

Purbrook Park School

School Travel Plan Update 2014.



INTRODUCTION

Purbrook Park School is a co-educational secondary school for pupils aged between 11 and 16 located in the Purbrook area of South-East Hampshire, just North of Portsmouth.

Purbrook Park School (DfES 850/5414)
Park Avenue
Purbrook
Portsmouth
PO7 5DS

The school day starts at 08:30hrs until 15:00hrs. More information can be found on the school website (www.purbrookparkschool.co.uk)

The school currently has 738 registered pupils

Students	Amount	% of School population
Whole School	738	
SEN	86	11.7
Pupil Premium	157	21.3
Most Able Pupils	135	18.3
Total - Additional Needs Pupils	378	51.2

The School Travel Plan is designed to encourage and support healthier ways for children to travel to school. In partnership with transport agencies, parents

and pupils, the school plans aim to create the conditions that will encourage more pupils to walk, cycle or use public transport. The School Travel Plan aims to address the issues, currently inhibiting pupils and staff from enjoying a more environmentally friendly school journey.

Purbrook Park School realises the importance of partnership in the overall success of the School Travel Plan. With the welcome support of The Trust, pupils parents and governors, we believe that the School Travel Plan can make a difference for all stakeholders.

To assist the school in updating this travel plan, families were invited to complete a travel survey to update our information.

The school is fully dedicated to updating and improving the travel plan. We will include the travel plan details in full on the school website.

Why a School Travel Plan?

The need for a travel plan was identified due to growing concerns over:

- increasing congestion associated with the 'school run'
- pupil health concerns and lack of exercise
- children's reduced opportunities to gain important road sense and independence
- road safety issues and concerns, partly generated by school run related traffic

In 1985 15% of school journeys by children aged 5 to 16, nationally, were by car. By 1999 this had nearly doubled to 28%. Currently 20% of cars on the road at peak morning time are on the school run.

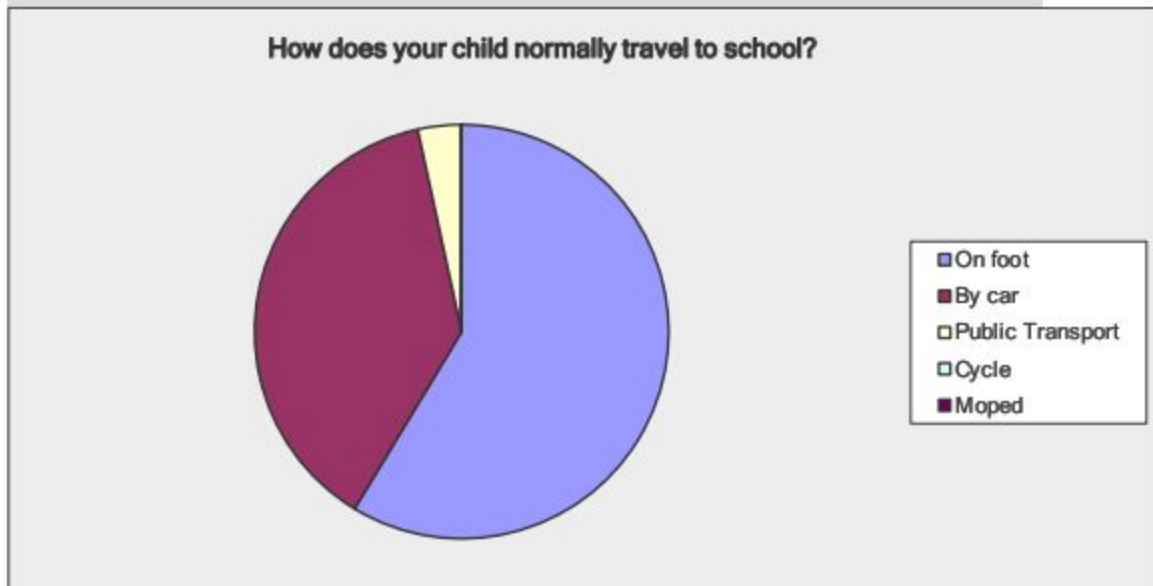
Some 30% of children are now overweight compared to 4% in 1972 and 16.3% of 11-15 year olds are obese. This is partly due to a decline in physical activity, and poor diet, with reduced levels of walking and cycling an important factor.

This travel plan update sets out how our school community intends to play its part in reducing unnecessary car travel for the school journey and in promoting more sustainable and healthy travel.

Results of Survey conducted in May 2014

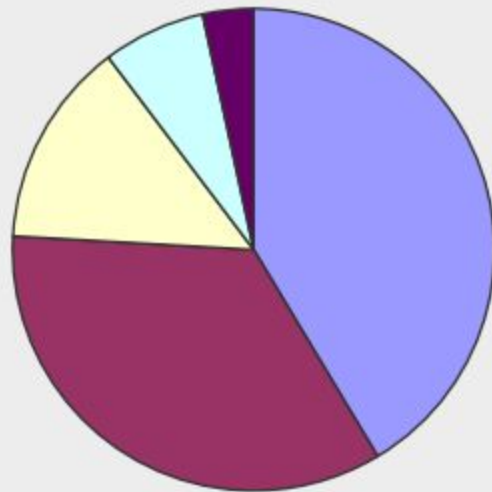
Method of travel from school

How does your child normally travel to school?	
Answer Options	Response Percent
On foot	58.6%
By car	37.9%
Public Transport	3.4%
Cycle	0.0%
Moped	0.0%



How far does your family live from school?	
Answer Options	Response Percent
Less than 1 mile	41.4%
Less than 2 miles	34.5%
Less than 3 miles	13.8%
More than 3 miles	6.9%
More than 5 miles	3.4%

How far does your family live from school?



- Less than 1 mile
- Less than 2 miles
- Less than 3 miles
- More than 3 miles
- More than 5 miles

Does your child normally enter school via Park Avenue or The Dale?

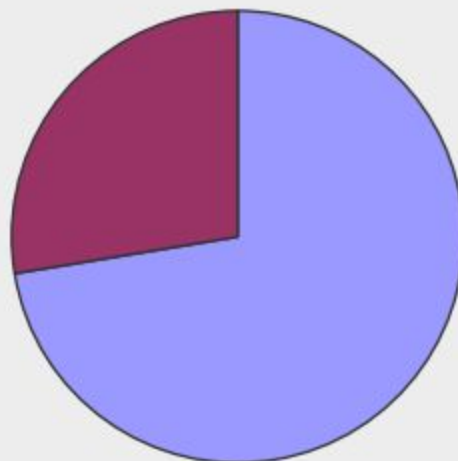
Answer Options

Response Percent

Park Avenue
The Dale

72.4%
27.6%

Does your child normally enter school via Park Avenue or The Dale?



- Park Avenue
- The Dale

The travel survey conducted in May 2014 identified an increase in the amount of pupils traveling to school by car. There are 2 significant factors which contribute to this increase.

Travelling (From Purbrook)	Bus route number to school/ from school	Duration	Time left – time arrived	Wheelchair accessible
Portsmouth	First X9	39 Minutes	15:02pm – 15:41pm	No (Low floor)
Cosham	First X9	26 Minutes	15:02pm – 15:28pm	No (Low floor)
Paulsgrove	First X9	29 Minutes	15:02pm – 15:31pm	No (Low floor)
Havant	Stagecoach 39	40 Minutes	15:03pm – 15:43pm	Yes
Leigh Park	Stagecoach 39	41 Minutes	15:03pm – 15:44pm	Yes

Travelling (too Purbrook)	Bus route number to school/ from school	Duration	Time left – time arrived	Wheelchair accessible
Portsmouth	Stagecoach 20	57 Minutes	7:17am – 8:14am	Yes
Cosham	First 8	28 Minutes	7:09am – 7:37pm	No (Low floor)
Paulsgrove	First 2	43 Minutes	7:40am – 8:23am	No (Low floor)
Havant	Stagecoach 39	40 Minutes	7:50am – 8:30am	Yes

1. A change to bus services from the North of Portsmouth to school which means that pupils arrive very early for school or too late.
2. A Greater choice of Secondary School places, due to the lower numbers of secondary children on role across the Havant area means that parents do not necessarily send children to school in their catchment area and therefore children are traveling further to school.

Having identified this issue, Purbrook Park School has invested in a new Mini Bus to operate a mini-bus service operating from Autumn 2014. This service will operate in the Havant and Cosham Area.

The following points were raised in the 2007 Travel Survey

- 78 pupils remarked on the lack of or unsuitability of the lockers currently being used in the school
- 14 pupils remarked on the poor condition of the cycle racks
- 3 pupils remarked that particular areas of the school paths were "unstable".

All of the above issues have been addressed

- Every pupil has a dedicated locker in which to put a cycle helmet
- Some cycle racks have been replaced
- Some foot paths around the school have been re-surfaced specifically at the front and rear entrance of the school where new pedestrian entrances with a dedicated gate has been re-instated.



New pedestrian access and paths to the front of the school

This School Travel Plan aims to:

- continue to raise awareness amongst pupils, parents and staff about the health, environmental and safety benefits of more walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel
- encourage more walking and cycling to school and improve children's health and fitness through increased walking and cycling
- promote safe and considerate driving and parking for those who have to travel by car
- reduce the number of car trips made to/from school by parents, pupils and staff
- reduce traffic congestion around the school
- provide a relevant focus for class work within the curriculum and increase the number of pupils benefiting from sustainable travel and road safety education
- provide opportunities for consultation particularly with pupils and parents
- be a living document which is reviewed, regularly
- **School Location**

The school is situated in Purbrook which lies approximately 5 miles north of the city of Portsmouth, within Hampshire. The school is located in an urban environment. Park Avenue passes directly outside the front of the school, and the rear entrance is approached from The Dale, both are used by a considerable volume of traffic. Pedestrian access to the school is located at both the front and rear of the school. Car parking for staff is located at the front and rear of the school and caters for 68 vehicles. There is now allocated disabled parking at the front of the school and plans to put dedicated disabled parking at the rear, along with an additional 16 car parking spaces. At present, there is cycle provision to the rear of the school which is tired, however 20 new racks with covers are planned for 2015-16.



Front Entrance to School looking North



Front entrance to school looking South



Staff parking at the front of the School



New vehicular and dedicated pedestrian access at the front of the school onto Park Avenue



New vehicular and pedestrian gate at the rear access to school



View from rear gate facing north



View from rear gate facing south



Cycle storage area, at the rear of school



Staff parking at the rear of school



Staff parking at the rear of school

About us

- The school is a co-educational secondary school our pupils ages range 11 to 16. There are 55 teaching staff and 44 support staff.
- 738 pupils attend the school and these are split into five-year groups. Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11, which equates to 42 teaching groups .
- The school runs a breakfast club as well as extra-curricular activities after school for pupils to engage in academic studies , sporting events and independent learning.
- The school hires its facilities on a regular basis to the local community for various activities during the evenings and weekends.
- The school has 3 minibuses one of which will be used from September 2014 for a school run.
- The school minibuses are used most days to provide transport for off site activities, and are loaned to the local primary and junior schools

Issues & Concerns

The original 2007 travel plan identified 9 areas of concern of which 6 have been addressed. The 3 remaining concerns are largely outside of the control of the school, however school staff stand at the school gates in the morning and at the close of school to ask parents to avoid congestion at the gate, and to move pupils swiftly away from congested areas.



The three areas of concern which are largely outside of school control.

- The bus stop outside the front access to the school is used for 'informal' parking at am/pm peak times when pupils are entering and leaving the site
- Parents park at both entrances to the school, causing visual problems and traffic congestion
- No bus shelters are available at the school site

Proposed Improvements



The school is currently making a planning application to Havant Borough Council to enhance and develop the school campus, included in the plan are the following projects identified in the travel plan as improvement required.

- Purchase 20 new bike stands with covers to replace the outdated and unsuitable ones currently on site
- Create more dedicated parking and disabled bays around the school and have them identified by thermal marking paint.
- Improve a safe route around the school identified by markings, away from traffic areas.
- Further improve the signage around the entrances and approaches to the school.
- Improve, renew and replace footpaths around the school to allow for a safe route around the site.

This plan demonstrates a commitment by the School, Governors, and Trustees along with our pupils to improve the quality and safety of our surroundings and access to and from our school.

Monitoring and Evaluating

Our travel plan is a living document, which is reviewed and updated.

Many of the improvements identified in the 2007 plan have been carried out. Other 'live' recommendations in this travel plan will be addressed by the prospective site development, however the travel plan will continue to be monitored and updated.

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