

Littlehaven Infant School

**Hawkesbourne Road
Horsham, West Sussex
RH12 4EH**

School Travel Plan

2018

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Position: Deputy Headteacher

Introduction

Littlehaven Infant School is located to the North East of Horsham. It serves a relatively large area, bounded by the railway line to the north and west of the school, the main access roads to Horsham to the east and south, with a small area of houses on the north west of the level crossing on Rusper road.

Littlehaven has a total of 125 pupils and 24 staff, employed by the school.

Northolmes and Littlehaven Infant school are federated - there is approximately 350 metres between them.

Littlehaven School is situated on Hawkesbourne Road, which is a throughway, connecting Crawley Road and Lambs Farm Road. Northolmes is situated on a quieter residential area, off the Crawley Road.

Littlehaven School is the main feeder school for Northolmes. There are a total of 30 families with children at both schools.

The main congestion for both schools is at the end of the day: 3.10pm for Littlehaven and 3.30pm for Northolmes.

Objectives

The objectives of the School Travel Plan are in accordance with West Sussex County Council objectives, which follow guidance within the Local Transport Plan:

- To improve road safety
- To reduce car use
- To raise awareness of transport related environmental issues
- To raise awareness of health related reasons of reducing car use

Travel Plan Working Group

Helen Oakley – Parent and Chair of Governors

Mrs Emma Hodges – Parent and PTA

Mrs Sharon Gregory – Parent and PTA

Lucy Brearley – Parent and PTA

Marie Smailes – Deputy Headteacher

Julie Messenger – Class teacher and Governor

Existing situation

Both schools are committed to promoting the health and safety aspects of walking/cycling to school. The following activities or projects have already been undertaken:

- The parents and children at Littlehaven have participated in the 'Walk to School' initiatives.
- Within the curriculum and through the assembly programme the school covers topics such as: 'Stranger Danger', 'Keeping Safe' and 'Making choices'.
- Year 6 pupils at Northolmes take part in the cycling proficiency training.
- Northolmes have a cycling policy which states that children can cycle to school with their parents.

- Both schools receive regular parental complaints about the inconsideration of car users and other parents' parking. Littlehaven receive some complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate/dangerous parking by parents.

Research

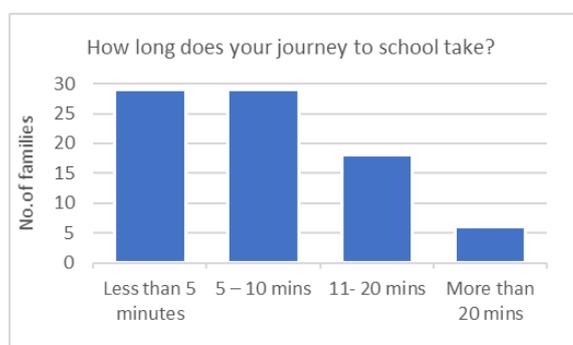
A survey was carried out, seeking information about travel habits and the views of parents, children and members of staff

The results have been analysed and reviewed by the working party. A summary is provided below.

TRAVEL QUESTIONNAIRE - LITTLEHAVEN INFANT SCHOOL November 2017 (Responses from 82 families)

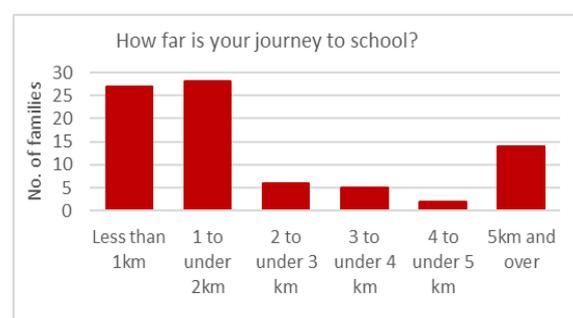
1. How long does your journey to school take?

Less than 5 minutes	29
5 - 10 mins	29
11- 20 mins	18
More than 20 mins	6



2. How far is your journey to the school?

Less than 1km	27
1 to under 2km	28
2 to under 3 km	6
3 to under 4 km	5
4 to under 5 km	2
5km and over	14



3. How do you normally travel to and from school?

TO SCHOOL*		FROM SCHOOL*	
Bicycle	9	Bicycle	11
Bus/coach	0	Bus/coach	0
Car	40	Car	38
Train	0	Train	0
Walk all the way	41	Walk all the way	41
Taxi	1	Taxi	1
Park n' Stride	3	Park n' Stride	3
Car Share	0	Car Share	0
Other	3	Other	3

* 13 parents ticked more than one option giving the disparity in the number of responses

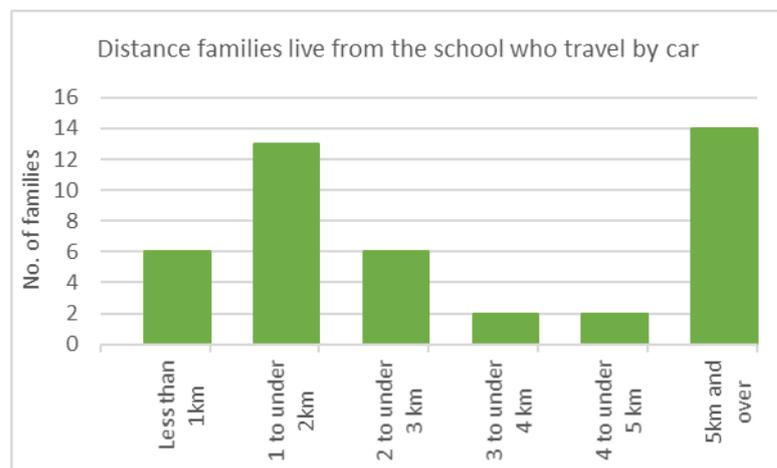
4. If you could choose, how would you like to travel to and from school?

On foot*	67
By bus	2
Given a lift	2
By bicycle*	5
By train	0
No answer	6
Car (not given as an option!)	2

* 2 parents ticked on foot and by bicycle

5. If you drive to and from school, are there any improvements that could be made which would encourage you to travel sustainably instead?

Have to drive because of distance live from school and work commitments	3
Have to drive as go straight to work/pick up straight from work	5
Have to drive because of distance live from the school	6
Zebra crossing or crossing patrol on Rusper Road	3
Safer crossing or lolly pop person on Hawkesbourne Road	1
Cycle lanes on roads	1
More frequent and cost effective bus service/public transport	3
Clear pathways (overgrown/cars parked on them) to allow use of mobility scooter	1
Cycle racks for adult bikes	1



* families include those who travel by car and park and stride

6. Are there any improvements that could be made to make dropping off/picking up your child safer?

Enforce road safety outside the school - no parking on yellow lines/junctions/zig zag lines 15

Traffic patrol outside the school to reinforce traffic safety

1

More double yellow lines one side of the road

1

Reduce the number of cars that park on the road outside

7

Parking facilities

2

A proper crossing place outside the school

1

Less cars parked by entrance

2

People not parking over the pathed areas/crossing places

1

Lolly pop person on Lambs Farm Road

1

Safer crossing on Rusper Road

1

Slow cars down/10-20mph speed limit

6

More restricted parking either side of the school e.g. disabled parking

1

Feel school does a good job of safety and parking is OK/think it's quite safe

2

Route Safety for both Schools

Looking at 'Route Safety' for both schools, it would suggest that a significant number of routes have a particular danger spot. There appeared a number of key locations that were frequently mentioned as danger areas for both walking and cycling. These areas need to be focussed on in the action plan.

Location	Problem
Lambs Farm Road	Crossing this road
The junction of Hawkesbourne Rd/Manor Rd/Littlehaven Lane	Crossing this road & junction
Rusper Rd	Crossing this road
The level crossing at Littlehaven Station	Gates closing
The roads outside the school	Traffic congestion - crossing
Crawley Rd	Traffic - amount and speed

Action Plan: Summary of School problems and possible solutions

See photos in Appendix 1

Issue	Solution	Actions
Parents parking on corners, zig zag lines and over neighbour's driveways.	School raising profile of safe parking with both parents and children. Yellow zig zags have deteriorated and need repainting. TEOs need to enforce parking restrictions	Newsletter update PTA/Parent communication Children (termly) update West Sussex West Sussex
Parents and others using the school's driveway to turn round.	A notice to warn drivers of the danger to children.	Signage
Road user's awareness of children coming out between cars as there is no crossing point There are a couple of places to cross but they don't match up on both sides of the road. We need them to match, have a dropped curb for buggies and the elderly and have a white line over them to keep them clear of cars.	Notice to parents through PTA/Parent communication Crossing point needed	PTA/Parent communication West Sussex
Speed of cars as Hawkesbourne road is used as a through road	Reduce speed signage or electronic speed display signs (like happy/sad faces).	West Sussex
Tripping hazards on pavements where tree roots have dislodged tarmac	Pavements need resurfacing	West Sussex
A crossing point is needed on Lambs Farm road for both our school and Robert Southwell	Crossing point by the shops	West Sussex

Futures plans at the school

We do not have any immediate plans for changes to either school in terms of access to the school site, changes to catchment, or any building work in the local vicinity.

Monitoring

The Working Party will be responsible for monitoring and reporting on the progress of the Travel Plan. The action plans will be reviewed termly and reported to the Governing Bodies. The surveys will be repeated annually to measure progress towards the overall aims.

This plan will be reviewed every year.

In March 2015 a representative from West Sussex reviewed the safety marking outside the school to ensure they were up-to-date and fit for purpose. The road markings and signs passed the inspection at this time.

Initiatives and Promotions of Sustainable Transport.

The travel plan is promoted to parents and the wider school community through newsletters, parent forums, notice boards and on the school web site.

Working with Others

Littlehaven is linked to Northolmes Junior school with the federation. 30 families have children at both schools.

Jack and Jill (a before and after school provider and pre-school) is situated in both school's grounds. Children attend this club from 7.00am to 6pm during school term and school holidays.

Littlehaven and Northolmes are used by the local community as a polling station.

School Trips and Extended School Activities

School trips and weekly swimming are managed by arranging for the coach to park in Hawkesbourne Road .

Monitoring

Julie Messenger and Helen Oakley will be monitoring the plan.

Reviews will be carried out annually which are fed back to WSCC via the Safer Routes to School Team at srts.team@westsussex.gov.uk

Authorised on behalf of the school

Headteacher	Sharon Anderson
Chair of Governors	Helen Oakley
Travel Plan Lead	Julie Messenger

Appendix 1



A crossing point is needed where dropped curb crossing points match on both sides and a white line is used to stop cars parking in front of them.



Tree roots are causing a hazard to walkers and scooters.



The yellow lines on the corners of the roads are still clear and don't need repainting.