

Newdale Primary School and Nursery

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

September 2018



# **Newdale School and Nursery Travel Plan**

## **1. Introduction**

Our School Travel Plan (STP) supports our whole school aims of encouraging children to lead a healthy and safe life as well as offering one of many ways for school and families to work together.

Motivations:

- Reducing congestion/ minimizing road safety hazards around our site
- Developing children's awareness of the health and environmental benefits of reducing traffic and increasing walking and cycling around the site.

Audience:

- The school team.
- Parents
- Governors (particularly parent governors).
- Local authority (Road safety Co-ordinator) and Highways Department
- Nursery
- School Council e.g. via assemblies, Walk to School Week and promoting and administering travel initiatives
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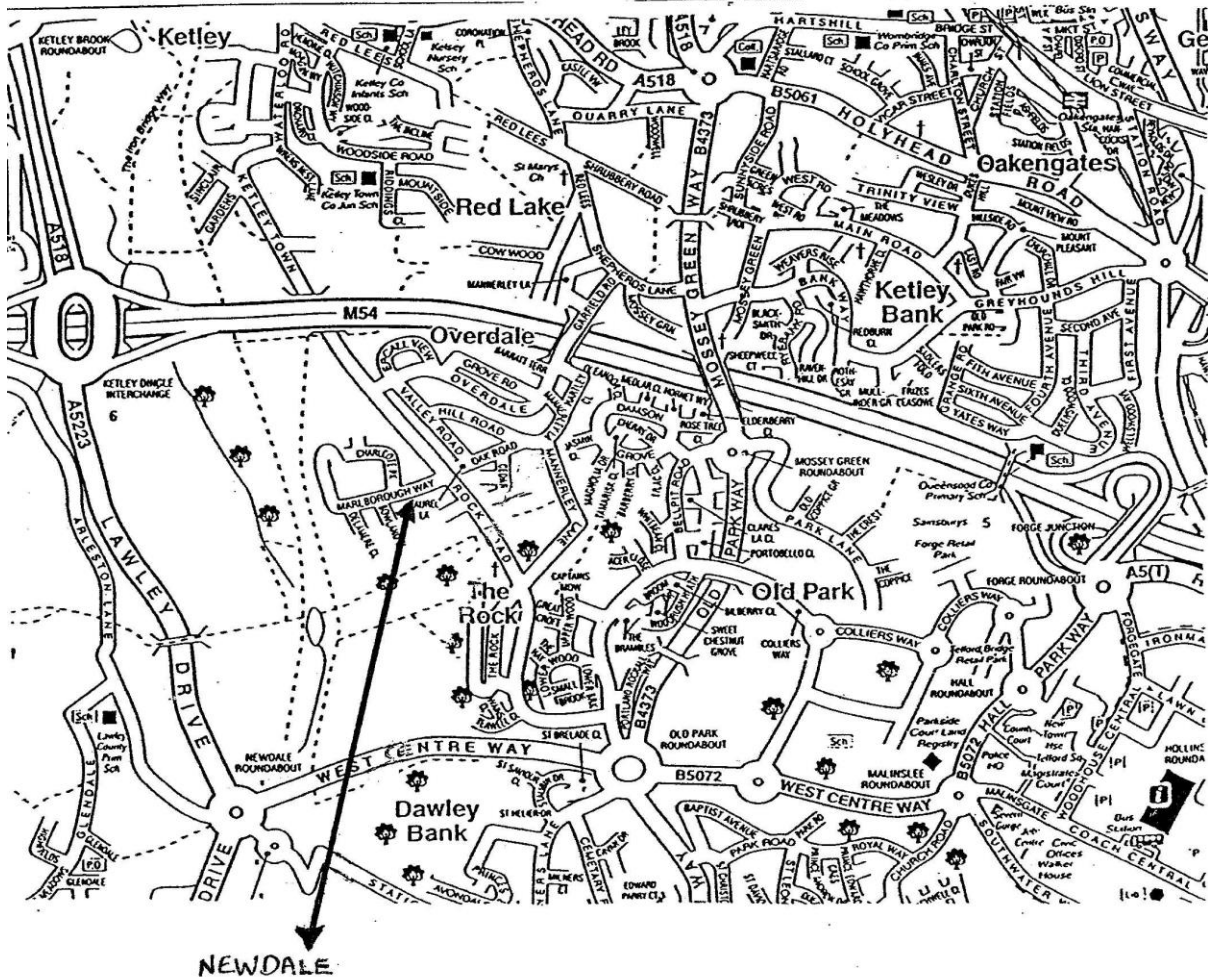
Coordinators:

- The Headteacher
- School Business Manager

## **2. Description of the school**

Ours is a growing school (opened in 2003) to cater for an existing catchment as well as a large number of new housing being built in the Overdale/Rock and Newdale areas.

Newdale Primary School and Nursery  
Marlborough Way  
Newdale  
Telford  
TF3 5HS



**NEWDALE**

- Turn off the M54 at Junction 6
- Follow A5223
- Turn left at Newdale Roundabout along West Centre Way
- Take first left at Old Park Roundabout
- Turn first left soon after the roundabout and follow Rock Road
- Take second left into Marlborough Way
- The school is located on the left-hand side

Number on roll - 418 school and 85 nursery

Opening hours - 7:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (children leave our site between 3:10 and 6:00 p.m.)

Holiday clubs run during all school holiday periods.

- Other transport:
- Cycle routes (although Rock Road very steep).
  - Pedestrian routes (although some parts of catchment, i.e. Teawell Close not served by fully paved routes).
  - Public transport - too infrequent a bus service to be of use.

### **3. Current situation**

STP is needed to highlight/acknowledge difficulties faced by our community and may offer support to reduce congestion.

- STP provides an action plan for our future plans and gaining support from outside agencies.
- Our STP will allow us to focus our targets to reduce dangers to children. Congestion and over parking at 3:10 p.m. (end of regular school day) are major concerns, making road safety a priority for parents/carers and school.
- Closer working relations between parents/carers, school and outside agencies has supported a problem solving approach and raised awareness of issues from many viewpoints.

#### **Current Initiatives:**

- School assemblies.
- Nursery road safety lessons.
- Road safety/cycle safety training from YR to Y6.
- Regular contact with STP Coordinator at LA.
- Regular meeting/discussions with parents/carers and governors.
- Notes in school newsletters to discourage parking/encourage walking and car sharing.
- Staffing the school gate to deter drivers entering the site.
- Annual school travel surveys.
- Engaged in road safety scheme.
- Local police target parents /carers incorrectly parked.

### **4. Current School Travel Patterns**

#### ***Results of annual travel to school survey***

The Annual Travel to School Survey takes place every year in September. The survey is a hands up survey, completed by each class.

The table below shows our results for 2018

How do you usually travel to school?

Year	Bike		Bus		Car		Taxi		Walk	
2018	24	6%	0	0%	229	57%	2	0%	146	37%

### ***Travel/Transport problems faced by the school***

Many families live in walking distance from the school.

The car drivers, park their car outside the school in Marlborough Way or Charlecote Park.

Historically parents are concerned about the dangers of Rock Road when considering allowing their children to cycle to school. Wheelie days have certainly helped re the number of children who cycle to school and these are ongoing.

In the past parents have made the following comments:

- Inconsiderate parking on 'Keep Clear' school markings, double yellow lines outside the school gate, causing poor visibility and difficulty crossing the road.
- No footpath on Rock Road
- Incorrect use of the crossing on Marlborough Way
- Rude and abusive drivers.
- Concerns over dangerous conditions and near misses.

Possible suggestions: -

- Manned school crossing patrol person on Marlborough
- Drop off area for parents
- Footpaths on Rock Road where there are none
- More school signs
- More enforcement of the parking restrictions.

## **5. Aims**

Newdale School and Nursery is working in partnership with Borough of Telford & Wrekin and the local community to raise awareness of travel issues.

The aim of the Newdale School and Nursery travel plan is to: -

- ◆ To minimise the adverse impact of school-generated traffic on the local community.
- ◆ To reduce the proportion of journeys made to school by car.
- ◆ To increase the number of pupils/parents traveling by sustainable modes to school.
- ◆ To increase the number of staff traveling by sustainable modes to school.
- ◆ To raise awareness about the environmental, social, safety and health impacts of travel choices amongst pupils, staff and parents.

- ◆ To inform pupils, parents and teachers of the benefits of sustainable transport.
- ◆ To use the curriculum to educate pupils about transport issues/sustainable transport.
- ◆ To increase the numbers of pupils participating in road safety education - this may prove difficult as the LA has now had to implement quite high costs to this programme.
- ◆ To promote and publicise sustainable travel initiatives and the School Travel Plan within the school.
- ◆ To promote and publicise the School Travel Plan within the school prospectus and to all new parents.

## **6. Actions Taken so far**

Also see Section 3

Activity	Details
Cycle training for year 6	Every Summer
Road Safety Education for all years	On going - in house and with support from LA
Road Safety assemblies	As required
Road Safety information leaflets to parents and children	When directed by the road safety team from the LA
Promotion of alternative parking	Constantly!
Participation in National Walk to School Week which takes place in May every year	May every year
Participation in International Walk to School Week which takes place in October every year	October every year
Participation in Healthy Lifestyles week	Every June
Governors discuss issues	Health & Safety and Curriculum meeting yearly
Full Govs meeting to discuss STP	H&S committee agenda item yearly
Travel Plan Meeting with governors and staff to create an STP draft	H&S committee agenda item yearly
Head and parent governor meet to finalise STP	H&S committee agenda item yearly

## 7. Objectives/initiatives

<b>Objective 1 - Increase travel awareness amongst parents, staff and school community</b>				
	Development Task	Lead Person	Target date	Progress/Update
1	Set up a travel plan working party	Head + Parent Gov	December 2018	
2	Carry out 'Travel to School survey' and analyse results	Head + STP Coordinator	September 2018	
3	Sent out School Travel Newsletter of the 'Travel to School Survey' results to parents	Head + STP Coordinator	November 2018	
4	Use the results of the 'Travel to School Survey' to identify where improvements to the school journey can be made	Head + STP Coordinator	January 2019	
5	Have a clearer picture of children's routes to school	Head + STP Coordinator	January 2019	
6	Review School Travel Plan	Head + STP Coordinator	October 2018	
7	Include School Travel Plan in the school prospectus	Head + STP Coordinator	Included	
8	Include School Travel Plan information in new parents information	Head + STP Coordinator	Included	
9	Use the results of Annual Travel to School survey to ensure targets are achieved and to set new targets	Head + STP Coordinator Governors + Parents	January 2019	

<b>Objective 2 - Increase travel awareness amongst pupils</b>				
	Development Task	Lead Person	Target date	Progress/Update
1	Assembly/class talks on STP progress	Head	ongoing	
2	Plan sustainable travel activities and road safety education into relevant curriculum	Head + team	September 2013	
3	Include the school council / Eco committee in the School Travel Plan process	Head	January 2013	
4	Link travel plan activity to relevant educational award scheme/committee e.g. Ecoschools, Healthy school	Head + PE Coordinator	Ongoing	
5	Complete Annual Travel to School survey every year	Annually		
6	Use the results of Annual Travel to School survey to ensure targets are achieved and to set new targets	Annually		

<b>Objective 3 - Encourage walking</b>				
	Development Task	Lead Person	Target date	Progress/Update
1	Participate in Walk to School weeks and other 'green travel' campaigns	Head + STP Coordinator	Ongoing	
2	Lighting - review	Head + STP	October 2018	
3	Provide the pupils with personal safety training/skills	Head + parents	Ongoing	

<b>Objective 4 - Encourage cycling</b>				
	Development Task	Lead Person	Target date	Progress/Update
1	Assess adequacy of cycle storage facilities	Head	Sheds provided	Done



			with bikes	
2	Provide cycle training with support of Road Safety cycle training team	Y6 teacher/LEA	Summer 2019	Ongoing annually

**Objective 5 - Encourage sensible and safe car use**

	Development Task	Lead Person	Target date	Progress/Update
1	Promote car sharing	Head + parents	Ongoing	Ongoing
2	Promote and encourage safe parking near to the school	Head + parents	Ongoing	Ongoing
3	Liaise with Police to enforce parking restrictions outside the school	Head + parents	December 2018	Ongoing
4	Send regular reminders to parents regarding the parking restrictions outside the school and the alternatives available to them	Head	Annually	Ongoing

**Objective 6 - Improve safety on the school journey**

	Development Task	Lead Person	Target date	Progress/Update
1	Involve pupils in road safety campaigns e.g. designing signs at school entrances with appropriate messages, letters to parents and residents, bus operators	Head	Ongoing	

**Objective 7 - Other measures**

	Development Task	Lead Person	Target date	Progress/Update
1	Update the School Travel Plan every year, Set new targets and objectives when current ones have been achieved	Head + Governors	February 2013	Ongoing

2	Ensure the school travel group meets regularly and reports back to <i>Governor's</i> and the school.	Head + STP Team	March - annual	
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## **8. Consultation**

In the development of our school travel plan we have consulted with the following people and groups:

- Pupils
- Governors
- Road Safety, Borough of Telford & Wrekin

To develop, implement and monitor our School Travel Plan we have set up a working group, members include:

- Headteacher
- School Business Manager
- Governors

## **9. Targets**

The targets of this school travel plan are:-

By end of 2019

- ◆ To promote the decrease in the number of cars traveling to the school.
- ◆ To maintain the current level of pupils walking to school and encourage all pupils that live within 2 km of the schools to walk to school.
- ◆ To increase the percentage of pupils walking to and from school by 5% (based on last years figures).
- ◆ To increase the percentage of pupils cycling to and from school by 2%.
- ◆ Continue to provide cycle training to year 6 pupils.

## **10. Plans for evaluation, monitoring and review**

Newdale School and Nursery will monitor and review the travel plan annually through the School Travel Group.

School Travel Group will: -

- Hold regular meetings of the Travel Plan group and update the action plan.
- Report to the full Governing Body the progress of the plan.

- Provide regular updates through the Travel Newsletter/ School Newsletter to parents and relevant personnel in the community.
- Collect evidence of initiatives undertaken.

## **11. Commitment**

This agreement is an expression of commitment and good will on the part of the school, its community and Telford & Wrekin Council to achieve a positive outcome for the pupils of the school and the local community.

### Head Teacher

Print name Rachel Cook

Signature R Cook

Date 7.9.2018

### Chair of Governors

Print name Carole Williams

Signature C Williams

Date 9.9.2018

### STP Governor

Print name As above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_