

Achieving our best together



Scantabout Primary School Travel plan

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Summary of points

- Encourage parents and children to walk to school
- Safety is key
- Reduce car usage and congestion
- Parking respectfully in local area
- Keep healthy
- Use bikes safely
- No children allowed in the staff car park
- No parents to drive or park in grounds

At Scantabout the health and safety of our pupils is paramount. This travel plan is aimed at ensuring that both children and adults can travel to and from school safely.

The travel plan has been updated from the original, which was written by a range of community groups working together for the good of all. Staff and pupils from the school worked alongside governors, neighbouring householders, parents and representatives from Eastleigh Borough Council in compiling the original document.

Many of the aims of the original document have been achieved and this document aims to

continue it's good work to ensure that children and adults get to and from Scantabout safely.

Why a travel plan?

The aim of the travel plan is to get more people to walk or cycle to school. This will continue to reduce the amount of pollution in this area. It also is an opportunity for children to take regular exercise. This travel plan should also stop the amount of congestion near the school gates at certain times of the day.

Children should be encouraged to walk or cycle part or all of the way to school wherever this is safe and practical. We expect schools to work with their local authority school travel advisers, and

put in place school travel plans that will identify things that schools, pupils, parents, highways and local education authorities can do to reduce car use on the school run .

(taken from - Healthy Living Blueprint for Schools DFES 2004)

What is a travel plan?

A travel plan is a document that should convince people to walk or cycle to school. It should solve some of the problems associated with travelling to school and how to achieve this safely.



How the plan was developed.

The plan was developed originally through consultation with all stakeholders.

Representatives from the school, the community and Eastleigh Borough Council set up a working party to investi-

gate the problems at the time of traffic congestion and hazards on the journey to and around school.

Parent's and pupils views were taken into account and their comments and suggestions helped to

form the plan.

The current school council have talked to their classes about the plan and how we feel about travelling around now. This has helped update the plan.

Children's thoughts and ideas

Children's thoughts -

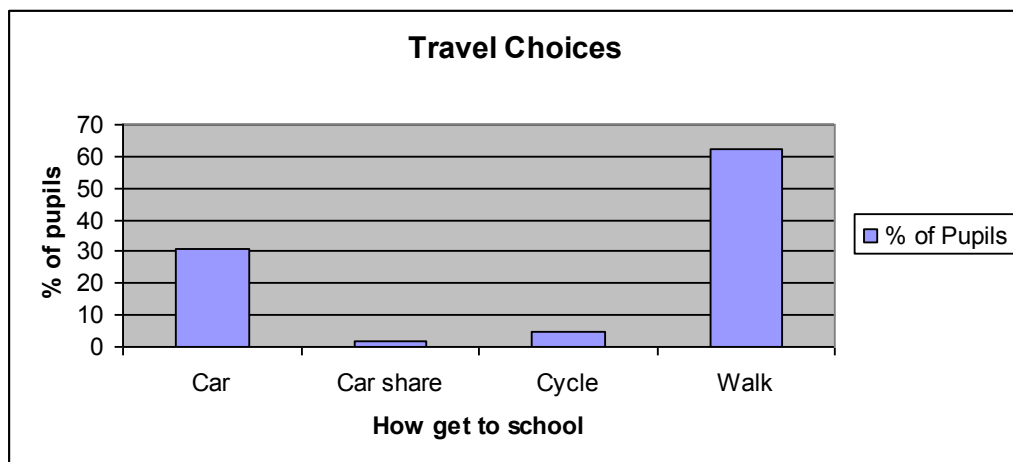
- Safe to walk to school now
- If I lived closer I would walk.
- It is good exercise
- It is healthy to walk
- Walking to school gets you warmed up for the day
- Sometimes you have to risk crossing the road
- Sometimes cars come into school when dropping off



Children's Ideas -

- We need a subway under Winchester road to help people cross.
- More cycle paths please
- If you live a long way away, park the car further away and walk the rest
- School bus
- Pedestrian crossings near school entrances
- No cars allowed to drive on school grounds when children are around

How children get to school -



Travelling to School

A large percentage of our pupils already walk or cycle to school - over 60%, but this figure can still be improved.

Children don't always have the choice to walk due to a number of factors, such as distance from school, parental choice, time issues etc.

Cars are a quick and convenient way to travel to school. There has already been an increase in children walking and a decrease in car usage since the

previous travel plan was completed. We hope that this number decreases further.

We are encouraging children in year 5 and 6 to take part in cycle training, run by Hampshire, to encourage more safe cycling to school.

We also regularly talk to children about road safety and the benefits of walking.



Problems

Many of the problems highlighted on the initial travel plan have been solved or partly solved. They were -

- Nowhere to keep bikes - *Bike sheds are now in use.*
- Paths around school messy - *this has improved.*
- No crossings outside school . *Still no crossing, but traffic calming has been introduced.*
- Traffic too fast on approach to school - *this can still be an issue.*
- No proper parking provision - *we have encouraged walking and*

ask parents to park respectfully, thinking about the local community.

Currently concerns from the children are -

- Cars traveling too fast
- Crossing roads for younger children
- Cars parking in wrong places
- Litter on paths
- Cars driving into school when children are about
- Children walking across car park



Possible solutions

The children and staff thought carefully about ways to improve travelling to school.

- continue encouraging walking to school
- talk with children about healthy choices, positive impact of walking or cycling to school.
- Encourage parents to park carefully, respecting

the local community.

- Continue to encourage children to take part in cycle training.
- Make sure school is kept litter free and this will encourage bin use around school.
- Write to the local council to ask about improving traffic calming

in the area.

- Discuss the traffic issues with the Parish council as part of their youth council discussions.
- Encourage parents to walk for short journeys.
- No parent to park or drive on school grounds
- No children in car park

Targets and Commitment

The Scantabout travel plan represented a starting point to initiate change and to design measures to encourage travel to school other than the car.

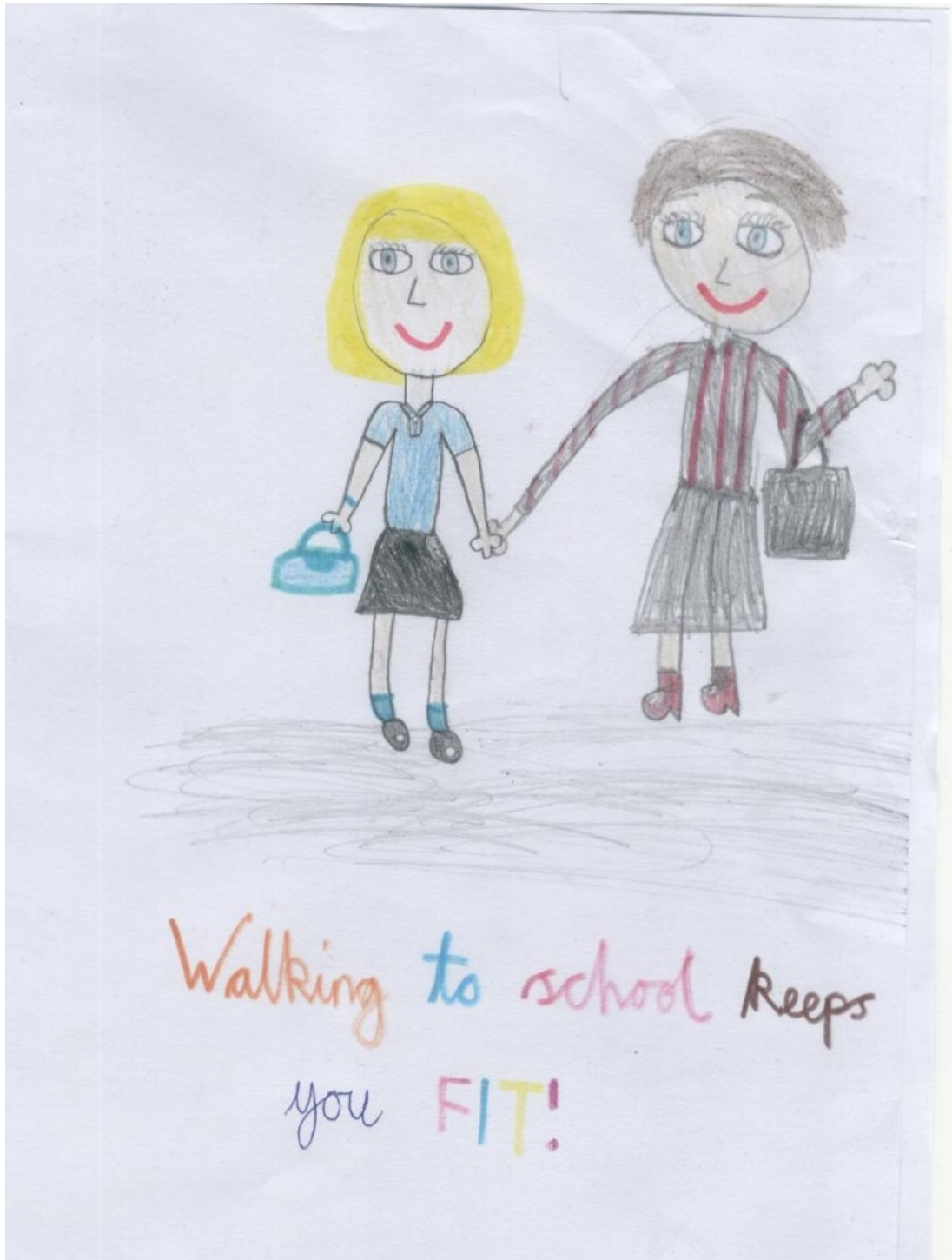
This has been achieved and we continue to encourage parents to walk their children to school. It was and is essential that designated routes for children walking to and from

school are kept safe.

To ensure the success of our travel plan we ask for the support of all stakeholders - parents, children, staff and governors.

We will pursue a long term commitment to developing safe travel to school.





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