



School Travel Plan

Wellgate Primary School



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This is a document produced by the school. It is a document, which describes the transport problems in and around the school arising from the journey to and from school by children, parents and teachers. This document sets out the schools aims and objectives and an action plan setting out what measures our school will carry out to reduce the problems caused by the Wellgate 'school run.'

Background information

Wellgate Primary is a single site primary on the northwest margin of Mapplewell Barnsley, the 52 place nursery unit is sited to the rear of the school. The school has a wide catchments with some children living over three miles away. The school has a single pedestrian access via a separate gate situated on Wellgate as well as a turning circle with pedestrian access from George Street.

The school has 407 on roll and 56 staff, including teaching staff, Non teaching assistants, curriculum support assistants and clerical and kitchen staff.

The school is open from 8.40am and infants finish at 3.15pm and juniors at 3.20pm. Some children attend the Wellgate out of school club before and or after school. Parents drop their children off at the Wellgate entrance from 7.30am in a morning and up until 6pm on an evening.

The school also runs a wide selection of afterschool clubs throughout the year. These clubs usually involve between 10 and 40 pupils. The clubs run from 3.30pm until 4.00pm or 4.30pm.

Car Parking

The school has a turning circle to the front for dropping off which is surrounded by car parking spaces for approximately 20 staff cars. To the rear of the school accessed from Wellgate there is another car park for 6-8 staff Cars.

The turning circle to the front of the school is not available in the evenings, the gates are locked and parents are not allowed in with vehicles

At the current time there are no bike storage facilities at school. This is something that the school would like to develop.

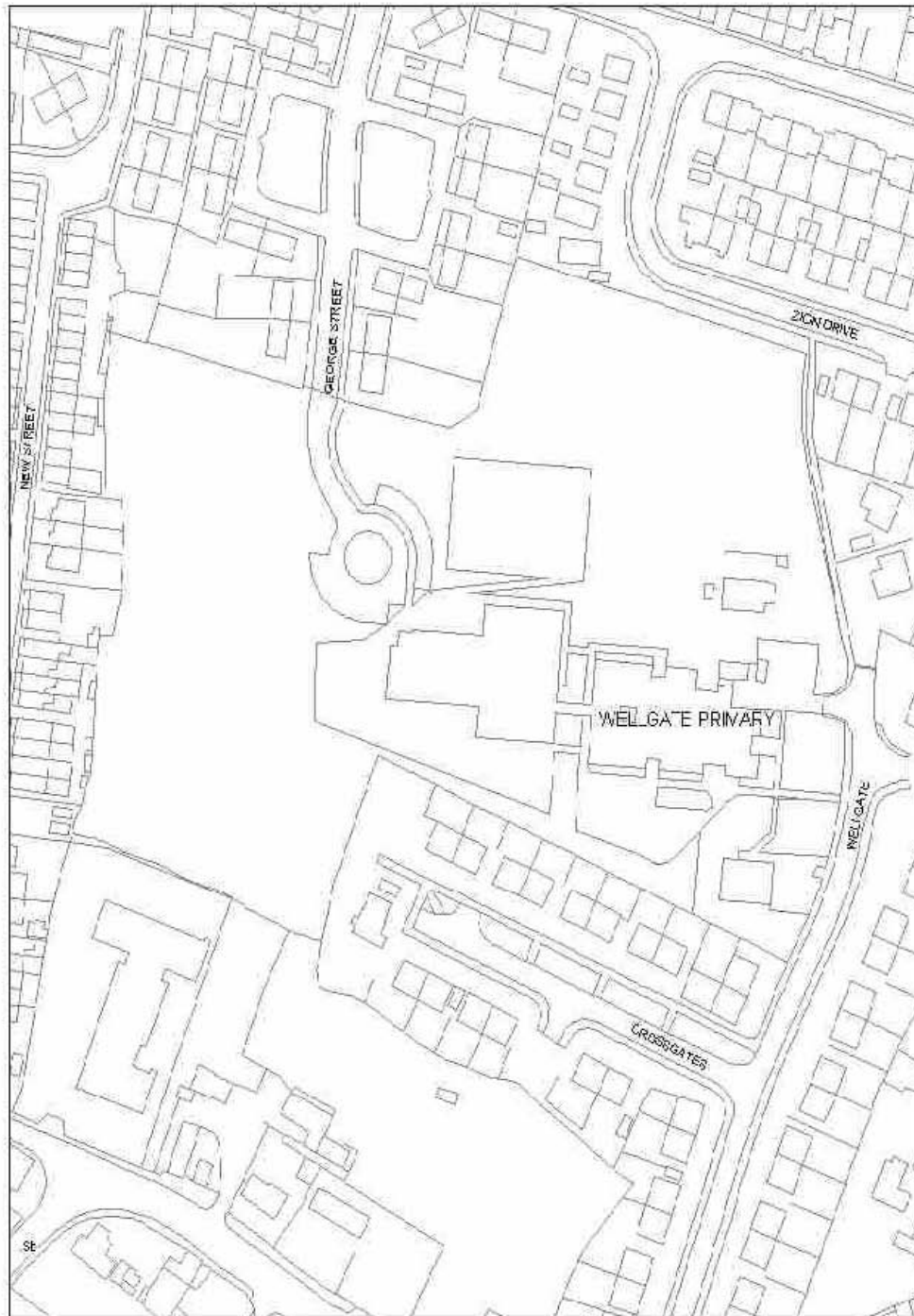




Staff car parking in front of school



Staff parking

Map of Wellgate Primary



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Working group

This document has been formulated with the help of the Healthy School Task Group after consultation with parents, pupils, school staff and Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Councils School Travel Plan Officer.

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It is important for the whole school to be involved in the Travel Plan. The working group is very well attended. The Local Authority has been consulted about initiatives we would like to adopt and is in the process of assisting us.

The schools vehicular access road leading to the turning circle is accessed from George Street. This area has high levels of congestion from school traffic. Residents from George Street have complained over a number of years about the parking in this area. Wellgate is used as a dropping off point for children who arrive by car and again is heavily congested.



Congestion on Wellgate

Vehicular and pedestrian access from George St



Pedestrian entrance on Wellgate

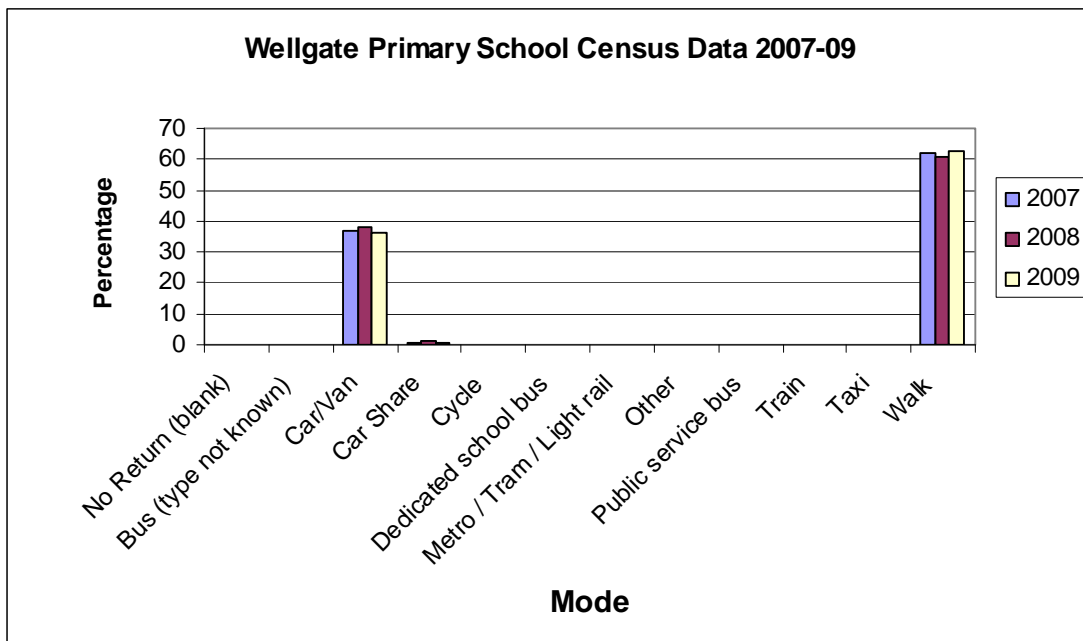


Aims

The aims of School Travel Plan are: -

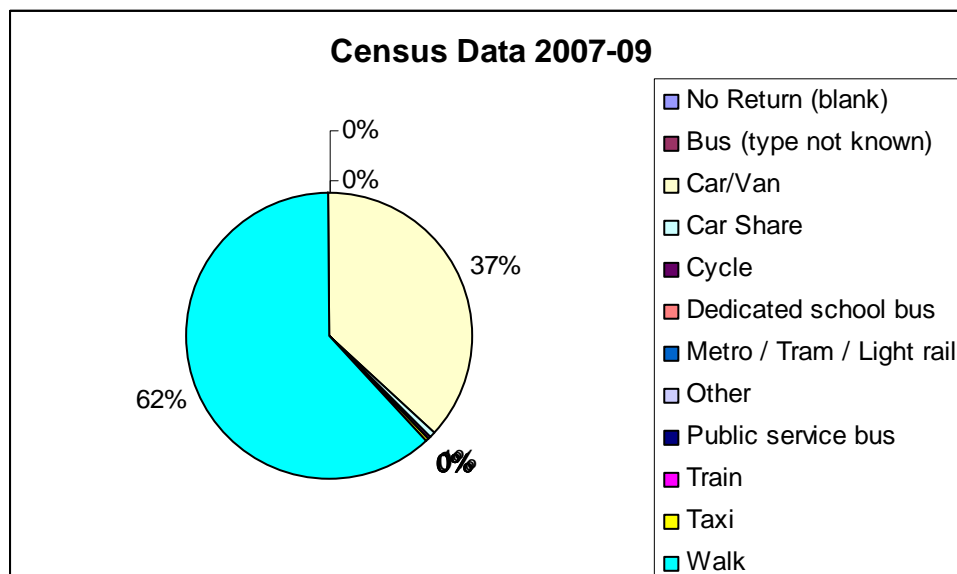
- Improve the quality of journey for those who walk to school.
- Improve road safety and awareness of the problem car journeys create.
- Reduce the amount of traffic travelling to and from school, thereby helping to reduce congestion and pollution in the immediate vicinity of the school.
- Contribute to pupils' health and personal development by encouraging walking for all journeys to school, and as a habit which they will retain into adulthood.
- Equip pupils with the knowledge and skills needed to walk and cycle and use public transport safely.
- Develop a greater awareness for parents, pupils and the school community about road safety and healthy sustainable travel.

Data taken from the School Census



This graph shows a decrease in the number of children travelling to and from school by car from 2007 to 2009. It also shows an increase in the number of children walking

to and from school from 2007 to 2009.



62% of children walk to school. 37% travel to and from school by car or van.

Implementing the school travel plan

Barnsley Reward Scheme

The school will continue to participate in this scheme.

National walk to school month

The school will continue to participate in this in May and October 2010.

The Barnsley Healthy Schools initiative

The school will continue to participate in this scheme.

Cycle Training

Children in year 5 and 6 will continue to be involved in this scheme.

Travel awareness education

The school will develop travel awareness education and will raise issues of sustainability.

Pedestrian Training

The school will investigate the possibility of providing pedestrian training.

Awareness raising

Through the school prospectus, development plan and newsletters issues concerning the school travel plan, road safety issues and the safety outside the school gates will be raised.

Targets

Over the next two years by 2011

- To increase the number of children walking to and from school by 2%
- To decrease the number of children travelling to and from school by car by 2%

Strategies to achieve the objectives

These grids show the strategies put in place for the previous Travel Plan. It has been edited to show what has been achieved since the previous document and also states strategies to be developed.

Travel Survey	Action owner	Date
To include travel plan in School Development Plan	L.Tabbner	2005
Organise a working group of interested parties including parents and school staff.	L.Tabbner	2004/2005
Survey of pupil's home postcode and travel mode	L.Tabbner	2005
School Council to agree key Travel Plan Initiatives.	K. Clark	2005
Travel Plan Development		
Produce map of pupil catchment and travel mode	L.Tabbner	
Prepare a letter with a tear off strip for parents to indicate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their interest in leading a walking bus • Where they park • Parents agreement to park considerately when dropping off children and to agree to leave the entrance clear for emergency vehicles. 	L.Tabbner	Summer Term 2005
Prepare a statement on school travel issues to distribute to parents. Include Travel Plan Statement in School Development Plan and School Prospectus.	L.Tabbner	September 2005
Education and Training		
Participate in Walk to school week initiatives	L.Tabbner	2005/2006
Publicity and promotion		
Issue any information in the school newsletter.	L.Tabbner	2005
Current action plan		
Travel Survey		
Carry out survey with all children in school to determine how they travel to and from school and their preferred method of transport.	K. Marsh	2009
Collect recent data from School Census to inform Travel plan	K.Marsh	2009
Travel Plan Development		
Plan a meeting with HS Task group to discuss the Travel plan.- Members to include, parents, staff and school council members.	K. Marsh	Jan 2009
School Council to feedback and discuss key travel plan initiatives with their class.	S.Lyman	Feb 2009
Develop and implement a new School Travel Plan	K.Marsh	June 2009
Education and Training		
Continue to participate in the Barnsley Reward Scheme	K.Marsh	July 2010

Develop lesson plans focussing on exercise and health, personal safety and road safety. Pedestrian training	R. Prior to Contact Chris Haymer for more information and support. R.Prior to contact Pat Hodgson for more information on pedestrian training. 01226-772192	September 2009
Nursery to participate in WOW scheme	R.Prior to Discuss with K. Carver	September 2009
Continue to provide Bikeability training for children in upper key stage 2.	C.Kirkman	September 2009
Publicity and promotion		
Issue any information in the school newsletter and school newspaper.	K.Carver Children who write The school Newspaper with L.Cole and S.Lyman	2009-2010

Promotion of the travel plan.

This is a long-term strategy to raise awareness about the school journey and sustainability. It is important to relate the Travel plan to the current curriculum. This can be done in a number of ways and subjects include Geography, History, Art, PSHEE, Maths and ICT. The plan will be promoted in the schools newsletter and prospectus.

Monitoring

The school will issue a travel census to pupils annually in January to assess how pupils travel, how they would like to travel and locations where children perceive there to be a road safety problem or stranger danger or bullying problem.

The monitoring results and information will be published in the schools newsletter.

The Travel Plan will form part of the School Development Plan.

Bursary

The previous bursary was used to purchase a set of parents waiting shelters.



Further funding is used to allow the school to participate in the Barnsley Reward Scheme.

By following the travel plan it is hoped that the area immediately surrounding the school will be a much safer place for children and pedestrians. It is also hoped to provide a good opportunity for children and staff to consider health benefits and set good examples in the future. The overall benefit to the school will be less congestion at peak times and a more vibrant healthy group of children.

The governing body approved this plan on

Date _____

Signed _____
(Chair of Governors)

Print name _____

Signed _____
(Headteacher)

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