

# School Travel Plan – 2014-16

## 1. What does the *School Travel Plan* aim to do?

The School Travel Plan aims to improve the safety, health and environment of the whole school community of Bramcote Hills.

In particular, it suggests improvements and changes to:

- **improve road and pedestrian safety** around local schools
- **reduce traffic congestion** near the schools and in the immediate neighbourhood
- promote **safe walking routes** to and from school
- **reduce car dependency** and encourage car sharing
- promote **safe parking and dropping-off** of children
- raise awareness of **road safety and school travel** issues among parents, children and the community

## 2. What has the School Travel Plan done so far?

Bramcote Hills Primary School has had a School Travel Plan since May 2003. It was fully reviewed in 2006, 2009 and 2014.

The Travel Plan has led to a number of major improvements and changes. For example:

- A Puffin Crossing on Thorsby Road
- A School Awareness Zone on Moor Lane with a statutory *No Waiting* area
- New footpaths and a pedestrian gate on the school site
- Pavement bollards on Moor Lane and Deans Croft
- Yellow no parking lines on Deans Croft, Arundel Drive and Seven Oaks Crescent
- A *Walking School Bus* running four times a week
- Accompanied cycling encouraged and increasing
- Improved secure cycle and scooter storage provided on site
- Lighting installed on the school drive
- Cycle Training offered to all children in Years 5 and 6
- Regular car sharing encouraged
- Closing the school drive to parents each day until 4.30pm

As well as these practical changes, more children now travel to school sustainably than ever before. Our most recent census shows 75% children travel sustainably to school on at least some days either walking, cycling, car sharing or using a bus.

## 3. Who is involved with the School Travel Plan?

The Travel Plan is monitored by the school's Eco Committee which includes parents, residents, governors, staff and children. We are committed to working in partnership with the County Council's Road Safety and Travel Awareness Team, the Highways Department and the local community to make the School Travel Plan a reality.

## 4. What actions are planned for 2014-16

The Travel Plan Steering Group proposes the following key priorities for the next few years.

### 4.1 Maintain and develop safe walking routes to school

This includes seeking funding to improve the woodland path to Oaklands and improving the lighting on the school drive.

### 4.2 Improve and extend cycle and scooter storage

We want to improve our facilities by roofing the cycle storage area and improving scooter parking.

### 4.3 Develop and promote *Walking School Bus*

We want to promote and increase our existing *Walking School Bus* from the Oaklands estate and seek opportunities to open other routes.

### 4.4 Encourage safe dropping-off zones away from Moor Lane

We want to discourage parking on Deans Croft, stop all cars from dropping off in the Red Zone, and run campaigns to increase awareness among parents of the best places to park

### 4.5 Maintain parent Parking Patrols

We want parents to share responsibility for monitoring safe and considerate parking and driving. We will continue to use *Inconsiderate Parking* warning in conjunction with the local police.

## **5. How will we know if we have been successful?**

Travel Plan has been successful so far.

Our most recent census showed 75% parents planned to travel sustainably on at least some days.

50% of upper junior children take part in cycle training

The new Travel Plan will have been successful if, by July 2016

5.1 The number of children regularly travelling to school sustainably is at least 70%

5.2 Cycle training has been undertaken by at least 50% upper juniors

5.3 The Walking School Bus is maintained and opportunities taken to extend the service further

5.4 Facilities for the safe storage of cycles and scooters has been improved.

## **6. Who will we consult about the Travel Plan?**

The Eco Committee will continue to consult with:

- School parents
- School staff
- Bramcote Hills Community Association
- Bramcote Community Action Team (CAT)
- Residents affected by any proposed changes

## **7. How will we evaluate the Travel Plan?**

The Eco Committee, through the governors' Pupils and Personnel Committee, will monitor the implementation of the School Travel Plan. This will include regular surveys of school travel habits.

The Travel Plan itself will be reviewed fully every three years.

The School Travel Plan will form part of the school's Eco Plan within the School Improvement Plan. As part of the school's on-going monitoring procedures, the school will provide updates or reports to:

- the governors' Pupils and Personnel Committee
- the school Parent Teacher Association Committee
- the Bramcote Hills Community Association and Bramcote Community Action Team, as required