

School Travel Questionnaire Autumn Term 2013

Question		Walk	Cycle	Scoot	Park and walk	Car
How does your child travel to school most of the time?	To school	30	11	20	14	4
	From School	22	10	23	15	7
Do you live in walking distance of the school ie. Up to one mile away?	Yes 70				No 13	
Do you use the crossing patrol on Wharf Road?	Yes 24				No 66	

Comments:

'Fantastic to have her there- feels much safer.'

'Very difficult to cross without the crossing patrol at school drop off and pick up times.'

'We do not need to cross any roads.'

'If I have to drive and park near the school, we use the crossing patrol.'

'There is still too much traffic on the campus and could it be closed during in/out times? Then the overcrowded pavement would be given some relief if we could walk safely on the road.'

'Very busy in the mornings, very hard to cross without the crossing patrol. She is doing a good job.'

'As I work I now drive down to the roads outside the school and walk the remainder of the way. We do the same at pick up.'

'I only drive part of the way as my son is too tired to do the walk.'

'We live a mile away from the school and I drive because there is not enough time for me to walk home and get to work on time.'

'We park at St. Anne's church car park and walk/scoot from there.'

'The Lollipop lady is very nice.'

'Due to after school activities on most days it isn't possible to do anything other than park close by - we live two miles away.'

Safety on campus

Are you aware of the signs at the entrance to the campus which prohibit entry?

Yes **73**

No **6**

Comments:

Parking

We asked if people were interested in creating a rota to run a blockade on the campus road.

Comments.

I completely agree with making the school road just for staff - but you always see the same people ignoring your requests.'

'I would love to have offered to volunteer - however I believe my work commitments would prohibit me from helping at this time.'

'Sorry, with a two year old in tow I cannot offer to help but I hope you drum up enough support. It is frustrating that so many parents continue to drive onto the campus. Thank you for trying to make it safe!'

Brilliant idea, last week I asked two parents to move who were parked on the zebra crossing outside JH main gates. Think most parents agree something should be done, especially towards the end of the week when parents are tired.

'I think this is a fantastic idea and would be willing to help in the future when my youngest is older.'

'Think this would be a fantastic idea!'

'Unfortunately I can't as I have a 1 year old at home and no child care arrangement'

'Just an idea - set up a 'Park and Walk' system where parents park away from the campus, e.g. the library car park and the children are crocodile walked to school by volunteers. Need hi-vis vests etc.'

I think there should be no vehicle entry except staff, deliveries, LAK parents and swimming pool staff.'

'Great idea, or improve visibility of signs with new larger ones.'

If you do not live locally where do you park?

St Anne's Church car park

14

In the village car park

1

Drive to a friend and walk from there

3

Drop your child at a friend's house

2

Other

6

Comments:

'Work at the John Colet so park in their car park'

'We live locally'

'If I have to drive, I park as safely as I can on Wharf Road mainly or along the canal banks - this leads to feeding the ducks on

before coming home.'

My husband has used St. Anne's on the rare occasion if having to collect the children and going straight on to do something else.'

'L's father lives in Clay Lane so I usually park at his and walk from there'

Usually walk but at times I have to drive, use St Anne's car park.'

Rarely drive to school. Park down 'The Paddocks' on average once a week (in out of 10 drop off/pick up occasions)

'The village car park is too far away realistically after driving in so we use St. Anne's car park. It is too narrow a footpath to walk up to the crossing - very dangerous with small children so the alternative is to cross over from the church - it would be great to have a proper crossing there, wouldn't it!'

'Drive to a friends and walk from there in the afternoons only.'

'I take G swimming after school on Friday so I drive to pick him up and park in St Anne's'

'No need to park at any of the above as we live opposite the Health Centre'

'On rare occasions I park at St. Anne's.'

'I park in the village or St Anne's on the way to school and drop off at a friend's house on work days. I collect in car twice a week as I work and don't have time to park far away'

'I park in St. Anne's on occasions when I do drive.'

'I do park on Wharf Road and Manor Road sometimes as I have to get my child to ballet class within 15 mins of getting out of school.'

'Drive to Halton recycling car park and walk/scoot from there.'

'Clay Lane or The Paddocks'

'Bankside or the Paddocks.'

Cycling

Does your child use the shared cycle path on Aylesbury Road?

Yes
19

No
44

Does your child use the shared cycle path on Manor Road?

Yes
13

No
48

How do you navigate Wharf Road which does not have a

Details:

We come up Wharf Road from the Aylesbury road if she is riding her bike it is very

shared cycle path?

difficult due to the number of people, though she still cycles on the pavement. A cycle path all the way along the Aylesbury Road and Wharf Road/Manor Road would certainly help but only if it meant widening the pavement.

'Often very busy with people travelling at different speeds and on different modes of transport (cycles, scoot, buggy, walk etc.)

'Carefully - dodging people/buggies. We cycle on footpath next to Aylesbury Road from Perry Street. Cross at lights then follow footpath to Wharf Road.'

'Walk along Wharf Road or along the canal'

'We cycle from Tring Road, down Manor Road on the shared path.'

'Aylesbury Road, Wharf road is too busy really for bikes.'

'We use Wharf Road every day either with scooter or bike. It can be very busy and it can get particularly slow given the number of prams and younger children which makes it difficult for young children on bikes to get past or just cycle very slowly.'

'Slowly - he attempts to cycle as much of it as possible.'

'Sadly, some cyclists on the shared pavement seem to think they have priority over pedestrians. I understand the council can't narrow the road by putting a dedicated cycle lane in place, but shared use rarely works.'

'We use the narrow path up Wharf Road and cross using the crossing patrol. This can be dangerous as buses and cars sometimes mount the pavement at busy periods. However, we feel this is preferable to crossing at the bottom of Wharf Road without the crossing patrol'

'We sometimes go down Victory Road and along the canal to cut out the corner of going along Aylesbury Road and down Wharf Road, which gets too busy with pushchairs, walkers etc.'

'She cycles on the pavement'

'Unfortunately, we cycle on the pavement from the Health Centre onwards, but not ideal. Sometimes we cycle on the road but this is very dangerous with cars weaving in and out. When we get to campus we cycle on the road or walk with bikes.'

'At pick up times the paths/roads are infested with Colet buses and kids.'

'We stay on the path but it is chaotic!'

'We don't use bicycles because the Wharf Road section of our route is too busy and so

would be dangerous for everyone.'

'We cycle on the pavement until we get to the school campus, then on the road. Usually on the quieter side of Wharf Road (Costa side)'

'With difficulty often on Wharf Road - very congested and the traffic still travels fast. We come down the Hale Road (no pavement in parts which is tricky), then along Aylesbury Road and turn right onto Wharf Road. Some very large vehicles often travel along Wharf Road at the school start and end.'

'Find this very difficult and have in the past felt forced onto the road. Very unhappy about this as my daughter is not competent to cycle on road and I had youngest daughter on my bike too!! Cutting through on canal path sometimes avoids some of the congestion.'

'On the pavement carefully.'

'Walk along allocated path and use crossing.'

'With difficulty!'

'We walk down the hill on Wharf Road (pink) path to school while scooters/cycles are good for children, I'm often being run over by them.'

'Too young at present.'

'We do not live in a direction from school that needs to use the cycle paths on Aylesbury/Manor Roads.'

'It is difficult just walking along Wharf Road. I fully agree with your policy of walking/scooting/cycling to school, but it can be sometimes when children are not fully able on bikes or scooters and end up causing collisions and accidents - not just to themselves but to those around them.'

'We cross the Aylesbury Road at the pedestrian crossing (Health Centre) as unable to cross at Perry Street (too many cars!). We have no choice but to cycle on the pavements form then on as Wharf Road and campus roads are too narrow and dangerous for young children.'

'On the pavement - can get congested.'

'Chiltern Road onto Aylesbury Road, cross over at pedestrian crossing. Then onto Wharf Road, very congested at peak times and I would say cycling for both the rider and the other pedestrians is somewhat of a hazard.'

'If cycling we either cut through from Clay Lane or use the canal path, it is not safe to cycle up Wharf Road if we are cycling too.'

	'Walk along Wharf Road or the canal.'	
Does your child use the cycle storage available at school?	Yes 28	No 32
Does you or your child cycle on the campus road?	Yes 15	No 44
Has your child attended a biker's breakfast?	Yes 13	No 45
<p>Comments:</p> <p><i>'Possibly need additional covered storage.'</i></p> <p><i>'Use the fence by the scooter park as this is near her exit path after school.'</i></p> <p><i>'Have not heard of biker's breakfast.'</i></p> <p><i>'Great encouragement to cycle.'</i></p> <p><i>'Depends how busy the campus road is.'</i></p> <p><i>'Bike shed is usually full - could it be extended (the bit that is covered)?'</i></p> <p><i>'Again the campus road is too dangerous to cycle on with too many cars trying to squeeze past (we have tried it).'</i></p> <p><i>'Have never heard of 'Bikers' Breakfast'</i></p>		
Have you any comments regarding 'Bikeability Level 1' cycle training for Y2?		
<p><i>'We are aware of biking basics but our daughter has not yet attended.'</i></p> <p><i>'Both courses sound a great idea and I would support my child when reaching Y2'</i></p> <p><i>'Be good to have a scooter awareness session'</i></p> <p><i>'A lot of children are younger who cycle to school. Surely it would make sense to train them in Foundation Stage and Year 1'</i></p> <p><i>'Great training.'</i></p> <p><i>'Think it would be good for Y1 children too once they have mastered riding their bikes, never too soon to be taught safety'</i></p> <p><i>'We intend to do it in Y2'</i></p> <p><i>'We have put our name down for this'</i></p> <p><i>'It is a great idea.'</i></p>		

'Great - do more!'
'Yes - fantastic idea.'
'We have handed the form in for my child to start bikeability,'
'Could we have training for Year 1 as well?'
'Fantastic. So important for road awareness.'
'Really keen for my children to attend - it is so important children know the rules of cycling and road safety.'
'Think this is fantastic and can't wait for my child to attend!'
Can 'Biker's Breakfast be for scooters too?'
'Excellent idea, waiting on letter from Mrs Beattie.'
'Very useful'
'It would be very useful to extend to all year groups.'
'We would use this when at the Junior School'
'Good to extend to Year 1.'
'Brilliant'
'I would like my children in Year 2 to attend.'
'This is great and my daughter looks forward.'
'My son enjoyed the Year 2 course.'
'My son will be attending Biking Basics this school year.'
'I feel the Year 1s could benefit from it too.'
'We are looking forward to this.'
'Booked on for my Year 2 child.'
Would be good to offer to Y1 who can cycle and would be good to have more safety.'
'Excellent that you provide this provision'

Scooting

Does your child use the scooter racks at school?	Yes 52	No 18
Do you have any comments regarding scooting to school?		

Comments

'We walk most of the way as I am aware of young mums with pushchairs. Think scooting children can't always swerve in time if they

need to. From the memorial hall we navigate the path to school.'

'It amazes me how many children do not wear helmets, I think this should become a school policy if scooting to school. You wouldn't let your child not wear one if on a bike, just as dangerous.'

'Safe scooter training for children as young as Reception could avoid some accidents or at least reinforce what is taught by some parents.'

'Sometimes it is dangerous for pedestrians and those scooting. The pavement in front of JHS is uneven and has caused lots of accidents when children scoot down from JHS. Maybe consider marking pavement 'scooter zone' to segregate scooters from pedestrians.'

'It can be difficult to control as so many children going the same way.'

'Becomes very congested on path not all children are aware of other people/animals around them.'

'Again another great way to travel. Having 20 minutes of fresh air in the morning is a great start to the day.'

'No problems.'

'These are generally full so we leave the scooter inside the gates'

'We scoot from school sometimes.'

'Nice idea but makes walking to school stressful/ I have seen so many accidents involving ankles and scooters flying into roads. I really think it is too busy for scooters and bikes!'

'Some of the children go too fast on scooters - training in safety needed.'

'Very busy with scooters and bikes on the surrounding walk ways.'

'Our children often scoot to school the pavements are crowded but all the kids seem to cope with it.'

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Interest in becoming part of the School Travel Plan working group.

We have had several parents expressing an interest in The School Travel Plan working group.