

Lord Scudamore Academy  
School Travel Plan  
November 2018



## **The School Site and Access**

Lord Scudamore Primary School has 650 pupils on roll, aged 3-11 years. This equates to 457 families in our school pupil community.

The school serves the area of Whitecross, Breinton and St. Nicholas ward but we also currently have other children from outside catchment.

One of the issues concerning the location of the school is that it is bordered by 4 roads which see a lot of traffic

- Grimmer Rd serves Travis Perkins and Sainsburys, , therefore many delivery lorries
- Eign St is one of the busiest roads in Hereford, many cars in a confined space with narrow footpaths
- Friars St – the main car access to the school, sees high volume at school peak times
- Barton Road – a busy access road to the city centre.

The school has two main access points:

- Access 1 is on Grimmer Street, opposite Sainsburys, and is for pedestrians only. Many car users can take advantage of the flexibility that Sainsburys offer by using their car park as a drop-off and collecting point. The access road to Sainsburys is also used for this purpose by some parents.
- Access 2 is in Friars Street and is used by pedestrians who travel by bus to Tesco's bus station and then walk via the subway to school; or pedestrians walking to school via the city or Edgar Street. Friar Street is also a drop-off and collection point for parents using cars although there are double yellow lines which prohibit this. There is also vehicular access which leads directly into our staff car park and cycle storage area.

## **Policy Statement**

Lord Scudamore Primary School aims to encourage and assist pupils, parents, staff and visitors to walk and cycle to school whenever possible, and to encourage public transport use and car sharing in preference to single occupancy use. The school is keen to ensure that the travel movements it generates does not endanger its pupils or other road users, and cause minimal nuisance to residents.

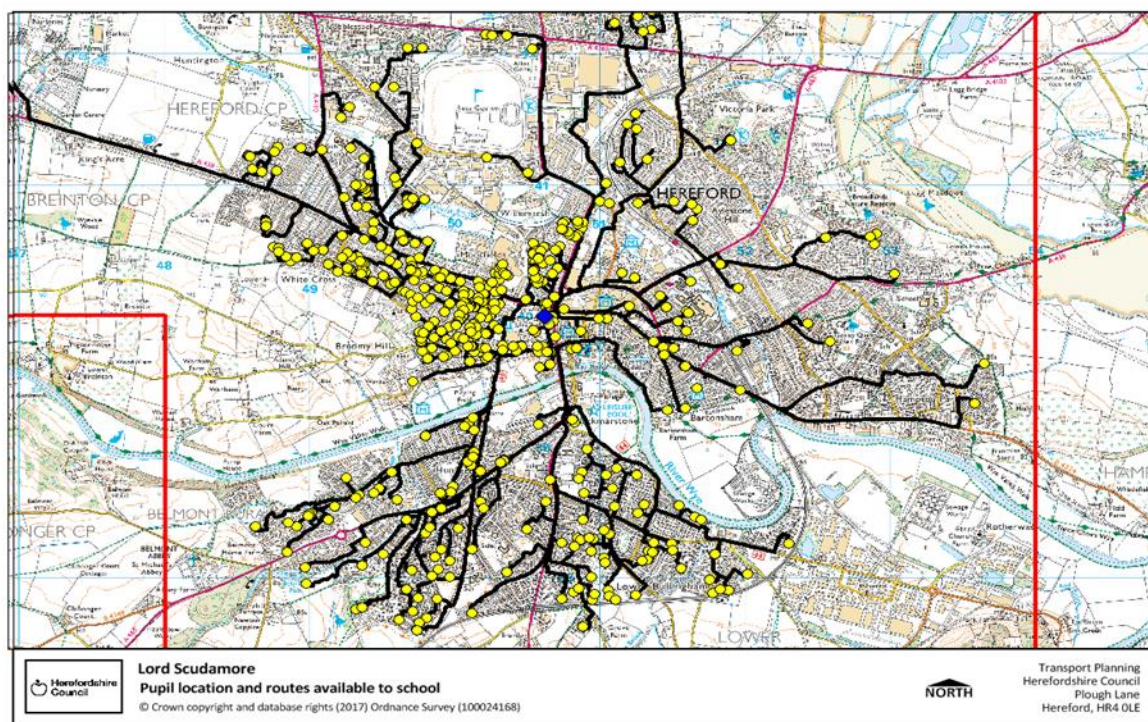
The school will inform pupils and their parents of the health and environmental benefits of walking and cycling and the value of these travel modes to pupil's personal development. The school will strive to provide its pupils with the knowledge and skills needed to travel safely and sustainably.

## **Objectives**

The Lord Scudamore Primary School Travel Plan has 3 objectives:-

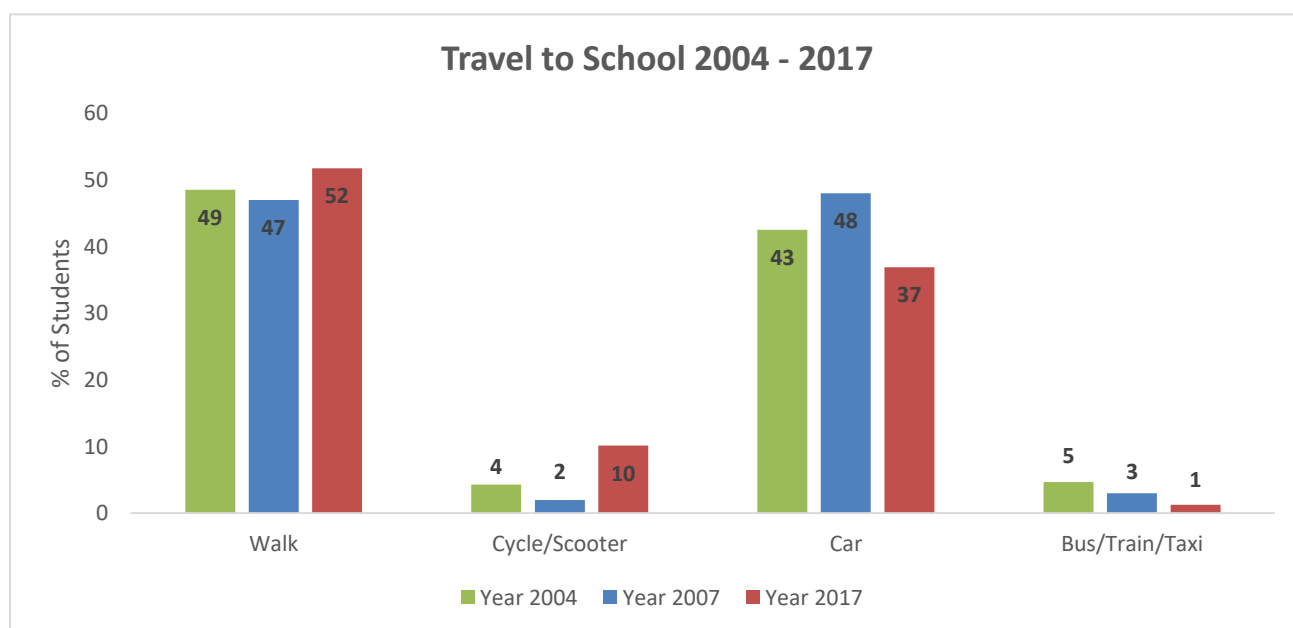
- To improve air quality of nursery and surrounding area.
- To contribute to pupils' health and personal development by encouraging cycling and walking for school and other journeys, thus influencing a habit that they will retain into adulthood.
- To equip pupils with the knowledge and skills needed to walk and cycle and use public transport safely.

## Catchment Area



## Travel Patterns

The following graph has been produced using data from 'Hands Up' travel surveys carried out in 2004, 2007 and 2017:



The graph shows an encouraging increase in active travel rates over the 13 year period with walking rates increasing from 49% to 52% and cycling/scooting rates increasing from 4% to 10%.

The percentage of pupils arriving by car has dropped from 43% to 37% and by bus/train/taxi from 5% to 1%.

The school also has 70 members of staff, many of whom travel by car.

We also have visitors who may be parents, governors, peripatetic teachers, professionals from other agencies, supplies and contractors and the majority of these visitors use vehicles.

## ACTION PLAN

Aims & Objectives	Action Required	Persons Responsible	Resources and Support	Deadlines
To improve the air quality of playground between Nursery and Reception classes.	Cars are to park with exhausts away from car park.	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Message to all staff	Dec 2018
	Staff only are to park in car park.			
	Trees are to be planted between the car park and the playground.	R Benjamin	Trees, tyres	December 2018
	A fence is to be erected between the car park and the playground.	M Davies	Fencing	December 2018
Increase the % of pupils walking/scooting/ cycling to school	Continue to organise scooter skills and safety sessions for reception and years Reception, 1 and 2	Travel Plan Co-ordinator and R James	Sustrans Active Schools Officer	April 2019
	Promote walking and scooting as a healthy activity via JRSO	Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)	Sustrans Healthy and Active Travel resources	July 2019
	Whole school to take part in Walk to School week			May 2019
	Cycle training – ensure that 80% of year 6 pupils take part in the free Council Bikeability programme.		Sustrans A Cadien	
	Promote cycling safety – organise a presentation/assembly on cycling safety	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Sustrans Active Schools Officer	By end of the Spring Term.

	<p>Provision of further safe and weather resistant shelters for the storage of scooters on the school site.</p> <p>Provision for adequate storage for cycle helmets etc.</p> <p>School is committed to helping more children scootering and cycling to school by installing scooter racks around the school to store scooters and leave more space for bicycles in the cycle shelters.</p>	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Herefordshire Council  Grant application	April 2019
	Take part in the Sustrans Big Pedal national competition			May 2018
To equip pupils with the knowledge and skills needed to walk and cycle and use public transport safely.	<p>Create a travel page on the school website to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about the Travel Plan</li> <li>• Safety concerns</li> <li>• Notifications of activities taking place</li> </ul>	Travel Plan Working Group JRSO  JBrace		Webpage live by Feb 2019 and updated regularly
	JRSO to design safe travel information posters and distribute on school notice boards	Travel Plan Co-ordinator  JRSO	Access to school notice boards & resource for creation of posters	April/May 2018 – then keep updated termly.
	Children travelling independently in Years 5 and 6 should be encouraged to plan safe walking routes.	<p>JRSO</p> <p>Year 5 and 6 Teachers</p> <p>Sustrans Active Schools Officer</p>	Part of Geography – using local maps.	Ongoing

### Targets of the Travel Plan

The principal target for the travel plan is to reduce the percentage of pupils arriving at school by car to **31% by 2020** - this requires a 2% reduction in car use per annum over the next year.

Targets	2018/19	2019/20

Reduce the % of pupils arriving at school by car	33%	31%
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### **Monitoring and Review**

- Pupil mode of travel to school will be recorded and reported each year in the School Census as well as in year start and year end 'hands up' travel surveys and regular cycle and scooter counts made during school hours.
- The Travel Plan Co-ordinator will ensure that this information is recorded accurately and added to the Travel Plan monitoring spreadsheet.
- Progress against targets will be reported to the school council and made public on the school website.
- The Travel Plan will be monitored and reviewed each year in October/November by the Travel Plan Working Group (TPWG) in light of the survey results.
- The Travel Plan Working Group will assess and adjust the plan as necessary in line with survey results and the relative success (or not) of initiatives put in place.
- The Travel Plan belongs to the School. It is a working document and the School will make alterations and adjustments as the plan develops.
- The review will consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision and the plan revised as necessary.
- Results of monitoring will be published in the Annual Governors Report to Parents.
- The school will monitor the effects of their actions by undertaking Hands Up Surveys each year.

### **Responsibility - School Travel Plan Co-ordinator, Working Group and JRSO's**

School Travel Plan Co-ordinator: Kelly Steele

Travel Plan Working Group: C Benjamin and J Brace

Junior Road Safety Officers 2018: F Lewis and S Weston