1 | Bikeability training IWFRS | M Hayward | Annual | 50% Year 5 & 6 pupils receive training | Register attendance /IWFRS feedback /pupil feedback | Within one month of training | M Hayward | Staff | IWFRS |
| 2 | Year 4 PE cycling | M Hayward | Summer Term | All year 4 pupils receive PE cycling | Register attendance | Sept 2013 | M Hayward | Staff/funding | SBS |

| Objective: To promote sustainable modes of travel including car sharing | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Year 1 Target: 'Car-share' scheme established | | | | | | | | | |
| Action | | Responsible Person(s) | Timescale | Success Criteria | Monitoring and Evaluation | | | Resources Required | |
| No | Description | | | | Method | Timescale | Responsible person(s) | Requirement | Funding |
| 1 | Register made available for car users wishing to participate in car share | A Sice | Registration available by Jan 2013 | Register active and car users registering | Audit of register | Sept 2013 | A Sice/A Airey | Staff | SBS |

Objective: To promote walking as part of a healthy lifestyle

Year 1 Target: All pupils participate in at least one walking activity as part of a healthy lifestyle

| Action | | Responsible Person(s) | Timescale | Success Criteria | Monitoring and Evaluation | | | Resources Required | |
|--------|---|-----------------------|------------|--|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|
| No | Description | | | | Method | Timescale | Responsible person(s) | Requirement | Funding |
| 1 | Schools Walk the Wight | D Bryant | Annual | 20+ pupils taking part | Register Attendance | Within one month of event | D Bryant | Staff | SBS |
| 2 | School Parkhurst Forest walk | S Hussey | Annual | All pupils taking part | Register Attendance | Within one month of event | All teaching staff | Staff/funding | SBS |
| 3 | Walking to local events (i.e. Park Road Rec, Gurnard Primary) | Class teaching staff | AY 2012-13 | Local events walked to if weather allows | Monitor use of coach/minibus for local events | Sept 2013 | S Hussey/A Airey | Staff | SBS |

11. Sign Off

Northwood Primary School commits to:

- Reviewing and amending data, objectives, targets and actions every school year or sooner, if circumstances should change significantly
- A full review of the travel plan every 3 years
- All future reviews and revisions to consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in education & transport provision

We the school governing body accept and adopt this School Travel Plan.

| Name | Signature | Position |
|-----------------|-----------|--|
| Sarah Hussey | | Head Teacher |
| Wendy Bluestone | | Chair of Governors |
| Chris Wells | | Principal Officer - Transport Policy and Strategy Isle of Wight Council |