

Table of Initiatives

The School Travel Plan Team will be jointly responsible for pursuing all initiatives, but a coordinator/lead person has been identified in most cases.

When quoting survey statistics, often absolute figures of parents or pupil numbers haven't been used (as against percentages), these are likely to be under-estimates as they are taken from our surveys which had response rates of 50% (parental questionnaire) and 75% (pupils questionnaire)

Initiative	Evidence	Lead Person	The Next Step and Timescale	Aim
Pedestrian crossing over Loughborough Road between Farley Way and Woodhouse Road.	96% of parents surveyed felt the lack of a pedestrian crossing constituted a serious (74%) or Moderate (22%) safety risk. 30% of people in our survey normally walk or cycle across this dangerous and busy crossing. 16 parents who do not use the crossing at present, said they would if it was safer, this represents 26 children, but is likely to be a considerable underestimate with our parental survey response rate of 50%.	Sue Templeman	Initial contact has been made with County Highways. It is intended to vigorously pursue this immediately. The aim is to get a pedestrian crossing when the lights complex is replaced. Renewal is now overdue and we are pressing as hard as we can for it to be done in 2004/2005.	Increase safety on route, increase walking, facilitate walking school bus from Farley Way Estate.
Walking school bus from Farley Way Estate	Of people living in that area (taken from the adult survey), 10 families said they would 'definitely' or 'be likely' to use a walking school bus and a further 14 would consider it. This represents 37 pupils. Of these 15 currently normally travel by car (21 pupils). 3 parents have indicated they would help organise the scheme (in addition to those on the working group).	Sue Templeman/ Margaret Norris/ Heather Andrews	Further investigate immediately. However implementation would have to wait until a Farley Way crossing was in place.	Increase walking, reduce congestion outside school.
Zig-zags/yellow lines at or around the corners of Warwick Avenue/Willowcroft	Some parents consistently park around the bends of Warwick Ave/Willowcroft, despite constant reminders from the school that this should not happen. 87% of parents who replied felt that double yellow lines or a similar measure around these bends would increase safety.	Sue Templeman in conjunction with Police contacts	This is being investigated with the Police and County Highways at present. The next step is more detailed consultation with residents (April 2004). If this is positive, aim for agreement on a scheme with all parties by October 2004, completion as soon as possible after this.	Safety – to make crossing Warwick Avenue safer by reducing the danger on these bends. Increasing safety here could also encourage walking.
Park and stride (Quorndon Fox?) – Possibly combined with another walking school bus.	17 normal car users out of those who replied, said they would 'definitely' or 'be likely' to use 'Park and Stride'. This represents 33 children.	Heather Andrews	Trial park and stride from the Quorndon Fox during Walk to School Week in May 2004. Assess success after this.	Increase walking, reduce congestion outside school.

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Encourage use of Beacon Avenue for walking/cycling. Dependent on constructing footpath over school field. Use capital grant	If Beacon Road entrance was improved 46 parents said they would 'definitely' or 'be likely' to use this entrance. In total this represents 80 children.	Margaret Norris	Immediately: The school has approved the principle of encouraging the use of the Beacon Road entrance and using the STP capital grant in 2004/2005 to construct a path over the field (precise route to be decided). The aim is to have the path completed for September 2004.	Increase walking from Chaveney Road area, encourage cycling by offering a safer entrance for cyclists. Reduce congestion around Willowcroft/Warwick Avenue area.
Communal walking	40 parents of those who replied said they would 'definitely' or 'be likely to' use communal walking. This represents 68 children. 17 of these parents (27 children) normally travel by car. 11 parents said they would be willing to help organise this.	Teresa Simpson	Further investigation to start immediately, with a view to any implementation in the medium term.	Increase walking, reduce congestion outside school.
Car sharing	Out of 99 parents who responded, 15 said they would 'definitely' or 'be likely' to take part in a car-share scheme, a further 34 said they would consider it.	Margaret Norris/ Heather Andrews /Sue Templeman	Further investigation to start immediately, with a view to any implementation in the medium term.	Reduce the number of cars and therefore the congestion outside school.
Investigate altering school arrival and departure times. At present the earliest allowed arrival time is 8.45am and children are expected to be in class by 8.55am. In the evening KS1 leave at 3.10pm and KS2 at 3.15pm.	10 minutes in the morning is a very short time when, (from the survey), 52% of the children arrive by car. In the evening KS2 parents may come 5 minutes later than KS1 parents, but they still coincide. A larger time differential may allow more KS1 parents to leave before KS2 parents arrived.	Sue Templeman/ Heather Andrews	Investigation and consultation to start immediately. A possible way of spreading KS1 and KS2 departure times is by reducing the KS1 lunchtime, which also has benefits in other ways. The head teacher will consult with staff on this matter. If timings were altered, this could not be until the next academic year.	Spread the arrival and/or departure over a longer period, therefore reducing congestion.
Improved/additional bicycle/scooter storage	If Beacon Avenue entrance was improved, 37 parents surveyed said they would be encouraged to cycle, a further 12 parents said they would be encouraged to cycle if there was either a Farley Way crossing or storage was improved. In total this represents 76 children, indicating a future need for further/better bike storage.	Cheryl Clegg	Medium term – dependant on funds, consider investigating access to more STP funds and/or approaching PTA	To better cater for cyclists, if numbers increase.
Investigate bringing cycling proficiency forward from year 6 to possibly year 4 or 5. Investigate classes after school or for Saturday morning cycle club.	Several comments by parents on survey forms that they would not feel happy about their children cycling until they had done the course.	Sue Templeman	Investigation to start immediately. Implementation if possible would be academic year 2004/2005.	To increase safety for cyclists and to encourage cycling.

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Investigate 'crossing volunteers' on Warwick Avenue (eg any one person/team doing only one or two sessions per week)	No specific question was included in the questionnaire, however 11 parents raised this under 'other comments' and many parents have spoken to us since, saying that they would not let their children cross Warwick Avenue without adult supervision because it is 'very dangerous'.	Sue Templeman	Immediately investigate with STP Team at County Hall. Any result would be long-term. No such scheme exists at present, but maybe one should? A hybrid between the existing school Crossing Patrol Scheme (but unpaid) and the Walking School Bus Scheme (but only for crossing one road), would be envisaged. It is hoped that the innovative nature of this suggestion does not result in its immediate dismissal.	Safety – to make crossing Warwick Avenue safer. This would also encourage walking.
Investigate breakfast/after school club.	The evidence for demand is at present is anecdotal, but we believe real. A further survey is to be carried out.	Teresa Simpson	Further investigation to start immediately, with a view to any implementation in the medium to long term.	Spread the arrival and departure over a longer period, therefore reducing congestion. This initiative would also help working parents.
Heighten Awareness - Travel Detectives		Jane Barras	First visit March 2004 and ongoing for each year.	Curriculum benefit, increased profile of school travel and safety issues will support all initiatives and aims.
Heighten Awareness – Big 'launch' of School Travel Plan – A Walk to School Week with displays, special assembly, poster competition, balloon/bollards on corner of Willowcroft/Warwick Ave, leaflets, awards.		Whole STP Team	The STP becomes effective 1 st April 2004. The major 'launch' is fixed for the week commencing 24 th May 2004. Preparation has started by sourcing police posters/leaflets and approaching the Parish Council who will provide a grant for medals/awards.	Increased profile of school travel and safety issues will support all initiatives and aims.
Heighten Awareness – Distribution of STP to all parents. Publication of STP on village website & school website. Given to induction parents for September 2004.		Whole STP Team	April 2004	Increased profile of school travel and safety issues will support all initiatives and aims.
Heighten Awareness – General. Eg Newsletter items, displays at fete & parents evenings, the School Council are involved in plotting maps.		Whole STP Team	Items have already appeared in the school newsletter, The Quorndon (village magazine) and the School Council have been involved. This will be ongoing.	Increased profile of school travel and safety issues will support all initiatives and aims.