



School Travel Plan

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Birchwood Primary School

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School Particulars

School Name	Birchwood Primary School
School Type	Academy Convertor – Community Academies Trust
School Reference Number	937/2619
School Senior Leadership Team	Mr Neil Coleman – Headteacher Mrs Day – Assistant Headteacher Michael Potts – Chair of Governors
Age Range	4yrs – 11yrs
Pupil Figures	443 Pupils (2021)
Opening Times (Including community use)	Morning: Gates open at 8:30 and close at 8:40 Afternoon: Gates open at 3:05 A before-school club operates between 8:00 and 8:30 An after-school club operates between 3:00 and 5:45
Staffing	There are 42 staff working at the school on a full time and part time basis.
Ward Councillor	Cllr. Andrew Wright Ward Name: Baddesley and Dordon
Public Health Air Quality School?	No

An Introduction to your School Travel Plan

Warwickshire County Council has actively consulted with parents, the school community, and other agencies when writing the School Travel Plan. A steering group of representatives of staff, students, parents, governors, local organisations, and agencies will work together to shape the plan going forward.

The purpose of this Travel Plan is to identify opportunities for the effective promotion and delivery of safe, and active travel initiatives. This Travel Plan is written by Warwickshire County Councils Road Safety Education Team and does not fulfil all requirements for planning applications. The Travel Plan will complement future Travel Plans required for approval by the Planning Authority as a condition of a planning permission.

Road Safety Education, Current Activities & Training

Every Safe and Active School is supported by an experienced and dedicated Road Safety Officer, who liaises with the Headteacher, teachers and the school office, delivering the road safety education workshops and supporting School Champions to help make a difference and encourage safe and active travel in their school.

For more information on Road Safety Education and the Safe and Active Travel programme, visit our website [here](#).

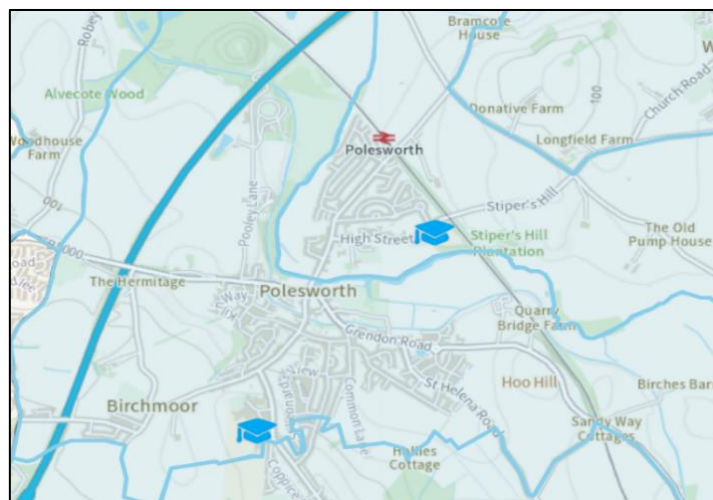
Current Active Travel Initiatives

The school is taking part several initiatives to help reduce traffic congestion outside the school entrance and encourage sustainable and safe travel. These are –

- Safe and Active Travel Awards Scheme
- [Birchwood Road Safety Council](#)
- Glow Day 2020 – This initiative was designed to share awareness around the key Road Safety message 'Be Bright, Be Seen'.

Site Details and Current Transport Arrangements

Catchment Map



Walking (Including Pedestrian Access)

The nearest road to the school, Dordon Ave has a speed limit of 30mph.

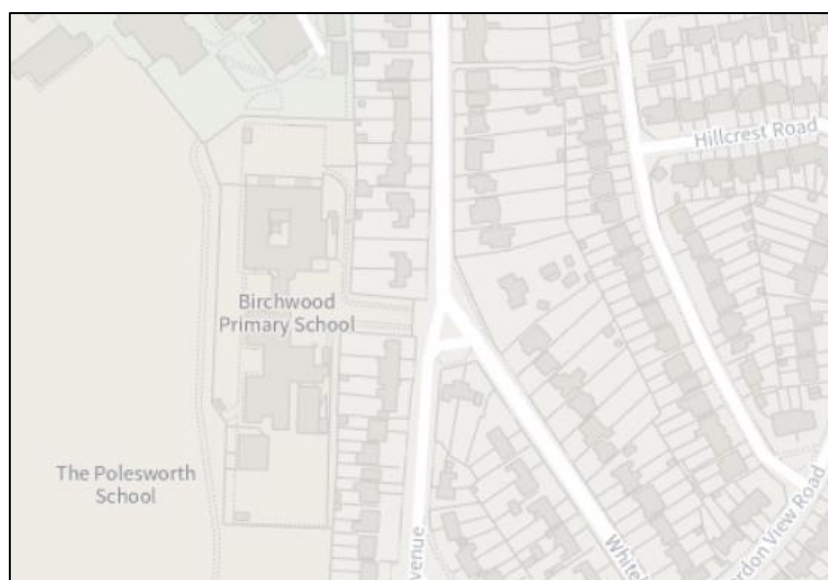
The school has 4 pedestrian entrances and 1 for vehicles.

There is a footpath surrounding the school. The footpaths are not shared walk and cycle ways. The footpath is lit.

The nearest crossing point to the school is tactile paving.



Pedestrian Crossing Location Map (correct at publication)



Park and Stride Provision

Currently local organisations or the local district authority do not have an agreement in place.

Cycling and Scooting

- There is no dedicated cycle infrastructure near the school.
- There is no pupil cycle storage at the school.
- There is no staff cycle storage at the school.

Bus Travel (School and Public Services)

Birchwood Primary School is served by public bus numbers: 65, 766, 767, 785 and 786.

- The number 65 timetable is [here](#) – (correct at publication)
- The number 766 / 767 timetable is [here](#) – (correct at publication)
- The number 785 / 786 timetable is [here](#) – (correct at publication)

The nearest bus stop to the school is a bus stop flag. The timetable at the stop did not have a date showing when it was last updated. The bus stop is lit.

Rail Travel

Polesworth Railway Station is approximately 1.6 miles away.

Cars (Including EVs)

Parking around the school mainly takes place in the following streets:

- Dordon Road
- Whitehouse Road

There are no dedicated parking spaces for residents which are managed by a Permit system.

Staff Parking and Car Sharing Schemes

The school has a total of 30 car parking spaces, this includes 1 accessible parking space. It does have a gate and is lit and is not covered by CCTV. There is not space for a school minibus. There are no charging points for electric vehicles.

Currently there is not a Staff only Car Share scheme.

Visitors arriving by car should park on the roads. When parking they should be considerate of our neighbours.

Existing Safety Infrastructure

The following measures are in place to assist in safe travel to the school:

- Tactile paving
- Bollards to prevent parking on junctions by the school
- Dropped kerbs
- Yellow marked Keep Clear markings
- Traffic calming



Bollards to prevent parking on junction



Yellow zigzag/keep clear markings

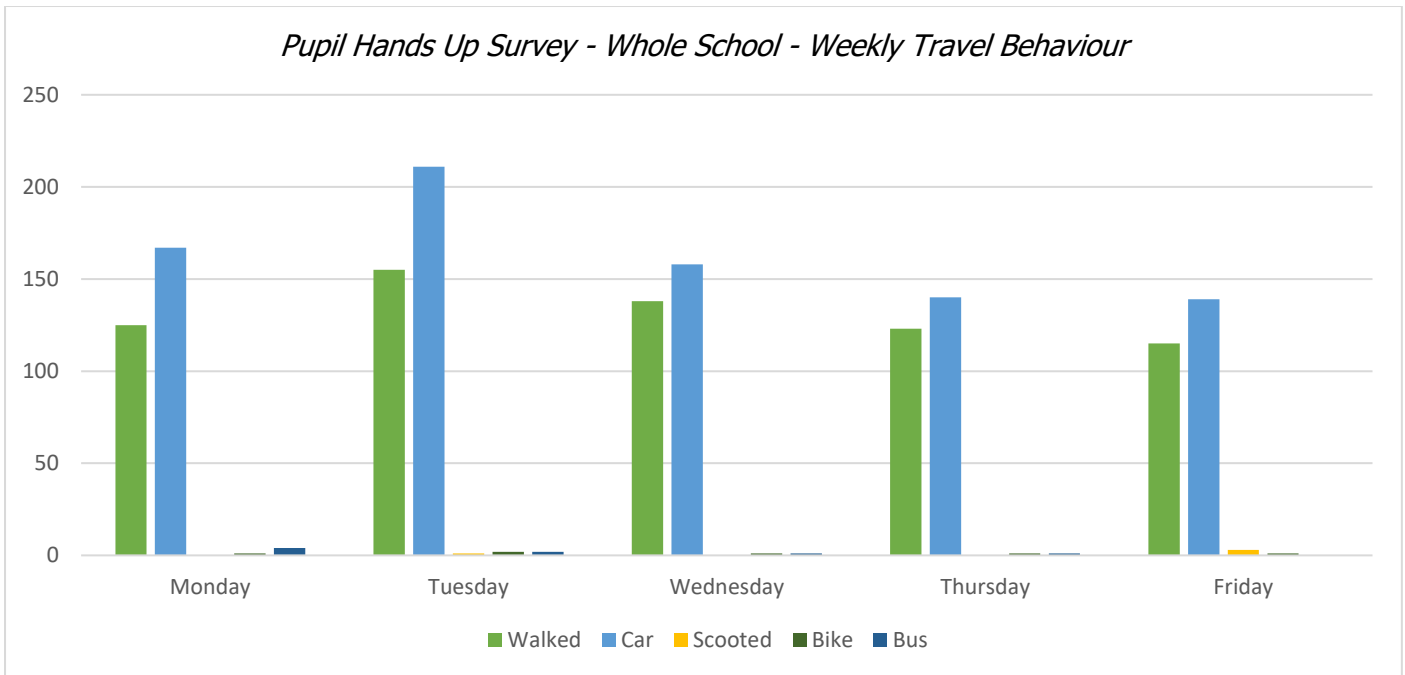
Logistics Arrangements

- All deliveries aim to avoid the school run

Survey Headlines

Pupil Hands Up Survey – Mode of Transport to School – Whole School

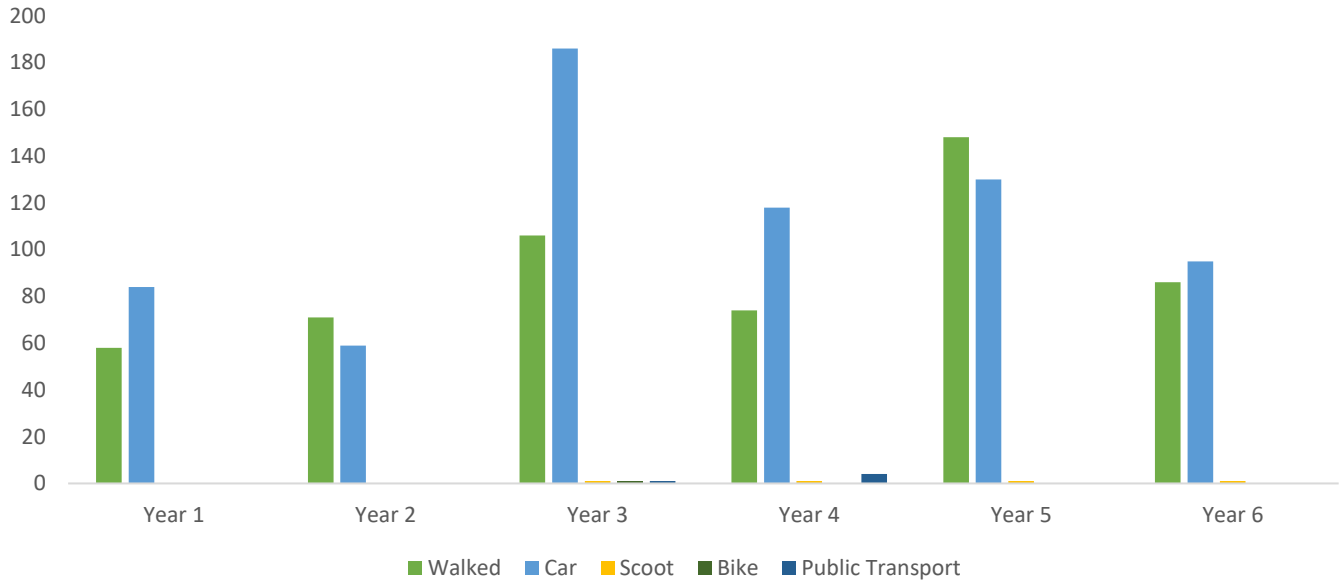
The below survey data will form a baseline for future analysis of the schools Safe and Active Travel progress.



Pupils at Birchwood Primary were surveyed with the 'hands up' method, whereby students were asked to raise their hands when the teacher read out the mode of transport that they took to school on that day. The graph above highlights that arrival to school by car consistently receives the highest proportion of journeys throughout the week. Walking is the second most favoured method, with scooting cycling and the bus accounting for approximately 1% of all journeys recorded in the week the survey was completed.

Pupil Hands Up Survey – Mode of Transport – Year Group Breakdown

Pupils Hands Up Survey - Total Weekly Number - Mode of Transport - Year Group Breakdown

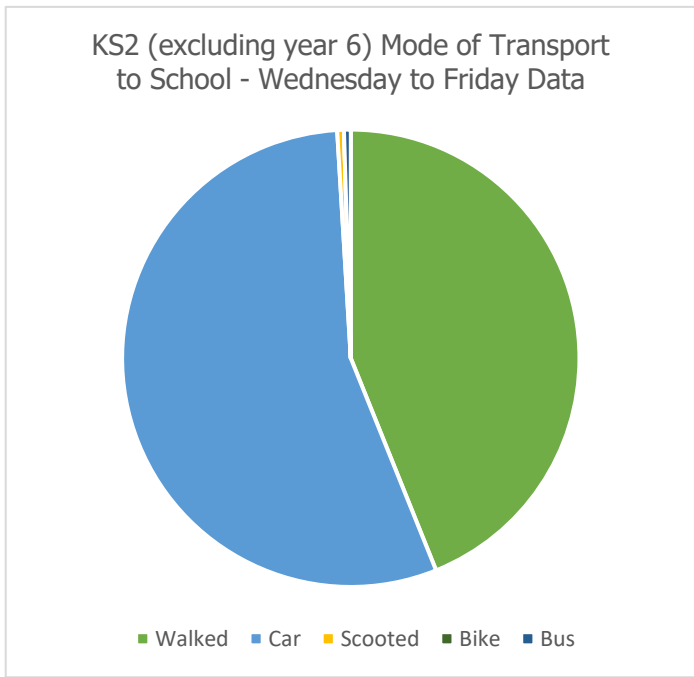
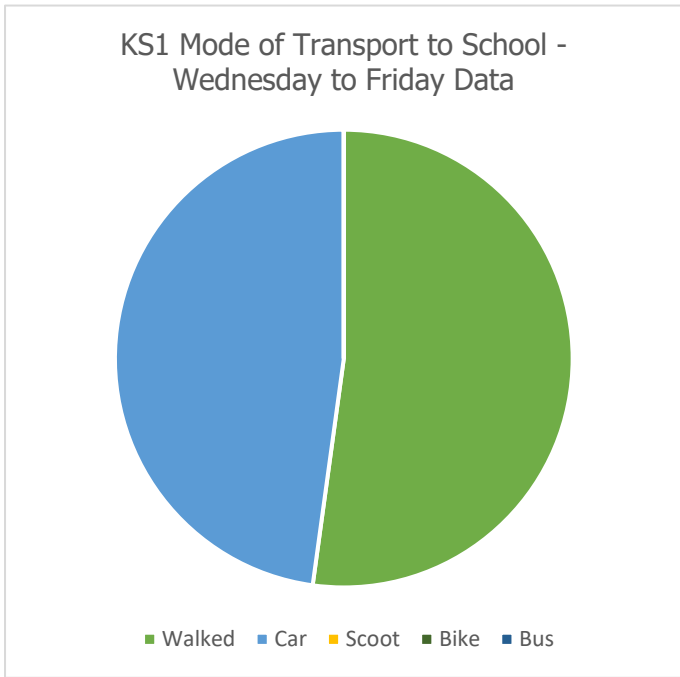


The above graph indicates that across all year groups at Birchwood, the main modes of transport that students take are either in a car, or by foot. Notably, within KS1 there were no students who arrive at school by bike, scooter, or public transport. Similarly, there were very few students in KS2 who cycled or scooted to school.

Pupil Hands Up Survey – Mode of Transport – Key Stage Group Breakdown

A breakdown of key stage travel behaviour can be found in the charts below. Due to unforeseen issues with data collection, the below graphs are indicative of only three days within the school week: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Year 6 data was unfortunately omitted from the below analysis due to unforeseen complications. Data from key stage 1 (KS1) students highlights a greater proportion of journeys were made without a car to school. With 52% of journeys made by modes other than the car.

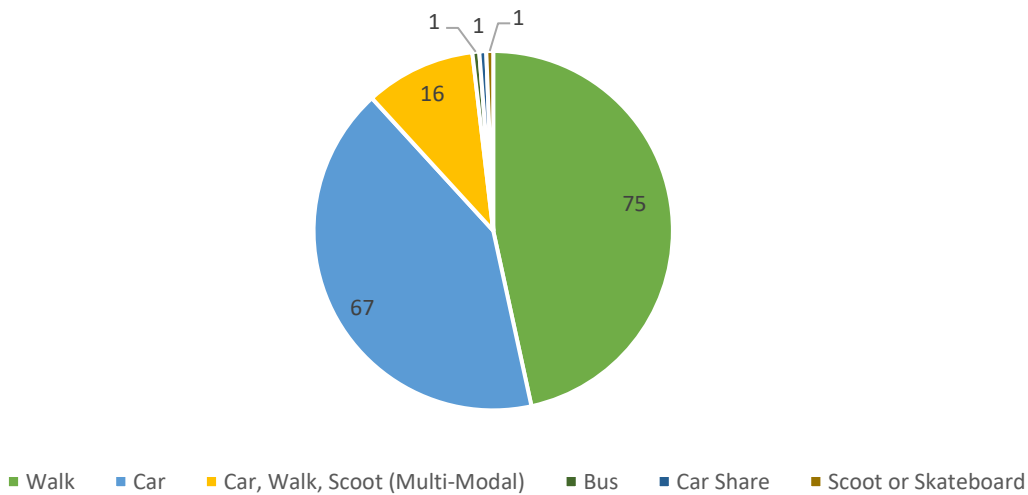
Conversely, approximately 45% of key stage 2 (KS2) students arrived at school by methods other than a car. Car journeys to school accounted for a significantly higher proportion of journeys within KS2 than with KS1. Notably, on the days the students were surveyed, 0 students stated that they cycled to school.



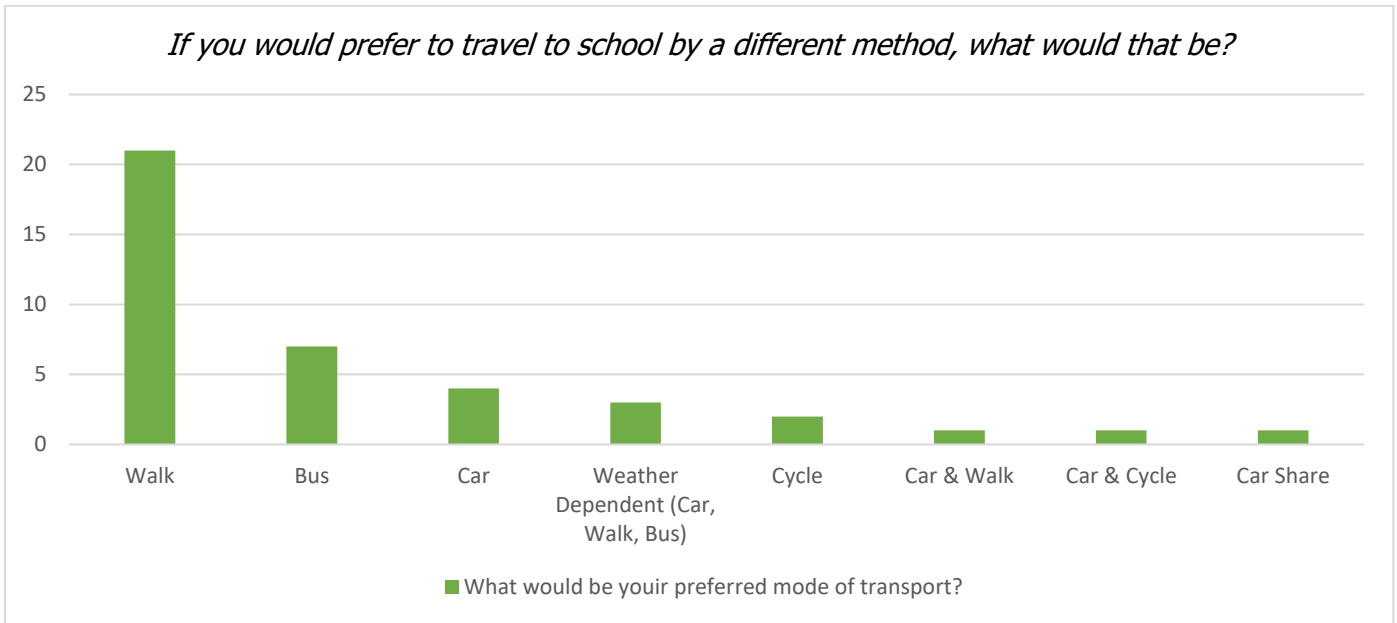
Initial Parents Survey – Mode of Transport to School

Parents were initially surveyed in September 2021. The chart below illustrates that the preferred mode of transport for parents is weighted towards either walking or driving a car. The relatively high proportion of parents who indicated that they were already walking to school is a positive signal that modes of sustainable and active travel already exist within the school’s cohort of parents.

How do you Travel to School? - Parents Initial Survey Results

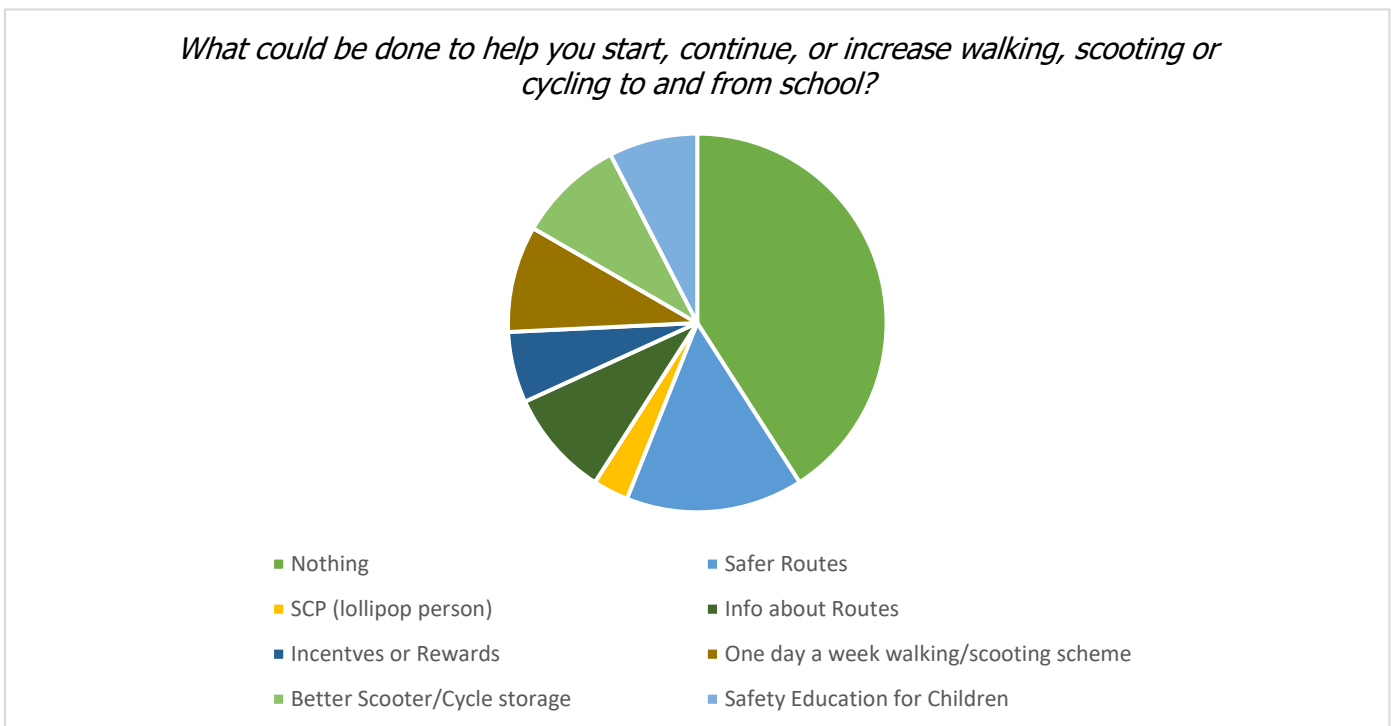


Parents and guardians were also asked in their initial survey, if they were to travel to school by a different method, what would it be? Walking was the most favourable alternative mode of travel, accounting for 52.5% of the total number of responses.



Of the 67 parents who stated that they typically drive to school, 86% live within 3 miles of the site. Of those parents who typically drive and live within 3 miles of the school, 88% stated that their child either owns a scooter, a bicycle, or both. Thus, removing a potential barrier for active travel.

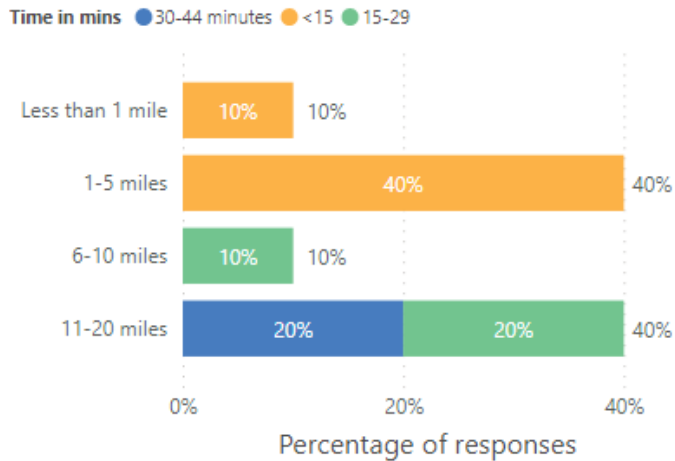
The cohort of parents who typically drive and live within a 3-mile radius of the school were also asked, what could be done to help you start, continue, or increase walking, scooting or cycling to and from school? A breakdown of responses can be found in the graph below



Staff Survey

With recognition that the response rate (around 24%) was considerably lower than that of the pupil hands-up survey and the initial parent survey, of the ten responses collected from the staff survey, there was an overwhelming proclivity towards driving a car to work. That is, 90% of staff surveyed said that they drove to work. Whilst the other member of staff did not drive themselves to school, they did indicate that they received a lift in a car.

The distance staff live from work, broken down...



- The high proportion of staff who drive to work could stem from the distance required for the commute.
- Half of the staff who responded to the survey live over six miles away from the school, thus making modes of transport such as walking, potentially prohibitively time consuming.
- 50% of respondents noted that they live within 5 miles of Birchwood Primary School. The shorter distance that these individuals are required to travel presents an opportunity for a significant number of staff to change their mode of transports to a more sustainable and active alternative.

The Action Plan

The objectives and the action points that are recommended to meet them of are set out in the school travel plan below:

Objectives (What are you going to do?)	Action Point (How this will be achieved)	Lead person(s) job title	Target date	Evidence	Progress
Increase active travel across pupils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Key Stage 1 – Particular focus on 2021/22-year one cohort to increase active travel by 3% In Key Stage 2 – particular focus on 2021/22 year three and four cohort to increase active travel by 5% - School to increase active travel by 3% - School to increase active travel by 10% - Promote car sharing scheme with staff - Promote staff Cycle2Work Scheme 	Engage in activities within the Safe and Active Travel Programme Promote Walk to School Week	Active Travel Champion (Rhianna Lowe)	Summer term 2023	Pupil Hands Up Survey, Parent and Staff survey	
	Partaking in Warwickshire County Councils #JustOneJourney campaign	Active Travel Champion / WCC	Summer term 2023		
	Engaging and promoting the Safe and Active Schools Programme. School staff championing the benefits of active travel.	Active Travel Champion / School / WCC	Summer term 2027	Survey data, social media, campaigns, community engagement	
	Sign up to a car share and actively promote the scheme to staff.	Active Travel Champion / WCC	September 2022	Champion to provide evidence of sign-ups (photo/email)	
	Staff made aware via email and staff meetings.	Admin Team / Active Travel Champion	September 2022	Champion to provide evidence of sign-ups (photo/email)	

<p>Must Haves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surveys Completed - Appoint a Safer Champion 	<p>Completed Completed</p>	<p>Rhianna Lowe Rhianna Lowe/Admin</p>	<p>November 2021 November 2021</p>	<p>Surveys submitted Weblink</p>	
<p>Could Haves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Display or upload TP to school site or in public facing areas - Appoint a Child Champion or Travel Council 	<p>- Social media / website</p>	<p>- Rhianna Lowe</p>	<p>Summer 2022 -</p>	<p>Website or photo evidence Email / social media / website</p>	
<p>Should Have (Ok if not)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active Travel Display - Update the governing body regularly on progress - Put in place a Walking User Group 	<p>- Email / phone calls with Governors Email staff to join a Walking User Group</p>	<p>- AT Champion / Headteacher AT Champion</p>	<p>- Ongoing July 2022</p>	<p>Website or photo evidence Photos / meeting</p>	

Monitoring and Reviewing of the School Travel Plan

Birchwood Primary School and the Senior Leadership Team recognises that this plan is a start, and we need to monitor and review our objectives and planned initiatives. We therefore aim to:

- 1) Work closely with Warwickshire County Council to update the STP document annually and ensure that the Active Travel Champion – Rhianna Lowe and the working group regularly reports on progress
 - The next survey will be done in September 2022
 - The annual review will take place in the summer term 2023The School Travel Plan Review will consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision and the School Travel Plan will be revised as necessary to take account of these.
- 2) Work closely with Warwickshire County Council and participate in the Safe and Active Schools travel programme and ensure that the School Champion and working group regularly report on progress.
- 3) Gain feedback following implementation of any major initiatives. It is encouraged that any successes that have come from this process should be celebrated at a school level. Warwickshire County Council will also share these successes where appropriate.
- 4) Provide parents, pupils, and staff with updates on the school travel plan. It is encouraged that this is added on to the school website.
- 5) The School Travel Plan will be added to the school development / improvement plan.

Consultation and Stakeholders

Pupils

How Consulted	Issues discussed	Date of Consultation
School Survey – 'Hands up'	Travel Mode Preferred Mode of Travel	14 th September 2021

Parents

How Consulted	Issues discussed	Date of Consultation
Parents Survey - Microsoft Forms	Travel Mode Travel Concerns	14 th September 2021

Staff

How Consulted	Issues discussed	Date of Consultation
Staff Survey - Microsoft Forms	Staff Travel Travel Concerns	14 th September 2021

Governors

How Consulted	Issues discussed	Date of Consultation
Email copy of TP document for review and sign-off	School Travel Plan Travel Concerns	June 2022

The plan will also include further consultation with council departments to explore the viability of the proposals.

Signatures

This agreement is an expression of commitment and goodwill on the part of the stakeholders to achieve a positive outcome for the pupils and the local community.

SignedDate.....
Headteacher

SignedDate.....
Chair of Governors

Signed: **Sam Gehin** 24.06.2022
.....Date.....
Safe and Active Travel Team, Warwickshire County Council

Title	Name and Contact Information
Headteacher	Neil Coleman
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School Crossing Patrol	N/A
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Safe and Active Travel Officer	Sam Géhin – roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk

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