



SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN



**Pott Shrigley Primary
School**

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INTRODUCTION

Location of the school

Pott Shrigley Church Primary School is located within the small village of Pott Shrigley, near Macclesfield. It is a small school with 44 pupils on roll. Although the pupils mainly live within 2 miles of the school there are a significant percentage who live further away. The school is built on 2 floors and has 3 mixed age classes with a total of 12 full and part-time staff working at the school.

Name of school:	Pott Shrigley Church School
Address:	Shrigley Road Pott Shrigley Macclesfield
Postcode:	SK10 5RT
DfES no:	875/5203
Type of school:	Primary, Voluntary Aided
Age range of children:	3-11
Number of children on roll:	44
Number of staff (full and part time):	12

Mission statement

The staff, pupils, governors and parents of Pott Shrigley Church School are working in partnership with the community and Cheshire County Council to ensure that our children can travel safely to and from school.

We strive to provide road safety education tailored to the needs of our pupils with the ultimate aim of promoting independence and skills that can be utilised by the children so that they can live and travel safely throughout their lives.

Through our School Travel Plan we aim to develop strategies and initiatives suitable for our school and appropriate to the ability and age of each child in an environment that recognises achievements, encourages success and nurtures potential.

The number of pupils at the school has risen from 19 to 44 in the last 2 years. This has led to increased traffic and parking problems

in the road leading to the schools. It has also led to some disputes with neighbours who have found their vehicles blocked in by parents or staff. The majority of our pupils travel to the school along the road from Bollington (approx 1 mile). This road has a speed limit of 60 for most of its lengths and the paths are narrow and not that suitable for walking.

Input into the travel plan has come from PTA, School Council, Cheshire County Council, Staff and Governors.

ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS

Summary of school's transport and road safety concerns

- ✿ There is considerable congestion in the mornings and at the end of the school day caused by parents parking on Shrigley Road and opposite the school. This can cause danger for children crossing the road and inconvenience for local residents.
- ✿ Cars tend to travel through the village above the speed limit, not slowing to below 30 mph as required. There have been several near misses for parents and children crossing the road and parents have made complaints to the police.
- ✿ Narrow pavements and overhanging bushes on Shrigley Road make people reluctant to walk to school regularly.
- ✿ Speed limit between Bollington and Pott Shrigley is too high and encourages people to speed through the village.

A SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

Reasons for Developing

- a. Virtually all of our children are driven to school every day. This has been shown to have a great impact on road safety, children's fitness and their capability to cope with traffic, as well as adding to traffic congestion and delays.
- b. Our travel plan aims to address these issues by providing measures that will encourage children and parents to travel to school by cycling, walking, car-sharing or using a minibus..
- c. Measures introduced by a school travel plan would demonstrate to the local community a commitment to improve the environment and raise awareness of the existing transport problems.

Adoption of this school travel plan will:

- demonstrate a commitment to the local community to improve the environment
- demonstrate a need to maintain sustainability
- raise awareness of the existing transport problems faced at the school and surrounding environment

What are we trying to achieve?

It is important to be clear about what we are trying to achieve by having a school travel plan. Through the surveys, risk assessments and conversations with parents, staff and residents it is clear that there are problems related to the school run. The aim of the school travel plan is to solve or alleviate as many of these problems as possible. We need to take into account the safety of children as well as environmental and health issues.

Key targets for the School Travel Plan are therefore to:

- To reduce car use by 15 % by Spring 2007.
- To increase the number of children walking to school during walk to school weeks by 15 %.
- To increase the number of children walking to school regularly by 5%

How will we know what the effect of what we have done is?

It is important that everybody understands the effects of the measures taken by the school and Cheshire County Council Sustainable School Travel Action Team. To help explain what has happened, the school will monitor how children come to school. This monitoring will include an annual 'hands-up' survey undertaken during registration. This survey will ask children how they travelled to school on that particular day. This will give us much of the information we need to show the effect of what we are doing.

OBJECTIVES

- ✿ To develop, implement, monitor and review the School Travel Plan for Pott Shrigley Church School.
- ✿ Make the area around the school safer and more enjoyable for everyone
- ✿ To promote, encourage and develop sustainable travel behaviour and increased environmental awareness for all members of the school community
- ✿ To improve the awareness of travel issues, and the impact of traffic on the environment for parents, children and the whole school community
- ✿ Use of travel issues to provide a focus for class work where appropriate

SURVEY RESULTS

Children's hands-up survey results

Annual hands-up surveys have been conducted with all the children, with the help of Cheshire County Council's School Travel Team. The results of these surveys are detailed below.

2004 results

Mode of transport	To School		From School	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Walking	0	0%	0	0%
Cycling	1	5%	1	6%
Car	17	81%	14	78%
Walking bus	0	0%	0	0%
Park and walk	0	0%	0	0%
Car share	3	14%	6	17%
School bus	0	0%	0	0%
Public bus	0	0%	0	0%
Taxi	0	0%	0	0%

2005 results

Mode of transport	Actual				Prefer			
	To		From		To		From	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Walking	0	1%	1	3%	11	31%	11	31%
Cycling	0	0%	0	0%	18	51%	18	51%
Car	30	29%	29	81%	5	14%	5	14%
Walking bus	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	1	3%
Park and walk	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Car share	5	6%	6	17%	0	0%	0	0%
School bus	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Public bus	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Taxi	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

2006 results

Mode of transport	To School		From School	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Walking	1	3%	3	6%
Cycling	1	3%	2	4%
Car	21	68%	32	68%
Walking bus	0	0%	0	0%
Park and walk	0	0%	0	0%
Car share	6	19%	9	19%
School bus	2	6%	0	0%
Public bus	0	0%	1	2%
Taxi	0	0%	0	0%

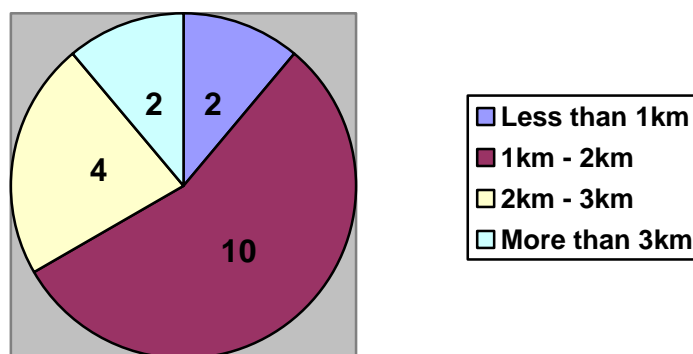
Current situation

An extensive survey of parents and children was conducted in November 2004. It aimed to establish how they felt about their child's journey to school. It determined the areas of concern and what they expected to happen to alleviate these concerns. It was used as an opportunity to seek suggestions on how school travel could be improved. Some of the results are detailed below.

Surveys were distributed to all parents of the school. A 71% return was obtained (20 surveys).

HOW FAR CHILDREN LIVE FROM SCHOOL

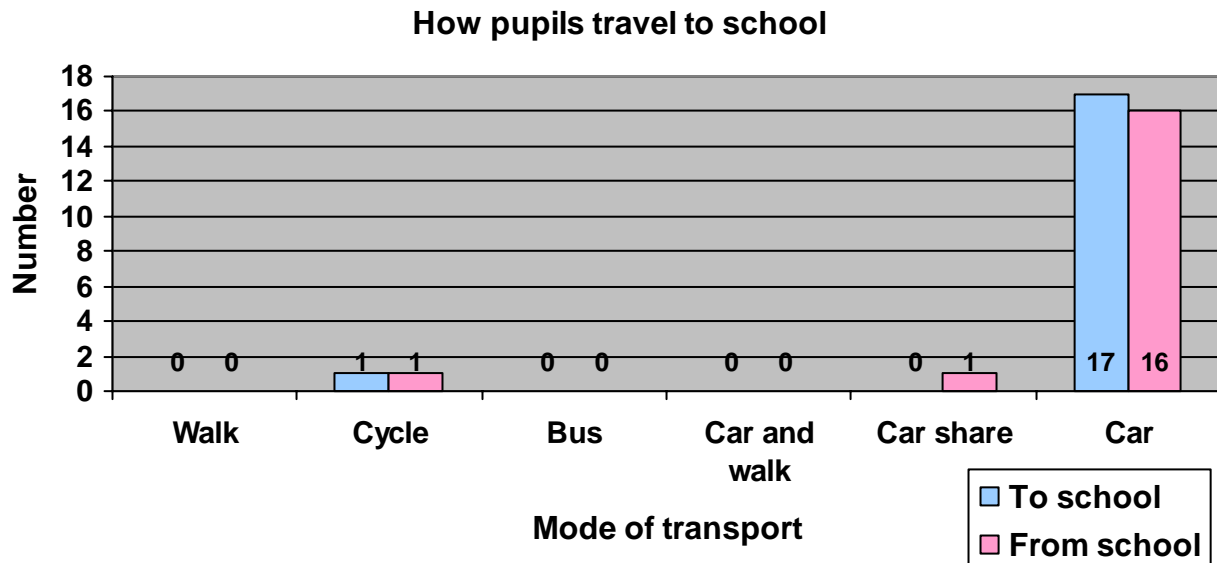
Distance Travelled (no. of people)



- 11% of children live less than 1km from school
- 56% of children live between 1km and 2km from school
- 22% of children live between 2km and 3km from school
- 11% of children live more than 3km from school

The above chart shows that, understandably, the distance people live from school has an effect on the number of children who walk. However, 67% of children live less than 2km from school. This suggests that it would be possible for a majority of parents and children to walk all (or at least part) of the way to school.

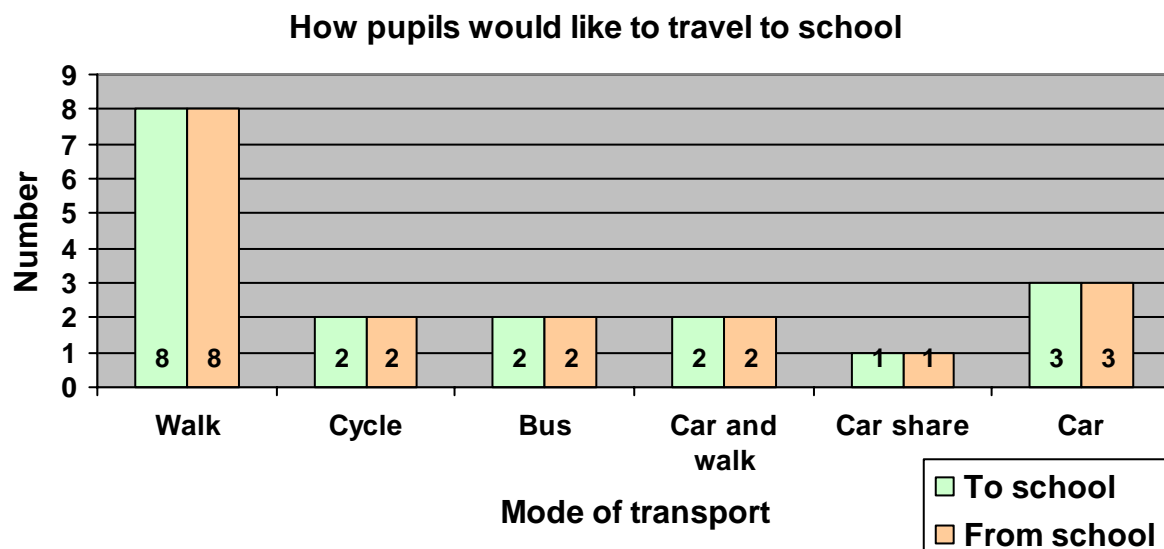
HOW PUPILS TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL



To school	From school
😊 0% walk	😊 0% walk
😊 6% cycle	😊 6% cycle
😊 0% travel by bus	😊 0% travel by bus
😊 0% park and walk	😊 0% park and walk
😊 0% car share	😊 6% car share
😊 94% travel by car	😊 89% travel by car

When asked what their preferred mode of travel would be, there was a 44% increase in the number of children who would like to walk to and from school, and a 5% increase in the number of cyclists. There was a subsequent decrease of 74% in the number of children who would like to be driven to and from school.

HOW PUPILS WOULD PREFER TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL



To school	From school
😊 44% would like to walk	😊 44% would like to walk
😊 11% would like to cycle	😊 11% would like to cycle
😊 11% would like to travel by bus	😊 11% would like to travel by bus
😊 11% would like to park and walk	😊 11% would like to park and walk
😊 6% would like to car share	😊 6% would like to car share
😊 17% would like to travel by car	😊 17% would like to travel by car

Summary Results

The survey has proved very useful in producing this Travel Plan. Below is a summary of some of the key results.

Reasons why parents use the car

The distance is too far to walk	8	36%
It saves time	0	0%
The roads are not safe to cross	1	5%
I drop my child off on the way to work	10	45%
Taking other children to other locations	2	9%
Neighbour takes them due to working hours	1	5%

Places where parents park

Outside school	12	75%
Main road	1	6%
Road near to school	3	19%

Initiatives

Parents and children were asked whether they would be willing to take part in certain initiatives.

STEPS

This is a scheme in which children receive coloured stickers depending on the number of times they walked to school in a week. Prizes are given out to children with the most stickers at the end of a term.

13 (76%) children said they would like to take part in the STEPS scheme.

Walking Bus

A walking bus is a group of children, walking to school with at least two parent volunteers. The number of children there are on a bus dictates the number of volunteers needed. Operators and children are kitted out with reflective clothing. Parents take it in turn to drive the walking bus, which follows a set route.

16 (89%) parents would welcome a walking bus.

16 (89%) parents would let their child use the walking bus.

12 (67%) parents would be willing to help with the running of the walking bus.

Summary of Road Safety Concerns

Place on route	Why is it dangerous?	How could it be made safer	No of comments	
Shrigley Road from Nab Lane to school	Narrow footpath on one side of the road only, overgrown hedges and nettles, national speed limit, too many HGV's	Cut back hedges and nettles, reduce the speed limit, a safe crossing route, widen the footpaths, traffic calming, school warning signs, less HGV's	7	78%
Turners Arms Roundabout	No crossing point, oncoming traffic in different directions	Pedestrian crossing, SXP	1	11%
Palmerston Street	Speeding	Traffic calming	1	11%
Total			9	

ACTION PLAN

Key: HT = Headteacher; SMT = Senior Management Team; Govs = Governing Body; CCC = Cheshire County Council

Action	Who	Timescale	Cost	Success Criteria
Write a school travel plan.	HT/SMT in liaison with staff, Govs, Parents and pupils.	By March 2006	None	Travel plan written and shared with stakeholders.
New benches for parents waiting in the playground.	HT to gain quotes		Quotes to be obtained. Use of Travel Plan Grant	Benches erected for parents to use
Improve outside lighting to help those arriving at/leaving the school.	HT to consult with CCC Grounds Maintenance, and liaise with Church Committee		Quotes to be obtained Use of Travel Plan Grant	Lighting installed
Possibility of minibus to be lent to school for 3 year period.	Sue Evans (CCC) to liaise with HT	By October 2006 – this needs to be confirmed	Cost of driver and training	Minibus used for school run and other school trips. Also used regularly by other schools in Learning Network.

Investigate possibility of widening of footpath/ lowering of speed limit on Shrigley Road.	Emma Miller (CCC) to put in request with Janet Mills (Safer Routes to School Manager)	Request to be put in, April 2006	CCC to fund	Wider footpaths and reduction in speed leads to more children/parents walking to school.
Encourage children to participate in Walk to School Week	HT to order resources Teaching staff to promote the Week Emma Miller (CCC) to organise delivery of resources	22 nd -26 th May 2006	None	All children to take part, walking to school at least once during the week

MONITORING AND REVIEW

Implementation and Management

The Safer Routes to School Group will implement and monitor the School Travel Plan and Safer Routes to School Initiatives.

- The intention is that this will be a living document that will be reviewed and updated annually.
- The school will maintain links with Cheshire County Council with regards to Safer Routes to School and Road Safety initiatives.
- The School Travel Plan will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis, by way of a meeting between the School Travel Working Group and a member of Cheshire County Council's Sustainable School Travel Action Team. This review will consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision, as well as evaluating existing targets, objectives and actions, and setting new ones.
- Surveys will be undertaken on an annual basis to monitor progress.

Review method	Date	Responsibility
Hands up survey	June 2006	Emma Miller (CCC) to send out survey Mr Mellen (head) to ensure completion and return to CCC of surveys
Annual review	April 2007	Emma Miller/Angela Hewitt (CCC) to arrange meeting with Mr Mellen (head) and working group to attend

Cheshire County Council, Sustainable School Travel Action Team would like to send our thanks to the children of Pott Shrigley Church School for their commitment to walking and cycling to school. We will continue to support and work with them in their endeavour to maintain their excellent ethos surrounding sustainable transport.

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN AGREEMENT

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