



Basildon CE Primary School

'School Travel Plan' Update - February 2013

OBJECTIVES

The School Travel Plan (March 2005) sets out the objectives and targets for Basildon CE Primary School. The ultimate aim of the Travel plan is to address the health & safety, congestion and environmental problems arising from car travel to school our objectives are:

- (i) reduce the number of car trips made to and from school;
- (ii) reduce the number of cars coming onto our campus thus making it more 'pedestrian' friendly;
- (iii) encourage more children to walk to school;
- (iv) improve pupils' safety on their journey to and from school;
- (v) reduce congestion associated with school travel in order to improve health, the environment and safety in and around the school site; and
- (vi) support the development of pupils who have a respect for themselves, each other and the environment and the community around them.

The vast majority of cars park on the Aldworth Road, with parents walking into school. The use of this road has some traffic calming effects and is manageable. The issues are that spaces are limited and overspill into School Lane and Beckfords takes place and illegal parking on Yellow lines is rampant causing anger with parents who follow the rules and major safety issues.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Today it is estimated that there are 100 families with cars and that 34% children walk to school and that 63% travel by car with 18% of children car sharing and 15% using Park and Stride.

Over the last 10 years a number of successful actions have been taken to improve the situation:

- Go kinetic has been successful when operated as have bike to school weeks.
- Traffic management has been improved with the introduction in 2010 of new yellow lines around the school enabling the enforcement of illegal parking around the school reducing the number of cars on Beckfords and School Lane. However, there are infringements on a daily basis, especially at the school lane/Aldworth Road junction.
- Walk to school and Park and Stride schemes have had some success but not been sustainable due to the lack of consistent parental support to staff the buses. Issues of risk with no footpaths have also limited the long term use of these schemes as does the winter months with dark mornings and inclement weather. Currently between 7 and 10 cars park in Beckfords.
- Alternative parking options at the Church, Village Hall and in Emery Acres have helped though again they are not sustained. On average 5 cars a day uses these areas.
- The introduction of Number Risers and Basildon Extra pre-and post-school clubs have spread the school run out from 8:45am and 3:30pm to 8:00am and 6:00pm. This alone has taken on average 15 cars out of the normal school run.

For further details please see travel survey April 2012 at the end of this document.

A STEP CHANGE NEEDED

The catalyst for this effort is the expansion of the school in 2013.

An additional class is to be build making room for 6 classes. In addition the cohort or per year intake will increase from 19 to 22 pupils for each of the 7 year groups, (its currently just years 3,4,5,6), this will allow the school to grow from the current 137 to 154 pupils in total. Furthermore, there operates on site a full-time pre-school of 26 children which is currently oversubscribed, (it was part-time until 2010). What this means is that the total number of pupils will grow to 180 children on site; an increase of 100% in 10 years or 15% between April 2012 and 2014.

ACTION PLAN

To reduce by 15% the number of children travelling to school by car between April 2013 and 2014 by exploring the following actions:

• Improve Communication

- a. Governors to produce newsletters and an on car windscreen flyer to explain dangers and enforcement. – School/WBC/POLICE
- b. HT/Governors update/inform new parents of alternative parking areas around the school, (Red Lion, Emery Acres, Village Hall, Church) at July induction meeting; prospectus, website. – SCHOOL
- c. HT/Governors to stress/implement that parents leave their KS2 pupils at the school gates rather than in school; School gates will be staffed. Funded by School. – SCHOOL

• Improve walk to school options

- a. Paid for Walking Bus from the Red Lion starting May 2013 until the end of term during the construction period, funded by WBC. This will be staffed by school staff on pay-roll. If this is successful will look for a permanent funding solution. – WBC/SCHOOL
- b. New Risk Assessment for Red Lion to School walking bus route. - WBC
- c. Encourage the Park and Stride from Emery Acres by improving the footpath (number 5), from Emery Acres into the back of the school with the use of scalping's (as used on at the Bethesda Street end of the same path). The current path is not usable for large parts of the winter due to being so muddy. Funded by Parish Council. – SCHOOL/PC
- d. Implement Go Kinetic or similar, walk to school and Bike week programme; with school incentive/reward system - SCHOOL/WBC
- e. Approach School Association for Funding for Bike Racks and Shelter. SCHOOL/BSA

• Improve enforcement

- a. Police to enforce current parking restrictions around the school as these are being flouted daily. - POLICE
- b. Expansion of yellow lines into school gate area and investigate expansion down Beckfords (see c below) and Aldworth Road curbing to aid safer parking – WBC
- c. Implement Car free zone along School Lane and Beckfords to enable park and stride and walking bus improve situation for local residents. - WBC
- d. Collate photographic evidence of illegal parking for the police/wbc - SCHOOL
- e. From May 2013 all Year 6 pupils must Walk and Stride from Red Lion. - SCHOOL
- f. Traffic speed indicator for Aldworth Road – East downhill towards Red Lion. - WBC

FUNDING

Item	Estimated Investment
Walking Bus	£11700
Bike Shelter	£2500
Emery Acres Footpath improvement	TBA
School Gate Staffing	£7020
Communications	£100
Expansion of Yellow Lines/Traffic Speed Indicator / Curbing / residential only Beckfords	TBA

FUNDING NOTES

- Walking bus calculated at 1.5 hrs per morning and evening for 2 staff over 39 weeks at an inflated salary £20 p.h. inc on costs to attract staff.
- Bike Shelter is an inflated quote received a few months back by BSA – they are still intending to complete this project.
- School gate staffing at 45 min per morning and evening for 2 staff over 39 weeks at £12 p.h. - a max lunchtime playleader equivalent salary plus on costs.

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COMMENTS ON THE PLAN

In Class West Berkshire Annual School Travel Survey April 2012

The results are expressed as a percentage and the actual number of pupils. This information can now be used to feed into your school travel plan review.

School Basildon Month of Survey April

Number of Pupils in class today: 121

Number of pupils on the register for the class: 124

1. How do you usually travel to school?

Walk / Scooter	41	33.9%	Car	76	62.8%
Cycle	4	3.3%	Taxi	0	0%
Bus	0	0%	Train	0	0%

2. How do you usually travel home from school?

Walk / Scooter	40	33.1%	Car	76	62.8%
Cycle	5	4.1%	Taxi	0	0%
Bus	0	0%	Train	0	0%

3. If you travel by car or go home by car, hands up if you share the car with another child who is not your brother or sister.

Car Share 22 18.2%

4. Hands up if you use:

'Park and Stride' 18 14.9% Go Kinetic 0 0%
 (where you park away from school and walk the rest of the way)

5. Hands up if you...

Have a bicycle	109	90.1%
Have a helmet	97	80.2%
Use your bicycle more than once a week	52	43.0%

6. If you had the choice, how would you like to travel to and from school?

Walk / Scooter	27	22.3%	Come by car	10	8.3%
Walking Bus	18	14.9%	Park and Stride	0	0%
Cycle	62	51.2%	By train	3	2.5%
By Bus	0	0%			