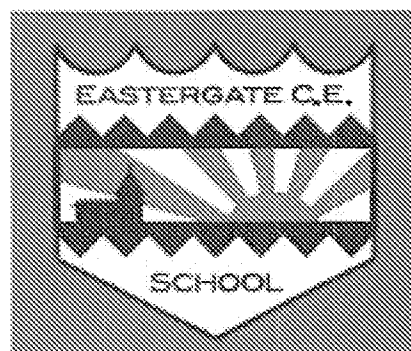


School Travel Plan



March 2011

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Introduction

Eastergate CE Primary School Travel Plan has been designed with the intention to instigate, promote and maintain a change in travel culture away from single car occupancy towards more sustainable modes of travel, for the whole school community. Our School Travel Plan will set out a framework for how to achieve a sustainable school travel culture by encouraging parents/guardians and staff to travel to and from school/work using more sustainable methods such as walking, cycling, public transport park 'n' stride and car sharing as frequently as possible. The School Travel Plan supports the 'Every Child Matters' Agenda by addressing issues of safety, through road safety and safer routes to school. It gives children the opportunity to enjoy and achieve through supporting sustainable travel initiatives in creative ways. It also provides children with learning opportunities by making links to the curriculum and encourages children to contribute to encouraging more sustainable methods of travel through a variety of ways.

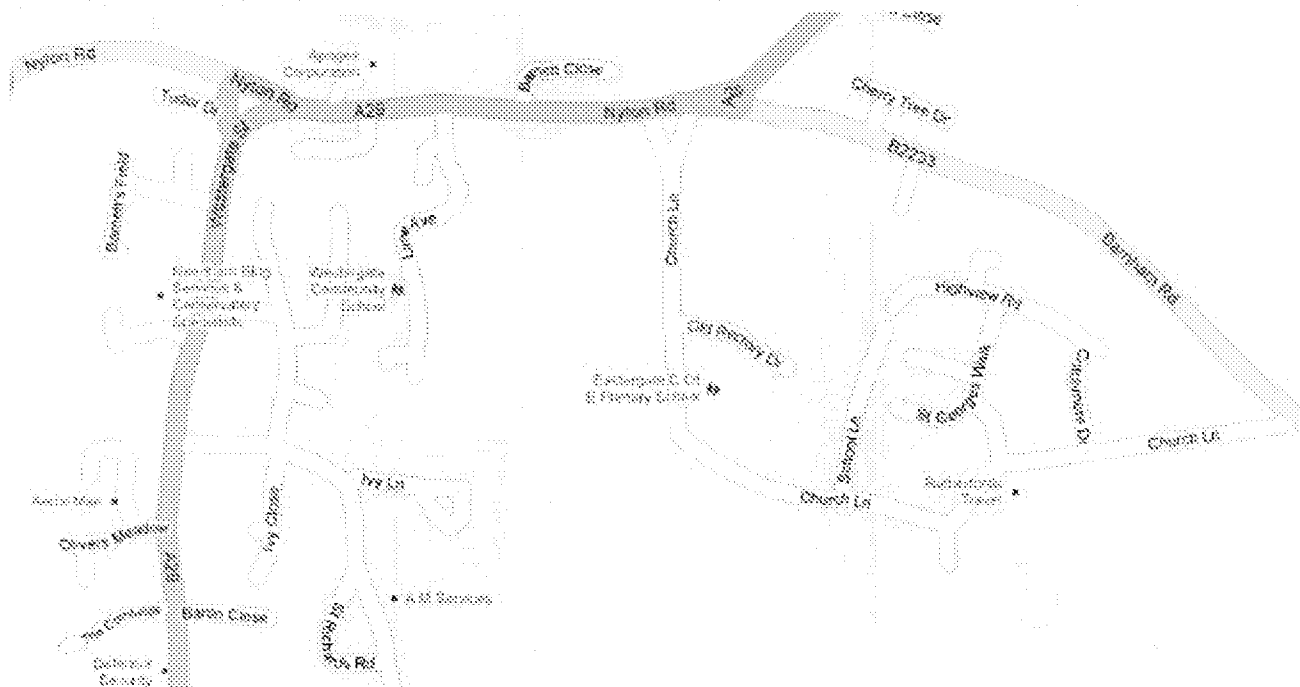
General Information

School type and size

The school is a Church of England Primary School. The school has mixed age classes with a maximum intake for each year group of 20. There are approximately 135 pupils from 99 families ranging from ages 4-11. There are 19 members of staff.

The start time is staggered between 8:40 and 8:50am to reduce congestion and school finishes at 3:10. Westergate Community School (which has almost adjoining premises) has a start time of 8:20 and a finish time of 2:40 and there is little overlap of traffic for the 2 schools. The finish times for Barnham and Aldingbourne primary schools are also staggered by 5 minutes but these are sufficiently distant to have a minimal immediate traffic impact.

This is a black and white aerial photograph of a coastal area. In the center, a large, light-colored rectangular building complex is labeled "Eastern Shore of Virginia Correctional Institution". To the left of this institution, a white circle is drawn on the map, highlighting a small, light-colored area that appears to be a body of water or a cleared patch of land. The map shows various roads, including "A22", "B222", and "B223". Other labels include "Huntington", "Church Ln", "Riverside", and "Arlington". The terrain is a mix of developed areas with buildings and roads, and undeveloped areas with trees and fields.



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Since achieving Travel Mark Level 1 the school now has a covered bicycle shed, which also provides lockers to keep items such as cycle helmets. Children can apply for a cycling permit. The school has a shower.

There is one entrance for cars sited at the front of the school that leads to the staff car park, with space for 15 cars including 1 disabled bay. There are 3 pedestrian



entrances, which includes a bridge to the left of the site and a fenced in area for parents to wait away from the road in safety. Along this fenced in area is a footpath that provides access away from the staff car park to the main entrance. There are links to Westergate Day Nursery on the Westergate Community School campus and occasional reciprocal visits by the children of both establishments who travel on foot using the footpath. Several children have siblings at the nursery or secondary school and this footpath is therefore used by several parents when collecting/ dropping off at both locations.

After school clubs are provided over separate 10 week periods and run until 15:55. The school is used by the community during church services on a regular basis throughout the year. It is also used for adult Yoga on a weekly basis.

Public transport accessible by the school includes Barnham Railway Station that is approximately 1 mile away (20 minute walk). Barnham Road (B2233) serves the local bus route Stagecoach Route 66/66A (timetable available in appendix).



Local Highway

Eastergate C of E Primary School is set in a rural location on a dog-leg bend in a narrow lane "Church Lane" accessed from the A29 London to Bognor Regis trunk road or the B2333 Eastergate to Climping road. (See appendix 1). Both access roads are extremely busy at peak times. The A29 carries substantial loads of freight traffic. Church Lane carries residential and access traffic as well as farm machinery and farm traffic for the large dairy and arable farm at Church Farm. A map of speed limits in the local area can be found in the appendix.

For the length of Church Lane, there are no made up footpaths, only grass verges. There is a footpath leading to the school from the local residential area, connected via Ivy Lane. A map of the footpaths can be found in the appendix. There are no designate cycle paths leading to the school, or in close proximity to the school. The closest section of off road cycle path links Barnham with Felpham, which runs between Church Lane in Barnham and Hoe Lane in Flansham.

In addition to the journey to and from school, pupils regularly travel on foot in both directions from school to visit the play park facilities in Eastergate and Westergate, to visit the church, to use the facilities at the six villages sports centre on the Westergate Community School campus and to carry out local environmental studies.

School Ethos

The school has achieved healthy school status. This will be reviewed at the end of May 2011. The school has also achieved the accreditation of Eco-schools Silver and is currently progressing towards the green flag award. Wherever possible the school seeks to use sustainable modes of transport for trips and activities. Classes frequently plan trips that use the local train station in Barnham. For further information, please read the School's mission statement in the Travel Plan appendix.

School Travel Committee

The School travel plan is a working document and our School Travel Committee is responsible for the development and monitoring of the plan.

School Travel Plan Committee

School Travel Plan co-ordinator

- Graham Oakford - Deputy Head

Committee members

- Paula Oliff - Parent
- Kuen Ward - Chairperson Friends of Eastergate
- Lotte Pegler – Purple class pupil
- Barnaby Longlands - Purple class pupils
- Ben Goman – Green class pupil
- Hollie New - Green class pupils

All pupils are kept updated through class council meetings. Meeting notes are distributed to all committee members. Information is updated on the travel section of the ECO board. The School Travel Committee is incorporated within the ECO schools committee. The school travel committee ideas and decisions are fed back to the whole school community and governing body through regular newsletters.

Research

Staff Travel

A hands up survey was taken. The Results were as follows.

Currently 3 members of staff walk to school and 15 members drive.

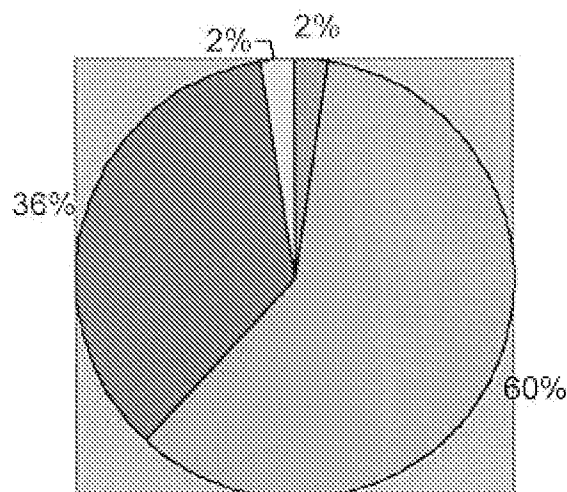
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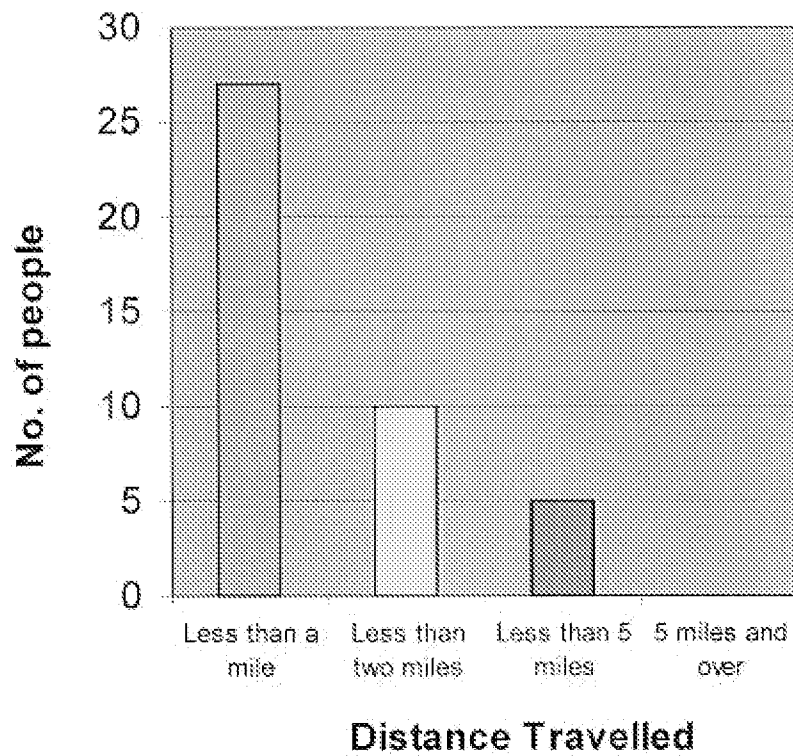
The last School travel survey was undertaken by way of Questionnaire in November 2010. 99 surveys were sent out 1 per family, 42 surveys were returned.

How do you normally travel to school?

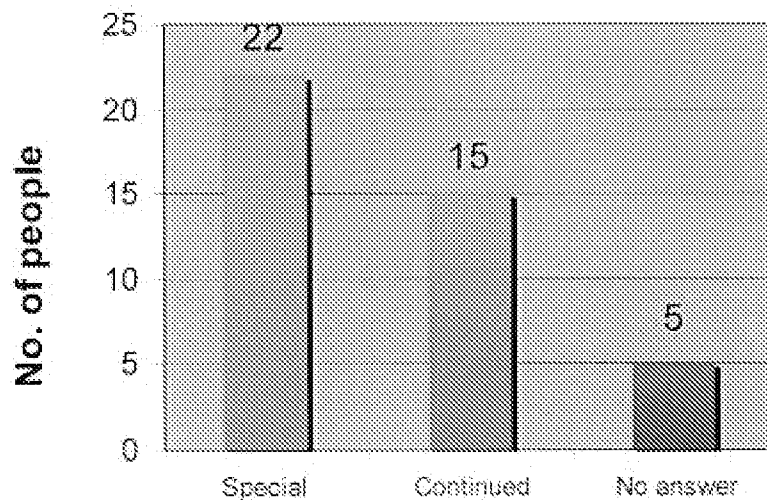
■ Bicycle ■ Walk all the way ■ Car ■ Park and stride



How far is the journey to School?



Is the journey a special journey to bring your child to school or do you continue to another destination?



Recognised Travel Issues

Many families considered that the approaches to the school from both directions of Church Lane and the school entrance were extremely dangerous due to the congestion at drop off and collection times on a narrow road with no footpath. This deterred several families from attempting to walk.

There were safety concerns at the entrance to Church Lane at Elm Tree Stores where narrow lanes, junctions and no pavements make negotiating the route difficult on foot.

Many parents walking down School Lane then Church Lane explained that it is not possible to see traffic approaching from the west without stepping right out into the road opposite the entrance to the farm.

There are no safe crossing points over the B2233 affecting families responding to the survey.

There is one pelican crossing at the entrance to Ivy Lane over the A29 but parents reported that this was heavily weighted against the pedestrian.

There are no crossing points over the A29 nearer to the school. There is a pedestrian refuge at the junction with Lime Avenue but even crossing one lane of traffic at a time can take several minutes during the morning school run.

These crossing points over the B2233 and A29 are also of major concern to Westergate Community School since older unaccompanied children are tempted to take risks for speed's sake and there have been major and fatal pedestrian/car collisions along this stretch of road.

The B2233 and A29 are too narrow and too busy to be safe cycle routes for primary age children. This is of concern to Westergate Community School, Barnham School and St Philip Howard School and several Eastergate families currently cycle along narrow pavements.

Suggested ideas for improvement were diverse but included:-

- One way system in Church Lane between 8:30 – 9:00 am and 3:00 – 3:30 pm.
- Staggered KS1/KS2 finish times.
- New pavements for Church Lane.
- New footpath linking church and school
- New crossing on Barnham Road.
- Crossing at Westergate Community School.
- Speed campaign on A29.
- Traffic mirror at end of School Lane.
- Disabled/car share priority parking

The particular issues facing Eastergate School are the busy main roads (A29 and B2333) and its narrow approach roads with no footpaths which are further narrowed by parked cars in the immediate vicinity of the school. There is also poor visibility at the school entrance as a result of the sharp bend.

Objectives

The objectives of the School Travel Plan are in accordance with West Sussex County Council goals, which follow guidance within the local transport plan for;

- Supporting Economic Competitiveness
- Tackling Climate Change
- Promoting accessibility
- Delivering Health, safety and security
- Improving 'Quality of life'

The overriding objective of this plan, in accordance with West Sussex County Council objectives, is to encourage pupils to travel to and from school on foot or by bicycle for all or part of the way with the aim of:-

1. Reducing vehicular traffic congestion on local roads and outside the school gates
2. Increasing pupil's road safety skills and knowledge
3. Increase safety on routes to school
4. Improving the immediate school environment
5. Improving health and fitness

Initiatives and Promotion

Initiative	Description
Cycle Permits	If children wish to cycle their bike/ ride their scooter to school and leave it on school property they can apply for a cycle permit. Children are asked to walk not ride their bike through the car park to the bike shed. There are also lockers available for cycling helmets. Information is available in the school prospectus.
Road Safety Quiz	The Road Safety Quiz is open to all school in the County and helps all Key Stage 2 pupils to test and advance their Road Safety knowledge.
Road Safety visit from police	Police liaison officer Claudine Bishop comes to school to talk about road safety. A DVD is shown and children have the opportunity to ask questions. This happens in Early years foundation stage, Key stage one and Key Stage two.
Walk to school Creatively	We do this in conjunction with National Walk to School Week. Children use all different types of ways to try and travel to school in more sustainable ways. For instance last year children travelled on stilts, skipped, came three legged with a partner.
Staff 10% Commuter Challenge	The 10% commuter challenge is a WSCC initiative that our staff can sign up to. All they have to do is sign up using the WSGfL and pledge to travel using a sustainable mode for 10% of their journeys to work in that school term. Then they are entered into a prize draw to win £150 worth of vouchers of their choice.
Promote staff travel incentives	We have been promoting the 10% commuter challenge, the Cycle to Work Scheme, Easit 20% discount rail card and the car share scheme using posters in the staff room.
Sustrans' Big Pedal Event	Big Pedal is a race with between 1,000+ school. It's powered by Sustrans, funded by the Bike Hub and any school can enter. It is a three-week-long event is organised a bit like the Tour de France.

Targets

The current figure for pupils travelling by sustainable modes to school in West Sussex is in the region of 75%. Sustainable modes of transport include walking, cycling, using public transport, car sharing and park 'n stride. West Sussex Schools Travel Plan seeks to achieve, maintain and where possible exceed these countrywide figures.

Date Set	Target	%	From	To	By When	Measure	Review
March 2011	1. Increase number of pupils cycling to school	5	2%	7%	May 2012	Pupil Travel Survey and National Walk to School Week results	
March 2011	2. Increase the number of pupils walking to school	5	60%	65%	May 2012	Pupil Travel Survey and National Walk to School Week results	
March 2011	3. Increase covered storage for scooters	25			July 2012	More children apply for cycling permits for their scooters	
March 2011	4. To encourage staff to find more sustainable methods of transport	5	16%	21%	May 2012	Staff will use car share schemes where appropriate.	

Action Plan

Objective/ Target	Action/Initiative	Responsible	Timescale/ Deadline	Result/ Review
Objectives: 1, 3, 4	Investigate the possibility of extending the School Keep Clear zig-zag markings outside the front entrance.	Mr Oakford STA	September 2011	
Objectives: 3, 4	Start closing the front gate to the car park before the end of the school day to increase safety for children leaving the school.	School Staff	Immediate and ongoing	
Objectives: 1, 3, 5 Targets: 1, 2	Enter National and International Walk to School Weeks (Our Travel to School Creatively weeks)	Teaching Staff	Enter Annually	
Objectives: 2, 3	Organise a reduce speed assembly/lesson with the police and WSCC Road Safety officer and enquire about SID on B2233.	Mr Oakford	June 2011	
Objectives: 1, 5 Targets: 3	Increase scooter storage for pupils	Mr Oakford	September 2011	
Objective: 2, 3, 5 Target: 1	Organise a ride your scooter safety awareness day, with WSCC Road Safety Officer and School Travel Advisor.	Mr Oakford	September 2011	
Objective: 2, 3 Target: 2	Support year 6 pupils to investigate their travel options for secondary school and assist to increase confidence with this transition.	Teaching Staff	July 2011	

Working with Others

The school is working with the local community through a variety of initiatives. The ECO link governor provides information for the parish magazine on the progress towards ECO status. Through the parish magazine links have been made with a charity supporting Children in Malawi and children have ran several different fund raising events.

Curriculum Links

See appendix

Monitoring and Evaluation

The school will undertake an annual review of the Travel Plan with the School Travel Advisor. The School Travel Committee which form part of the ECO council meet at least once every half term. The next annual review with the school travel advisor is due to take place in November 2011.

The travel plan is an 'open' document and is updated regularly. The School's Travel Plan is aiding the development of sustainable travel culture. The new bridge has been excellently received by all and has encouraged many more people to walk/cycle to school. The initiatives used to raise awareness of sustainable travel including Walk to School Week and Sustans' Big Pedal event have shown an increased number of people using sustainable methods of transport. Cycle permits have been greatly received and along with road safety sessions from the local police (Nov 2010 March 2011) Children are becoming more aware of safety aspects.

Capital Schemes SRts schemes and Funding

The money we received for writing our first Travel Plan was spent when we purchased cover cycle storage with lockers for our pupils to use.

Over school was fortunate to benefit from a WSCC Safer Routes to School Scheme which helped improve the access to our school by building a bridge from the footpath over the stream and on to our school grounds. A picture of which is on page 4. With this we were featured in the Travel to School Newsletter (attached in the appendix).

Commitment Statement

Eastergate CE Primary School is committed to achieving the objectives and targets set out in this Travel Plan and the annual cycle of review. As a school we seek further ways of developing, managing and maintaining sustainable travel.

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Graham Oakford

Headteacher
Mrs Holland

Chair of Govenors

School Travel Advisor
Leah Harrell

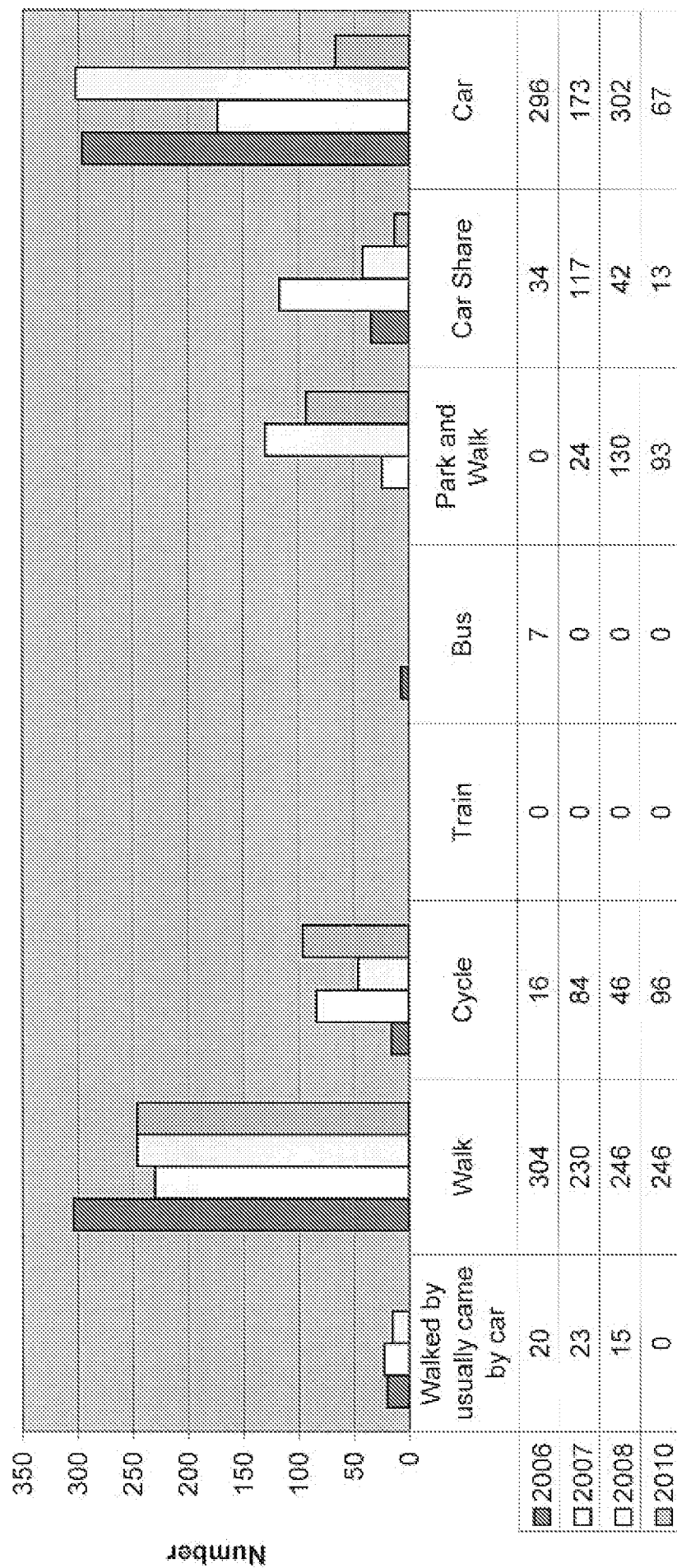
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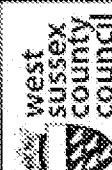
Foundation Stage		
Communication Language and Literacy	Talking about everyday experiences of travelling to school. Talking about risks prior to going on local visits to the Church/shop/park e.t.c. Language games – road safety awareness. Visiting speakers – Police road safety. Role play- Outside bikes using signs.	
Mathematical development	Use of directional language explaining route to school. Sequencing pictures of the route for visiting the park.	
Knowledge and understanding of the world	Talk about how we travel to school. Visit local Church/to the park – road safety. Around our school/How can we make our area safer? topic	
Personal Social and Emotional development	Participate in Walk to School Week Discuss healthy life styles	
Creative development	Small world play using floor mats of roads. Use a range of media to represent journeys/routes	
Physical development	Participate in Walk to School Week Using out door wheeled vehicles, 'road' markings on playground with signs and signals.	
Keystage 1		Keystage 2
English	Make comparisons of everyday experiences of travelling to school. How can we make our local area safe?	School council/Eco council debating skills developments/ changes to the local area.
Mathematics	Data handling – table and charts of how we travelled to school.	Data handling – table and charts of how we travelled to school.
Science		Investigate the effect exercise has on the body. Understand how to keep fit. Develop understanding of environmental effects on body.
I.C.T	Data handling Following routes and plans using simple maps – '2go'.	Annual participation in the Travelwise Road safety quiz.
DT/Art	Design and make posters to raise awareness of current safety aspects of travelling to school. (PSHCE)	Design and make posters to raise awareness of current safety aspects of travelling to school.
History	Transport – look at Eastergate history pictorially – usage of roads difference then and now.	Topic – How did life change in our locality – Victorian Times focus. Issues of road and transport differences, local amenities/commuting.
Geography	Around our school topic. Mapping skills – routes from home to school. Local studies topic. Looking after our environment topic. Homes topic incorporates field studies around village, road usage and safety. Comparisons of routes to school taken by children. Record routes using simple plans. Walk in local environment looking at factors that affect pedestrian safety and environment within close proximity of school.	Producing aerial maps Yellow class field trip around Chichester. How to improve the environment and taking responsibility for the environment

Walk to School Week Data 2006 - 2010*

2008 data was collected in October, 2006,2007,2010 data was collected in May.

2009 data is missing





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Public footpaths surrounding the school.

Highways & Transport



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Bognor Regis - Yapton (Circular)

Stagecoach South

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Shripney, Shripney Lane (adj)	0824	1049	1319	1634
Westergate, School (adj)	0831	1056	1326	1641
Barnham, Barnham Station (opp)	0837	1102	1332	1647
Walberton, Post Office (S-bound)	0842	1107	1337	1652
Yapton, Canal Road (SW-bound)	0849	1114	1344	1659
Yapton, Sparks Corner (N-bound)	0852	1117	1347	1702
Barnham, Barnham Station (NW-bound)	0857	1122	1352	1707
Westergate, School (ois)	0903	1128	1358	1713
Shripney, Shripney Lane (opp)	0910	1135	1405	1720
Bognor Regis, Bognor Station (ois)	0917	1142	1412	1727
Bognor Regis, High Street (Stop R)	0920	1145	1415	1730

Saturdays

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Sundays

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wsxdgmjw	Westergate, School (adj)	A29	4400LH0514
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Shripney, Shripney Lane (adj)	0706	0934	1204	1434	1438	1748
Westergate, Community College (adj)			1445			
Westergate, School (adj)	0716	0941	1211	1446	1448	1758
Barnham, Barnham Station (opp)	0722	0947	1217	1452	1452	1802
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Yapton, Sparks Corner (N-bound)	0732	0955	1225	1500	1500	1815
Walberton, Walberton House (o/s)	0740	1002	1232	1507	1507	1817
Barnham, Barnham Station (NW-bound)	0746	1007	1237	1512	1512	1821
Westergate, School (o/s)	0752	1013	1243	1518	1518	1828
Shripney, Shripney Lane (opp)	0800	1020	1250	1525	1525	1832
Bognor Regis, Bognor Station (o/s)	0807	1027	1257	1532	1532	1838
Bognor Regis, High Street (Stop R)	0815	1035	1300	1535	1535	1845

Service Restrictions: 1

- Not between now and 27/5/2011, not 3/4/2011 until 25/4/2011, not 28/5/2011 until 26/5/2011

Notes: 2

- Not 25/2/2011 until 24/2/2011, not 25/4/2011 until 27/5/2011, not 6/6/2011 until 22/7/2011

SDO

- School days only

SHOL

- Operates during School Holidays

Saturdays

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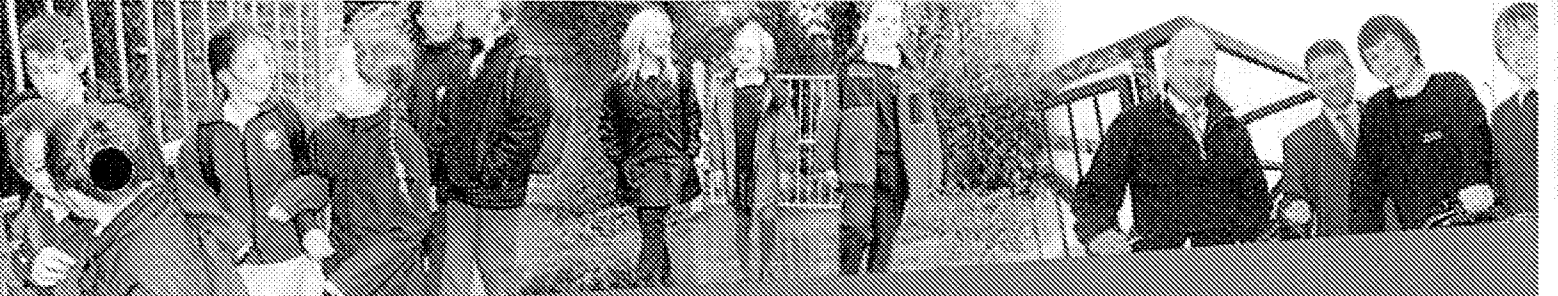
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TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

SUMMER 2010

NEWSLETTER



Foreword

This year seems to be disappearing quickly and it's amazing that we are already heading towards the summer. Let's hope we have perfect weather for leaving the car at home once in a while and enjoying a breath of fresh air.

Following the results of this year's National School Census, I was encouraged that we are continuing to see a downward trend in people travelling to school by car. Over the last 4 years, we have seen a steady 5% decrease in car use. In West Sussex, nearly three quarters of journeys to school are now being made by 'greener' travel choices.

We have seen some great activities already this year, not least the completion of the Barnham to Flansham cycle link which is highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter. Although we do have significant pressure on our budgets, I am delighted that we are still able to deliver our School Safety Zone Programme and we are planning improvements at 18 schools.

Now with over 95% of schools with a Travel Plan, we are intending to continue our support for ongoing development and hope to focus on making improved community links. If you would like some support or advice in relation to travelling to school, please contact your School Travel Advisor or email

Ian Patrick

Team Leader, Safer Routes to School and TravelWise.



Barnham to Flansham cycle link opens

Pupils from Barnham Primary School, Bishop Tuffnell CE Junior School, Downview Primary School and Eastergate CE Primary School helped to celebrate the opening of the new Barnham Link, along with residents and councillors.

The route was officially opened by Derek Whittington, former West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport who cut the ribbon on April 28th.

As a reward, the children were given goodie bags containing cycle bells, speedometers and a map of the route to commemorate it.

The cycle link substitutes an on-road route of 9.5km (6.2 miles), with a mostly off-road route of 5.5km (3.3 miles), covering five villages.

Keep updated on all the latest schemes and projects for encouraging safer, sustainable travel to school with West Sussex County Council's Newsletter for teachers and parents, packed full of information and advice.

Also, look out for reports on examples of good practice by other schools in the county and see what you too, can achieve. For further details on any of the items mentioned in this newsletter, contact the Safer Routes To School and Travelwise team at srts.team@westsussex.gov.uk tel: [REDACTED]

Check out the County Council's website for more information at www.westsussex.gov.uk



SPEED DATA REVEALS BENEFITS OF SCHOOL SAFETY ZONES (SSZ)

The data from this year's School Safety Zone (SSZ) vehicle speed surveys for the 2009/10 programme has just arrived. They show an average reduction of vehicle speeds of 1.3mph. This is a significant reduction for schemes of this type, with only physical traffic calming producing more effective results.

This is all very promising as it proves just how effective School Safety Zones can be for the school community. The SSZ at Billingshurst Infant and Middle School and the Weald School has even seen the average vehicle speed reduced by 9.9mph at drop-off and pick-up times. It seems that more and more, drivers are recognising the signs and reducing their speeds on entering a School Safety Zone, thus improving the safety and well-being of other road users.

School Safety Zones form part of the Safer Routes to School programme and are one of the many improvements we can help your school with to encourage safer, more sustainable travel access. For more information contact the Safer Routes to School team - [REDACTED]

Department for Transport encourages Active Travel

In February 2010, the Department for Transport and the Department of Health published the new Active Travel Strategy for England, which aims to make walking and cycling central to local transport and public health initiatives.

The document recommends encouraging a 'national shift' in terms of walking and cycling at a time when poor health, obesity, congestion and environmental concerns present significant challenges for national and local government. By refocusing transport budgets to promote and encourage smarter travel choices, such as walking, cycling and public transport, many of these challenges can start to be addressed.

The report highlights the importance of the Walk to School campaign, and other initiatives such as Walk once a Week (WoW) that help to change attitudes and behaviours to walking. As well as reducing local emissions and congestion, walking to school is an important opportunity for children to learn and be active before school and engage them in the local environment and community.

20th ROAD SAFETY AND TravelWise Quiz A GREAT SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Dorset House School, Bury who scooped the top prize at this year's annual Road Safety and TravelWise Quiz held at the Hawth Theatre in Crawley on Friday April 23.



After progressing through the heats, Dorset House were crowned the overall winners, followed by a team from Leechpool Primary School, Horsham who came second, and Pound Hill Junior School, Crawley who took third place.

The competition was fierce with twenty schools from across West Sussex taking part on the night. The children faced questions about a range of issues associated with road safety and sustainable travel, including walking and cycling, road signs and observational awareness.

The Quiz, which is now in its 20th year, is for pupils aged between 8 and 11 years old (Years 4, 5 and 6).

Derek Whittington, former West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport, attended the event and said: "It is extremely encouraging to know that this future generation of drivers are already so well prepared and I am sure they will go on to become safe and responsible motorists."

DID YOU KNOW?

Air pollution, predominantly from road traffic, contributes to tens of thousands of early deaths each year according to a report from the Environmental Audit Committee. While the issue receives little media attention, air pollution could be responsible for more deaths per year than passive smoking, traffic accidents or obesity. Air pollution is estimated to cost the UK economy in the region of £20bn a year.

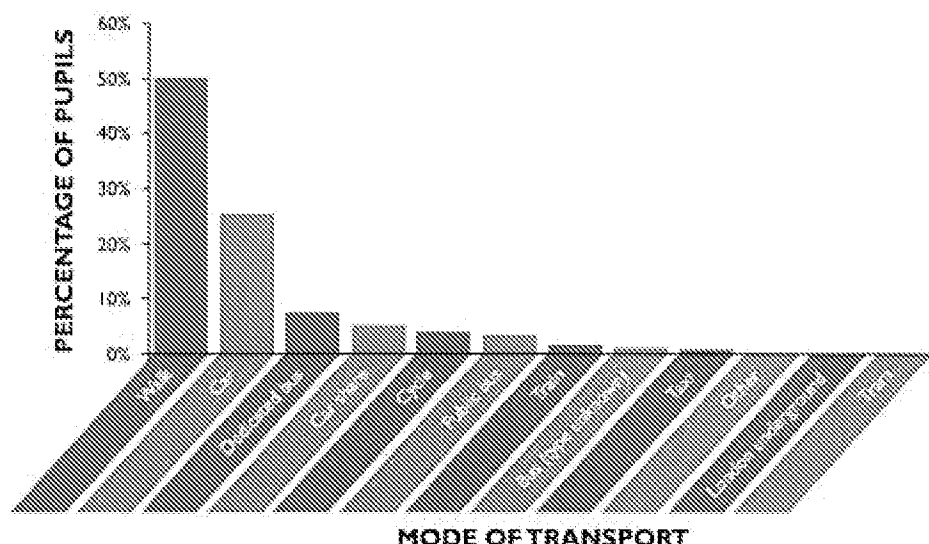
Promising reduction in car use for journeys to school

The most recent national school census data shows that more and more parents are choosing sustainable transport to take their children to school in West Sussex. Nearly three-quarters (73%) of journeys to and from school are now made using "greener" travel choices.

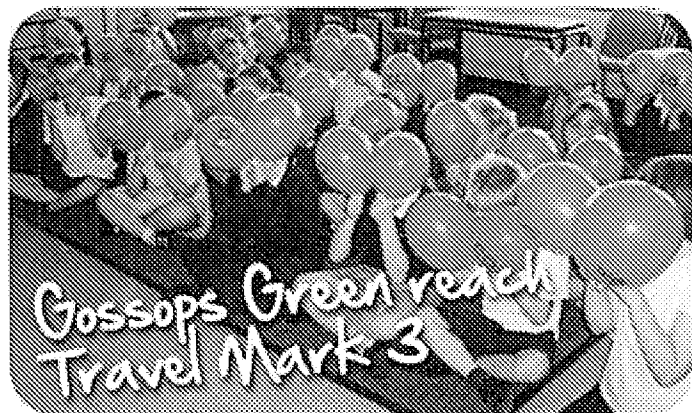
Half of all children go to school on foot, with 14% of children using public transport, such as the bus or the train.

Over the last 4 years, there has been a 5% reduction in car use for the daily school run.

How pupils travel to school in West Sussex (%)



This is great news, so well done to all the School Travel Plan Co-ordinators for all their hard work, and let's see if we can continue to promote and reinforce the sustainable travel message in schools across the county.



Gossops Green have become the first school in Crawley to reach Travel Mark Level 3 (TM3). Through the development of the school's travel plan and the close involvement of the whole school community, Gossops Green have reached the top award that confirms that sustainable travel is firmly rooted in the school's ethos.

The school has actively promoted sustainable travel throughout the whole process. They have a very successful "March on a Monday" initiative, a 'Walking Bus' scheme that has been running for 2 years, and an annual Healthy Week. That's not all. The school are planning on designing their own 'School Keep Clear' banner which will encourage parents not to park inconsiderately or dangerously.

Other schools to reach the prestigious TM3 award recently include Stedham Primary School, North Heath Primary School and Leechpool Primary School. **So well done to everyone who was involved!**

PLANNED SCHOOL SAFETY ZONES FOR 2010/11

We are set to be very busy this summer! We have planned to install 18 School Safety Zones (SSZs) across West Sussex.

Schools will see flashing amber signs, slow markings, red anti-skid surfacing and possibly advisory 20mph signs (depending on the school) hopefully by the end of September 2010.

Bognor Regis Nursery School

Chatsmore Catholic High School

Chesswood Middle School and Davison High School for Girls

Holbrook Primary School

Holmbush Primary and Herons Dale Schools – (Hawkins Crescent)

North Mundham Primary School

Northgate Primary School

Parklands CP School

Rusper Primary School

Seal Primary School

Seymour Primary School

Springfield First School and St Andrew's C of E High School for Boys (Worthing)

St Peter's Catholic Primary School (East Grinstead)

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School (Shoreham)

Swiss Gardens Primary School

The Angmering School, St Wilfrid's Catholic and St Margaret's CE Primary Schools (Angmering)

Warninglid Primary School

West Wittering Parochial School

Walk to School Week 2010 round-up

National Walk to School week took place between 17th – 21st May. The event was a great success, with schools around the county using the campaign to come up with some great ideas to promote sustainable travel as an alternative to the car for the school run.

Over 220 schools registered to take part this year, with 65,000 students engaging with the event. Those schools that registered received classroom registers, maps, stickers, posters and also had the opportunity to enter a competition by designing stickers to be used as part of next year's resources.

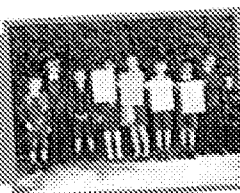
Members of the Safer Routes to School and TravelWise will be recording the journeys of those schools that have taken part. This data is really important to help measure the potential for sustainable journeys at your school and can be used to help set your travel plan targets. It can be requested at any time through the year, just email

Here are some photos from schools across the county during the week.



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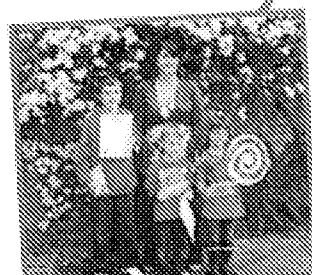
The school designed posters to make roads safer for those who walk.



SOUTHWICK AREA

Students who travelled sustainably from Eastbrook Primary School, The Glebe Primary School and Holmbush Primary School in Southwick, received a free junior membership at Impulse Leisure Centre, normally worth £15, which entitles them to a discount on classes.

Promotions such as these help to raise awareness of the health, environmental and economic benefits of sustainable transport modes.



ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL - BURGESS HILL

The winners of a poster design competition the school held as part of Walk to School week.



SEAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school ran three daily Walking Buses, each setting off from various points around Seley.

EASTERGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pupils and staff travelled to school creatively.



BILLINGSHURST INFANT SCHOOL

The school practised a possible Park and Stride route.

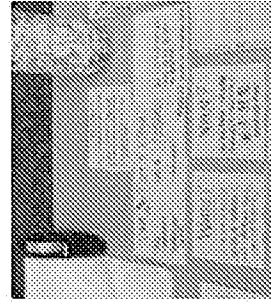
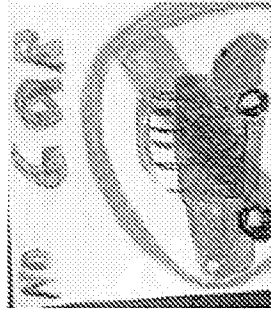
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to reducing car use on living East of the school, this will now built as part of a Safer Routes to School scheme in summer 2009. The school have also tried to make a safer environment directly outside the school and have a no car zone since 2006 to encourage parking and walking.

Children up to the Walking

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e St Marys Catholic Primary School, Bognor Regis. Since developing a School Travel Plan, the school has continued to promote sustainable school travel with a fantastic The Golden Boot/Bus Award. Creative Travel Plan co-ordinators Bridget and Julie uraged over half of the pupils in each class to travel to school without the car on a

tulations also go to Bognor Regis Nursery School and Edward Bryant Primary to reached TMLI this year. Edward Bryant have been promoting the WOW scheme age healthier lifestyles. The WOW scheme aims to promote the benefits of walking to school and encourage more parking and walking negotiated free parking for Hotham Car Park, 5 minutes away so that the children benefit from a short walk

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tulations also go to to Downview Primary School for reaching Travelmark Level 2

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- Health and Wellbeing, in
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- Any schools wishing to find out more about this great

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Good ideas to share

Carnelsdale First School Car share scheme

Saving car journeys to and from school is high on the School Travel Plan agenda at Carnelsdale First School, one of only four Travelmark Level 3 schools.

The latest idea was launched on January 9th 2009; Carnelsdale School Car Share Scheme.

The School took the lead by asking families to register their interest in a car share scheme and were pleased with the response of 26 families. These families were then put in touch with each other and encouraged to sort some car share arrangements that suited their needs.

The car share scheme is being promoted amongst the whole school and to new parents. A school governor on the Development committee, who lead



the School Travel Plan, a produced for all car share Sarah Palmer, Head of scheme, is another small walking bus, the drop of entrance, will reduce the school. On it's own it w but in the context of all change travel habits."

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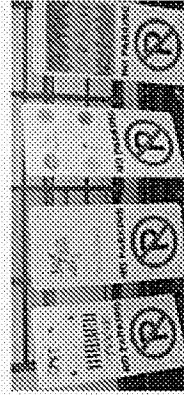
Routes 2 Action is a free the whole school comir with good ideas. You car your name, school, and FREEPOST SRS, Sustran Bristol, BS15DD or visit if you are planning a cyc www.bikeforall.net for li

Schools can access num sustainable and healthy and www.livingstreets.o Lets us know if you find

Lavant Primary School - Chichester District

A recent idea to reduce parking directly outside schools has been featured as a Sustrans School Case study, take a look at full article by viewing

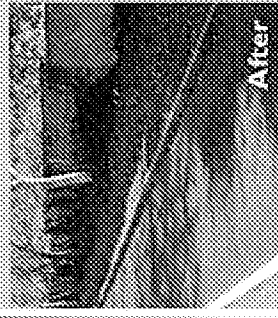
A detailed account of how the signs below, designed by children and manufactured locally made a visible impact and really got the pupils involved.



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Buckingham Middle School

- Improvements to pedestrian/cycle access into school.
- Works also included a School Safety Zone



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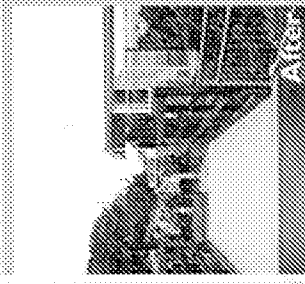
- New dropped kerbs to allow cyclists to access cyclepath and improved signage.

Eastergate Primary School

- New school entrance via footbridge over nife (left)
- Opening ceremony (right)
- Eastergate Primary also used their School Travel Plan Grant to fund a cycle shelter and storage.



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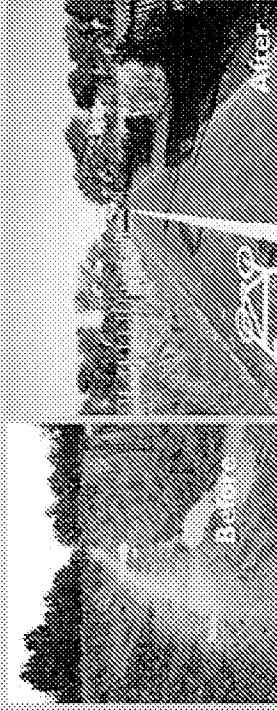


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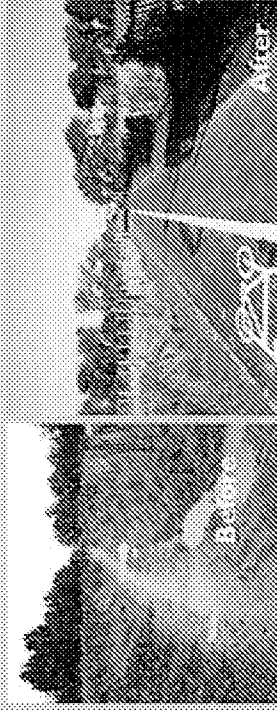
- Upgrade of an existing footpath, providing safe off road route to school

The Angmering School

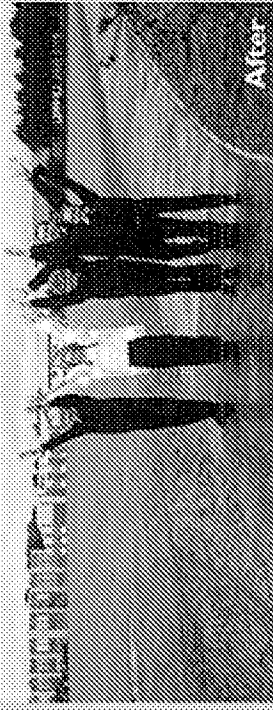
- Upgraded existing footpath to include cyclepath
- Provided new shared use cyclepath through new school entrance into school grounds



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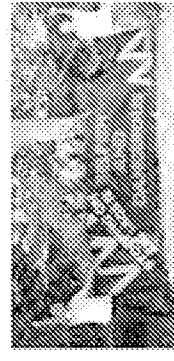


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zig zag



school on the need to look for alternatives to the car. Thank you for the warm welcome and the brilliant assembly.

As a direct result of schools writing a School Travel Plan many of you have had your zig zag line either refreshed or new ones put in, encouraging parents to avoid parking near the school entrances.

Crawley schools have done so well over the last few years and now have 30 out of the 32 schools with a school Travel Plan. This is great

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