

TRAVEL PLAN for ST ANN'S HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Travel planning policy

Management of transport generated by developments is included within national, regional and local policy. The National Planning Policy Framework states that all developments which generate significant amounts of movement should be required to provide a travel plan. The [National Planning Practice Guidance](#), published in March 2014, further reinforces the importance of travel plans in the planning context.

This travel plan supports the practical implementation of Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 objectives (LTP3).

Part one – information about the school

School expansion

We are expanding from having 2 to 3 classes in each of years 3 to 6; from approximately 240 on roll to 360 pupils by September 2017. As of Sept 2015 we have three form entry in Years 3 and 4, with an additional class due next year and one the following for Years 5 and 6.

During June, July and August a building project was undertaken in order to provide 4 additional classrooms to the west of the main building, and significantly improved access to the school site, creating an 'in and out' arrangement with a one way system intended to reduce congestion. An additional cycle shelter was also installed for 20 cycles.

This was completed successfully for the start of the autumn term and the only remaining works to be carried out (during November 2015) are improving our perimeter fencing and site security.

School location

St Ann's Heath School is situated on Sandhills Lane, the main road from Thorpe to Virginia Water; this is a rural area with little housing around it or within easy walking distance. The school has vehicle access and a separate pedestrian gate.

Sandhills Lane is an extremely busy road, as is Trumps Green Road, which leads to the closest area of housing to the school from which children come. In addition, through traffic is en route to the M3 and A30.

The school has quite an extensive catchment area with its feeder schools being Trumps Green Infants, Meadowcroft, Chertsey, and Christchurch, Virginia Water. Other pupils come from Valley End, Englefield Green Infants; and in the past Thorpe Infants and Lyne and Longcross Infants but with their expansion this is expected to stop as pupils will stay at their respective schools.

The nearest town to the school is Virginia Water, approximately half a mile from the school with a range of shops and amenities.



Existing transport links

The school is located on a main road and there are no controlled crossings directly outside of the school. The nearest crossing is located west of the entrance at the Stroude Road, Trumps Green Road crossroads. There are only pavements on the school side of the road for around 100m in the direction of Thorpe Green.

The school does not have a School Crossing Patrol. However, we operate a 'kiss and drop' system within the school grounds between 8.20 and 8.50am.

The school does not have a school coach but is served by public buses 556/567; these routes run from Staines, Egham, Thorpe, /Stroude and Virginia Water the nearest bus stops are approximately a 5 minute walk east and west of the school. The times are not convenient for school drop off and pick up.

The nearest train station is Virginia Water this is located 0.4 of a mile from the school and is approximately a 10 minute walk; it does not serve the area that the pupils live in.

The school is not situated near a cycle route; the only route serving the school is from Stroude Road using Sandy Lane; this is an off road route.

Sustainable travel initiatives

Children in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to do Bikeability 1 and 2 training, and a small number cycle to school.

Several years ago the school tried to do a walking bus from the Trumps Green shops, and also provide car parking permits for a car park near the Virginia Water parade, to encourage park and stride. Neither had a significant uptake.

The majority of parents drop off in the morning in the school's kiss and drop this is located on the school's land directly outside of the building, however, this works less well in the afternoon pick up as parents park in the visitors area in order to wait for pupils to come out of class. The entrance to the school has been significantly improved as part of the expansion project, with a designated IN and OUT, and parents also park on this one way system at pick up time.

The school is currently implementing a number of initiatives to tackle travel issues; they participate in the annual Golden Boot Challenge (although they did not in 2014 and 2015 but will be in 2016); they are also a Healthy school and a Bronze level Eco-school working towards their silver award. Car sharing is currently not promoted through the school, but runs unofficially amongst parents.

The school participate in the following Road Safety programmes

Year 3 and 4- Pedestrian Training. Year 5 and 6 - Bikeability Level 1 and 2.

We maintain a relationship with the local community police officers who periodically patrol in the area around the school entrance. We also meet to discuss road safety issues and how best to work together to bring about improvements.

In newsletters parents are regularly asked to drive and park with consideration.

School population (as of September 7th, 2015)

No. of pupils	Actual numbers: 290. Capacity 360.
No. of staff	Full time: 21. Part time:18
Are there any pupils with specific travel requirements? Please include details here (ie number of pupils and type of travel requirement).	2 pupils travel to school by taxi.

On-site facilities

No. of car parking spaces	52 + 2 disabled bays
No. of cycle storage spaces	There are two covered cycle shelter on site that enables 40 cycles to be parked.
No. of micro-scooter storage spaces	Currently there are no specific scooter pods, there are currently a very small number of pupils that scooter to school and they chain the scooters to a bike space.
Details of any facilities which encourage walking or cycling, for example, lockers, shelters, drying areas etc.	The school do not have a designated covered walkway for parents to stand whilst waiting for pupils, some wait inside the reception area at the school, others under the sail classrooms in the playground. Staff have lockers for their belongings, however there are no showers or drying areas.

How pupils and staff currently travel to school

Date of survey: Tue 15th September 2015

Means of transport	Number of pupils	Percentage	Number of staff	Percentage
Walk	21	7		
Cycle	3	1		
Microscooter	1	0.3		
Park 'n' Stride	36	12		
Car share*	20	7		
Car passenger (get a lift)	197	69	2	6
Car driver (on their own)			32	94
Train	1	0.3		
Taxi	4	1.5		
Public Bus	0	0		
School Bus	0	0		
Other				
Total no. of respondents	283	97	34	100%

* NB – car sharing means travelling in the car with people who live at a different address to you.

Student response rate: ...97 Staff response rate: ...87

Journey origins and maximum sustainable travel potential

Pupils

Distances from school	Percentage of current pupils	Potential mode of travel
within 1km of school	44 / 15%	Walk, scooter or cycle
within 1km-2km	66 / 23%	cycle
over 2km	180 / 62%	car share/public transport

Staff

Distances from school	Percentage of current staff	Potential mode of travel
within 1km of school	3 / 7.5%	walk or cycle
within 1km-2km	2 / 5%	cycle
over 2km	35 / 87.5%	car share/public transport

Travel issues

No.	Issues
1	Inconsiderate parking by parents in and around the school have caused complaints from residents about blocked driveways and parking on pavements
2	Extremely busy roads, with congestion occurring outside of the school at times (backing up for nearby traffic lights) regardless of school traffic. Then made worse by parents arriving at start and end of school day. This has a negative impact on cycling to school because of heavy traffic.
3	Narrow (or no) pavements in key locations for potential walkers mean that pedestrians have to walk closely alongside busy traffic or cross major roads with no lit crossing or pedestrian island.
4	Heavy goods vehicles using Sandhills Lane to access A30/ M3 combined with narrow pavements can make pedestrians feel unsafe

Part two – what we are aiming to achieve

Travel plan objectives

No.	Objectives	Related issue
1	Increase sustainable travel including car share and park and stride/cycle	1 and 2
2	Reduce complaints from local residents about inconsiderate	1

	parking	
3	Undertake pedestrian training and bikeability training for all pupils	3 and 4

Targets

No.	Targets	Related objective
1	All pupils to be offered pedestrian training or Bikeability before July 2016	3
2	Reduce complaints by local residents by 50% before October 2016	2
3	Increase sustainable travel of pupil by 10% before October 2016	1
4	Decrease staff single occupancy car use by 7.5% before October 2016	1

Measures to be implemented

Measures	Completion date	To be undertaken by:	Related target
Promote and support car sharing through an informal data base	Oct 2016	Maggie Masterman	3
Pedestrian training to be offered to Years 3 and 4 all and delivered annually	Jul 2016	Maggie Masterman	1
Investigate delivering Park Smart initiative	Feb 2016	Graham Bollands	2
Participate in Golden Boot Challenge on annual basis	Register by May and participate Jun 2016	Graham Bollands	3
Undertake Bikeability training for year 5 and 6 to be delivered annually	July 2016	Maggie Masterman	1
To contact Runnymede BC parking enforcement team to discuss regular visits by an officer	Jan 2016	Graham Bollands	2
Promote car sharing and the Cycle to Work Scheme to Staff in meetings and through posters.	October 2016	Graham Bollands	4

Remedial measures

Allocate more staff time to implementing travel plan effectively.
 Contact Surrey CC's sustainable travel team to investigate further initiatives for sustainable travel

Monitoring

A monitoring report will be submitted to Surrey County Council on an annual basis and will contain the results of hands-up surveys for pupils and staff. The next Monitoring report is due October 2016.

School details

School address	St Ann's Heath Junior School Sandhills Lane, Virginia Water, Surrey, GU25 4DS
Student age range	7-11
No. on roll	As of Sept 2015- 290
School DCSF number	936/ 2468
School opening times	8.50am - 3.10pm
Pre- and after- school clubs	Wed, Thu and Fri before school clubs from 7.45am. Every week day- after school childcare until 6.00pm