

Woodthorpe Junior and Infant School

Travel Plan

Aims

- To decrease car use.
- To increase walking.
- To increase cycling.
- To improve road safety.

Objectives

1. To ensure drivers near the school are aware of the dangers for pedestrians and cyclists.
2. To ensure children walking to school have knowledge of how to keep themselves safe on the journey.
3. To support children in becoming safer cyclists.
4. To encourage those making short car journeys to consider other ways of travelling to school thus reducing the number of cars at school.
5. To encourage as many pupils as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
6. To promote healthy lifestyles and increased levels of physical activity for children by walking, cycling or scooting to school.
7. To improve safety of children and other stakeholders by preventing parking outside the school.

Description of School

Woodthorpe J. I. School is located in the outskirts of Kings Heath in the Brandwood ward of Birmingham. There are 210 children on role and 27 members of staff. The premises is also used by 2 caterers and the staff of our Breakfast and After School clubs. The school's core working hours are 8.55 am to 3.15 pm for children and between 8.30 to 3.25 for staff. The Breakfast club starts at 7.30am and the after school club runs until 5.45. The school is situated on Greenwood Close, which is a cul du sac, there is only one entry, cars are constantly coming in and out of the close. The traffic in the area around the school is very busy.

The travel conditions for children walking and cycling to school are reasonable, with pleasant wide footpaths, although there are no cycle lanes in the area. The following facilities are present at or near the schools' premises:

- School crossing patrol on Woodthorpe Road although if the crossing warden at Brandwood and Woodthorpe is sick , the warden from Hannon and Woodthorpe has to cover there;

- A bus service runs along Woodthorpe Rd and along the Alcester Rd South. There is a bus stop within 300m of school entrance;
- Sheltered cycle storage.

Children arrive at school by one route – through the pedestrian gate from Greenwood Close. Greenwood Close is accessed from Woodthorpe Road which links the Alcester Road South and Brandwood Road.

The school car park is on an awkward slope and is small making it necessary for some staff cars to be parked on Greenwood Close.

Current situation

1. There is severe traffic congestion in Greenwood Close and at the junction with Woodthorpe Road between 0845 and 9.50 in the morning and 3.10 and 3.20 in the afternoon when parents pick up children.
2. Cars are parked dangerously on kerbs, blocking view for pedestrians and for other drivers on the road.
3. Cars parking on Woodthorpe Road have damaged verges and blocked drives at times.
4. Children with or without adults who have to cross either Greenwood close, Woodthorpe or Hannon Road are in danger of being hit by a car.
5. This is an on-going situation despite the support of the West Midlands police.
6. We are encouraging parents to ring 101 to report dangerous parking or driving.

Travel Activity Plan

Outcome	Action	Timing	Persons responsible	Resources
1. To support children in becoming safer cyclists.	Year 5 Go Cycle programme.	Summer	GR	Release time for GR £660
2. To improve safety of children and other stakeholders by preventing parking outside the school.	Community police officers visit and ticket offending cars	On going	HB	HT time

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3. To ensure children walking to school have knowledge of how to keep themselves safe on the journey.	Road Safety training for children. Kerb craft W Mid Police – safer travel workshops for Year 6.	Summer 2015	LM	Await contact from WM police
	Bus company – travel to secondary school workshop.	Summer 2015	RC	Await contact from Bus Company
Further targets TBA 2015-16 Using new Birmingham Travel Plan pack 2015				

Signed:

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