

**Whitnash Primary School**

'Learning, growing and succeeding together'

# **Sustainable School Travel Statement/Strategy**



## **Aims and Objectives for the Sustainable School Travel Statement/Strategy for Whitnash Primary School**

This Sustainable Travel Statement/Strategy has been written to outline Whitnash Primary's commitment to promoting sustainable transport/travel to school. The school's Travel Statement and accompanying travel action plan aim to encourage the use of more sustainable forms of transport and reduce the number of car journeys as far as possible to our school site.

### **Our Sustainable School Travel Strategy/Statement has the following overarching aims:**

- ✓ Improve the quality of the local environment, by reducing carbon emissions
- ✓ associated with school travel, improve air quality and reduce local congestion
- ✓ Reduce child casualties and improve road sense for children and young people
- ✓ To widen choice by improving accessibility to educational establishments and activities by sustainable travel modes
- ✓ To improve the physical and mental health of children
- ✓ Contribute to improving educational achievement and attendance
- ✓ To improve children's health and well-being

### **Objectives and Key Actions**

The more specific objectives and actions of this strategy are:

#### **Accessibility:**

- ✓ To improve accessibility to school.
- ✓ Increase travel choice availability and flexibility for our children.
- ✓ Promote the most cost-effective concessionary travel options for our families.

The accessibility objectives will be achieved by:

- Upgrading of our current bike racks to enable and encourage a greater number of pupils to ride their bikes to school. This will be achieved through liaison with the local authority and the pending car park design.
- Continuing our commitment and involvement with the Warwickshire Safer Schools Programme.
- Installing 2 electric charging points to encourage visitor and staff use of sustainable and environmentally friendly travel.

#### **Safety**

- ✓ Improve road safety by providing an appropriate level of road safety and cycle training/awareness for our children.
- ✓ Continue to work with the local authority to implement infrastructure and design measures to improve road safety, Inc. the school car park.

**The safety objectives will be achieved by:**

- Raising parental awareness of safe and active travel and safe parking through the school communications e.g. emails, letters, Facebook, website and newsletters.
- Providing Bikeability Training for Upper Key Stage 2 children to encourage and support the safe use of bikes for school journeys.
- Raising pupil awareness of road safety and walking to school e.g. through assemblies, Walk to School campaigns, school displays, curriculum focus weeks and the wider PSHE curriculum.
- Continuing to participate as a school in the 'Be Safe Be Seen' and the WCC 'Car Idling' and 'Walk to School' campaigns to promote safe behaviours when walking in the dark.
- Identifying and raise the profile of environmental sustainability through the wider school improvement plan e.g. ensure environmental sustainability is identified in the main school improvement plan.
- Ensuring active travel promoted in school prospectus.

## Health

- ✓ Promote and encourage physically active and sustainable modes of travel such as walking and cycling.

### **The health objectives will be achieved by:**

- Continuing to participate as a school in the 'Be Safe Be Seen' and the WCC 'Car Idling' and 'Walk to School' campaigns to promote safe behaviours when walking in the dark.
- Participation in the healthy school's week.
- Raising pupil awareness of healthy life styles and walking to school e.g. through assemblies, Walk to School campaigns, school displays, curriculum focus weeks and the wider PSHE curriculum.

## Environment

- ✓ Promote the use of sustainable transport modes to help reduce congestion and improve air quality within the environment.
- ✓ Continue to work with the local authority to implement sustainable travel options to our school site.

### **The environment objectives will be achieved by:**

- Encouraging the use of bikes and scooters as an alternative mode of transport to school /
- Providing electric car facilities within the school car park development plans.
- Encouraging the use of Staff Car Sharing.
- Participation in the national 'Clean Air Day' to raise environmental awareness.
- Participation in a school Environmental Fortnight.
- Implementing a school Eco School and ensuring sustainable travel is a significant part of the school action plan.

## Education

- ✓ Educate and inform parents, children and teachers about sustainable transport options and safety issues.

### **The education objectives will be achieved by:**

- Engaging children in the wider PSHE curriculum
- Participation in the curriculum Safety Week
- Participation in the Healthy School Week
- Participation in the Road Safety Week

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