



**Long Lawford Primary School**

# **Travel Plan**



## **Introduction**

Long Lawford Primary School Travel Plan sets out measures to reduce the number of car trips made to and from school, to promote healthier and more environmentally friendly forms of transport and to improve on the safety of the school journey.

### **Why have a School Travel Plan?**

We decided to write this travel plan in 2010 as part of our on-going drive to get more children to walk and cycle to school. In April 2016 we substantially revised this plan.

We have always had problems with congestion at the front gates at the start and end of the day causing traffic problems as well as increasing the risk to road safety.

With the school expanding from 1 – 2 form entry (now 3 form entry) there are increasing concerns about congestion associated with the ‘school run’.

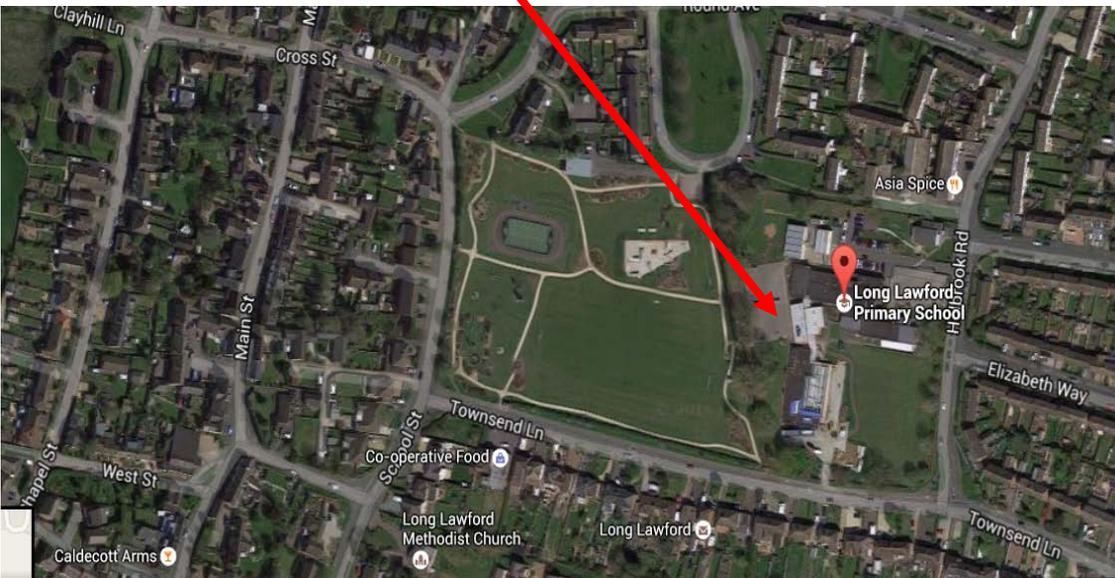
Although Road safety is not part of the National Curriculum we believe a travel plan is important. We also view a travel plan as part of our work to raise awareness about health, environment and safety and highlight transport issues and initiatives to make journeys safer and more enjoyable.

### **Long Lawford Primary School Travel Plan aims to:**

- Reduce the number of car trips made to/from school by parents, carers, pupils and staff;
- Increase awareness amongst pupils, parents, carers and staff about health and safety benefits of more walking and other forms of sustainable travel;
- Provide a relevant focus for class work within the curriculum and increase the number of pupils benefiting from sustainable travel and road safety education;
- Reduce traffic congestion around the school;
- Highlight school travel and transport issues and problems and propose practical initiatives to make the journey feel safer and more enjoyable for everyone;
- Encourage more walking and cycling to school and improve children’s health and fitness through increased walking and cycling;
- Provide opportunities for consultation particularly with pupils and parents and carers;
- Engender a responsible attitude in all members of the school community, towards the safety of themselves and others on the school journey;
- Promote safe and considerate driving and parking for those who have to travel by car.

### **General description of the School**

Long Lawford Primary School is currently a two form entry school situated on Holbrook Road in the village of Long Lawford just outside Rugby. (See maps below)



The main entrance is off a small, busy residential road; Holbrook Road. In addition to the main pedestrian entrance the school has one other entrance which can only be accessed by foot from the adjoining park (Memorial field). All the roads that run through the village have 30mph speed limits.

The school had its pupil admission number (PAN) increased to 90 and admitted 90 reception aged children in September 2015.

The school has undergone a period of rapid change with pupil numbers increasing and new build completed to accommodate rising numbers in July 2015. The school has been identified for further expansion to three form entry, necessitating in the number of classrooms increasing. Works are due to start in October 2016, finishing in August 2017.

The school has a car park, which is able to accommodate the cars of the majority of staff who work on site. The school has one designated area for cyclists to leave their bicycles/scooters at the front of the top playground.

Those children whose parents and carers come to school in a car, park in the surrounding streets. There are markings on the main road to indicate the school entrance.

The school has a nursery, which runs a morning and afternoon session.

The school also has a children's centre on its site. This is run separately to the school by the Barnado's charity. The staff and users of this centre park in the surrounding streets.

**DCSF: 937/2405**

Age range 4-11 years Numbers on roll: currently 452 (and rising)

Gates open: 8.40 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

School Day: 8.50 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

After School Clubs: 3.00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*The School currently staff consist of:*

20 full time teachers

3 part time teachers

22 support staff

3 office staff

5 cleaners

7 MDS

4 catering staff

The school currently has 452 children on role of which the majority of pupils live within the locality of the school.

The school is being developed to become three form entry (PAN 90 from September 2015) with new build commencing October 2016.

**School Travel Survey**

In April 2016 staff, parents and carers of children at the school were invited to submit their views on travelling to and from school. 166 parents and carers returned their questionnaire, a response of 37% overall.

**In the morning, how do you usually get to school?**

Walk	Bus	Car share	Cycle	Car
58%	1.2%	1.8%	1.2%	37%

**After school, how do you travel home?**

Walk	Bus	Car share	Cycle	Car	Other
60%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	35%	1.2%

**If you could choose how to travel to and from school, how would you like to travel?**

Walk	Bus	Car share	Cycle	Car	Other
58%	4%	1.8%	20%	15%	1.2%

Please note that figures above may not add to 100% as parents and carers indicated more than one mode of travel used.

We also asked the children how they travelled to and from school each day.

**How do you usually travel to and from school?**

Walk	Bus	Taxi	Cycle	Car	Other
48%	0.7%	1%	2%	47%	1%

**How would you like to travel to and from school?**

Walk	Bus	Taxi	Cycle	Car	Other
30%	4.7%	3.5%	35%	20%	7%

Please note that figures above may not add to 100% as children sometimes indicated more than one mode of travel.

We also asked staff how they travel to and from school?

**How do you travel to and from school?**

Walk	Bus	Taxi	Cycle	Car	Car share
27%			4%	65%	4%

## **Main School Travel and Transport Issues**

- At key drop off and pick up times, the entrance to the school and surrounding side streets, especially, Holbrook Road, can be dangerous for both car users and especially pedestrians, including children.
- At key drop off and pick up times, parking on Townsend Lane (adjoining Holbrook Road) can cause problems for other road users and residents.
- At key drop off and pick up times, parking on Holbrook Road and Townsend Lane in particular makes it difficult to cross the road safely.
- Cars parked on the pavement on the corner of Elizabeth Way and Holbrook Road cause a serious hazard. In addition when cars park too close together, it can be difficult to get through.
- The bridge on Back Lane is very narrow and dangerous for pedestrians as cars often mount the pavement.
- The school has a covered bike and buggy shelter situated inside the main school entrance. For users of the rear school entrance (adjacent to the Memorial field) this is too far away.

## **The Action Plan**

### **Aims**

The aims of our school travel plan are:

- To improve access to the school site for all parents, carers and children that ensures their safe passage, to playground/classroom area.
- Prevent accidents outside the school
- Reduce the danger to, from and around the school
- Encourage pupils and Parents and carers to leave the car at home and walk to school
- Improve pupils health and fitness through walking and cycling to school
- Improve the pupils road awareness by walking and cycling to school
- Make the area around the school and further afield safer and more enjoyable for our pupils, community and selves

## Key Objectives

### Objective 1: Develop School Systems to support School Travel Plan

	Action Target	Name of Lead person(s)	Target date	Monitoring & Evaluation	Comments e.g. progress, resource implications
1	To develop and update the School Travel Plan	Mr R Morrissey	April 2016	Share progress at regular intervals, with governors	
2	School Travel Plan updates in school newsletter and on website	Mr Morrissey	Weekly and ongoing	Relevant statements and information passed on to the community	

### Objective 2: Increase Travel Awareness amongst children

	Action Target	Name of Lead person(s)	Target date	Monitoring & Evaluation	Comments e.g. progress, resource implications
1	Assemblies and class talks on School Travel Plan	Mr Morrissey; SLT and Class Teachers	Summer 2016	Pupils receive input from staff regarding the Travel Plan	
2	Involve School Council in School Travel Plan development	Miss Mahoney and Miss Smith with School Council	Summer 2016	School Councillors feedback to pupils and staff regarding School Travel Plan	
3	Revise and Implement road safety and cycle awareness training for both KS1 and KS2 pupils	Mr Morrissey	Autumn 2016	KS1 pupils road safety training and KS2 pupils undertake cycle training to ensure their safety when cycling on the public roads	

### Objective 3: Improve the Walking and Cycling Environment to/from School

	Action Target	Name of Lead person(s)	Target date	Monitoring & Evaluation	Comments e.g. progress, resource implications
1	Provide cycle training for lower and upper KS 2 pupils.	Rob Morrissey	September 2016		
2	Provide additional cycle storage area to more accessible, secure and safe area	Rob Morrissey	September 2017 with new build		

## **Consultation and Stakeholders**

### **Pupils**

How Consulted	Issues discussed	Date of Consultation
Class Discussion and questionnaire	How pupils travel to school and any problems	April 2016

### **Parents**

How Consulted	Issues discussed	Date of Consultation
Parent and Carer Questionnaire	Travel to and from school	April 2016

### **Staff**

How Consulted	Issues discussed	Date of Consultation
Staff questionnaire	Travel to and from school	April 2016

### **Governors**

How Consulted	Issues discussed	Date of Consultation
Governors' meeting	Travel Plan to be discussed	April 2016

The following people have been actively involved in the production of this original travel plan:

Head teacher	R Morrissey
Governor	All
Staff	All
Pupils	All
Parents	majority
Local residents	community governors

The plan was substantially revised by the head teacher with the help of parents, carers, staff and children in April 2016.

## **Monitoring and Review**

*The Travel Plan needs to be a living document which is reviewed, progress measured and successes publicised on an annual basis. This review needs to take place before the action plan has run its course to guard against inactivity.*

We recognise that this plan is a start and we need to monitor and review our objectives and planned initiatives.

We will:

- Take part each year in the School Census to monitor progress with targets to reduce car use. The next census will be in: **April 2017** and **Mr Morrissey** will be responsible for doing this.
- Update the STP document annually and ensure that the lead/ working group reports on progress to Governing Body and to parents. **Mr Morrissey** will be responsible for carrying out the STP review annually.

### **Our first annual review will take place in April 2017**

- Gain feedback following implementation of any major initiatives
- Provide parents, pupils and staff with updates on the school travel plan

The School Travel Plan Review will consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision and the School Travel Plan will be revised as necessary to take account of these.

## **Signatures**

**This agreement is an expression of commitment and goodwill on the part of the stakeholders to achieve a positive outcome for the pupils and the local community.**

Signed.....Mr R Morrissey  
Headteacher

Date April 11<sup>th</sup> 2016

Signed..... Mrs L Haggan  
Chair of Governors

Date

Signed.....  
School council

Date

Signed.....  
School council