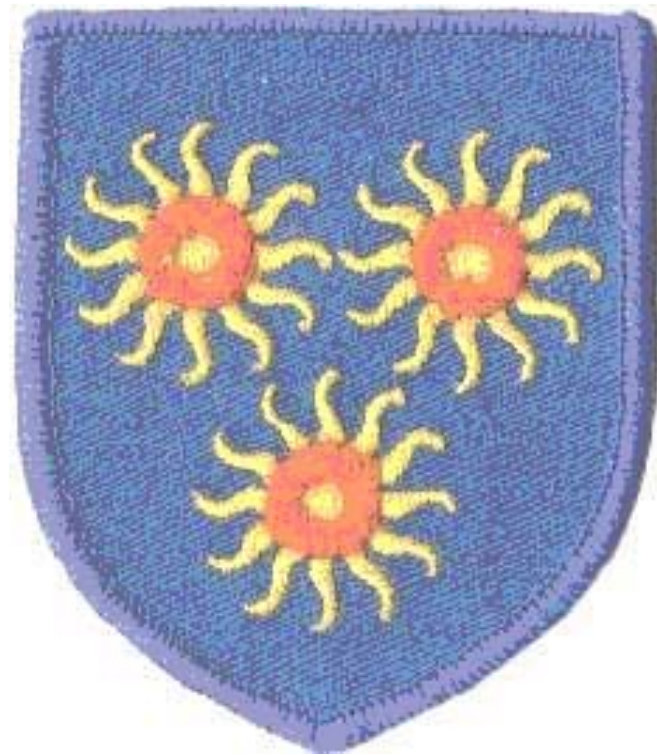


St Edmund's RC Primary School

Travel Plan 2006



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A response to the National directive to investigate and to respond to school travel needs.

St Edmund's RC Primary School
Travel Plan
December 2006

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The School Travel Plan Working Group

Role/responsibility within school	Person's name
School's in-house Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Helen Wright
Head Teacher or senior management representative	Gail O'Flaherty
(School staff Teacher/support staff)	
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(Pupil)	Chamaine Kampiyous
(Pupil)	Ndieme Angel Ekanem
(Governor)	
(Governor)	
(Parent)	
(Parent)	

State how often has/does/will the group meet

We have worked separately or in couples or small teams building up the STP.
We will meet termly from Summer Term 2007.

It is part of the Healthy Schools initiative amongst many other projects that the school has.

Part 1 - About our school

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Description of our school

St Edmund's RC Primary School is an inner city, Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided School within the Archdiocese of Westminster in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Our DFES unique reference number is 100951.

There are currently 203 children on roll between the ages of 3 and 11, 9 of whom have statements of special educational need. There are 30 members of staff.

The school, which is 119 years old, is situated on Westferry Road, beside the church of St Edmund's on the Isle of Dogs, an historic area within the Docklands, which has undergone massive redevelopment in the last 10 years. Although the area around Canary Wharf is constantly expanding and developing as a busy and important area of commerce, the local area surrounding St Edmund's experiences a high degree of social disadvantage.



Pedestrian entry into St Edmund's is through a secure gate at the front of the school. This gate remains locked during the school day and visitors are monitored by security camera before being allowed to enter.

When necessary, vehicles can enter the school through the large gates leading into our football pitch at the front of the school. There is no rear access to the school.

Staff can access the school from 6.30 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. Breakfast Club begins at 8.15 a.m. every morning. The school gates open for parents and children from 8.45 a.m. and again at 3.30 p.m. After school clubs take place on different days throughout the school year and include booster classes for Year 6 children. These sessions begin straight after school and finish by 4.45 p.m.

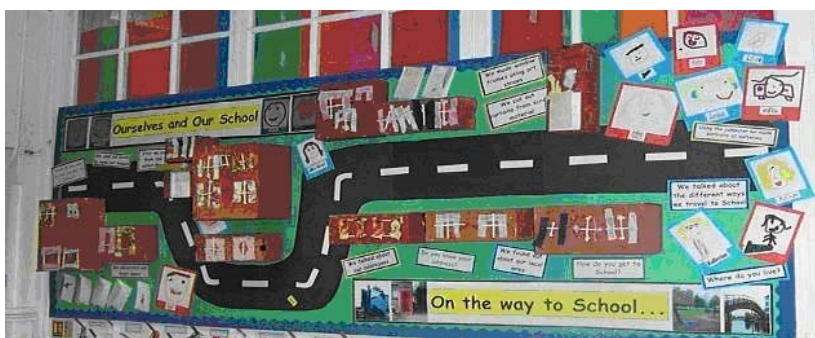


The school is occasionally used by the community, for example as a polling station during election time.

The school is well served by public transport. There is a bus stop directly outside the school gates serving routes D3 and D7. A zebra crossing provides safe pedestrian access across Westferry Road for bus users travelling from the other direction. A short walk along Spindrift Avenue takes you to and from the Mudchute Docklands Light Railway (DLR) station.

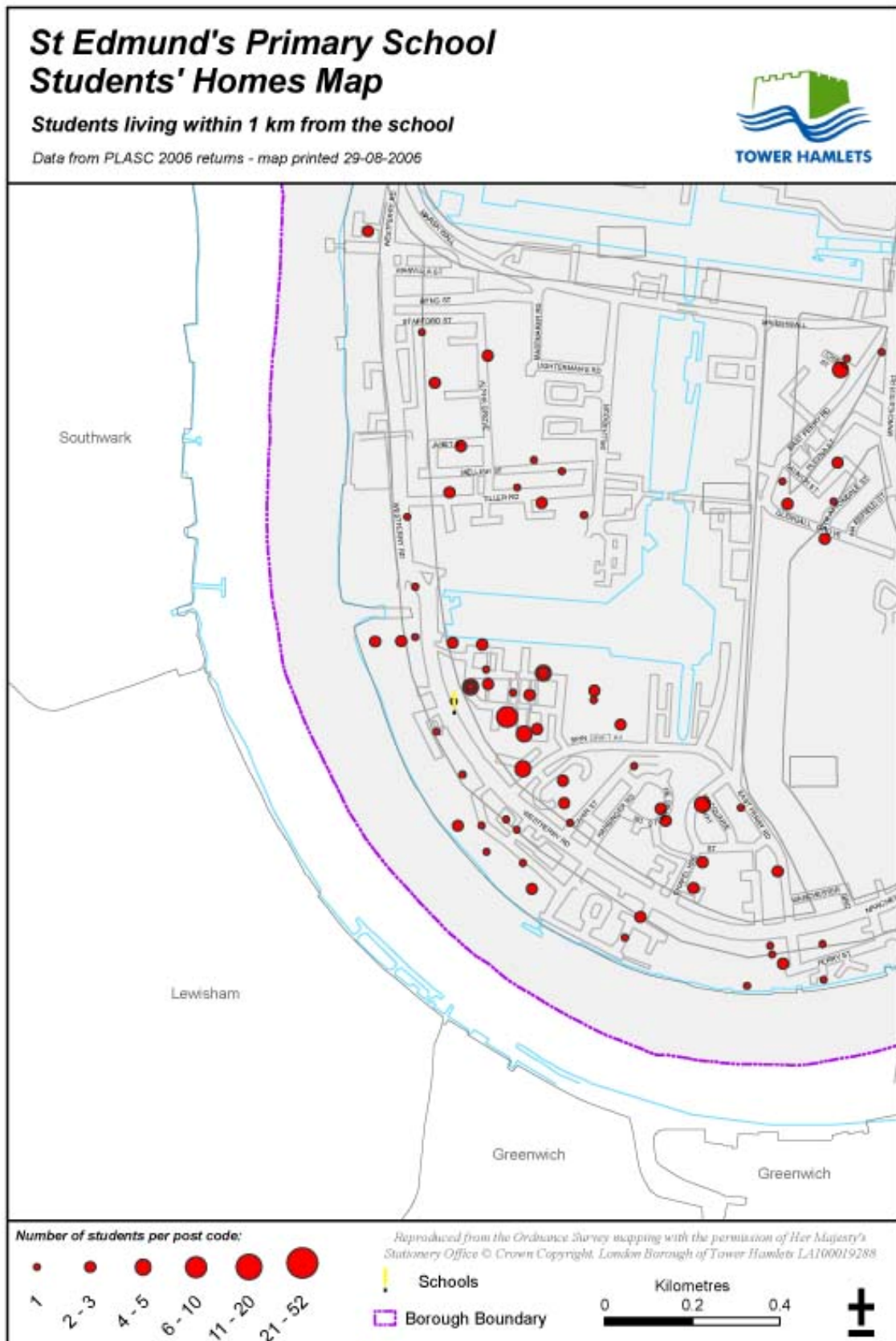
The school has access to limited car parking at the church next door to the school, with space for approximately 10 cars. Only members of the school staff and official visitors may use the car park. On occasions when the car parking space is needed by the church, staff and visitors move their cars into a secured area in the school playground. Parking around the school is extremely restricted.

There is currently no cycle path leading to the school; cyclists must use the road. The school does not have secure cycle parking spaces for children at present, although staff may leave their bicycles at the back of the school.



Where our pupils live

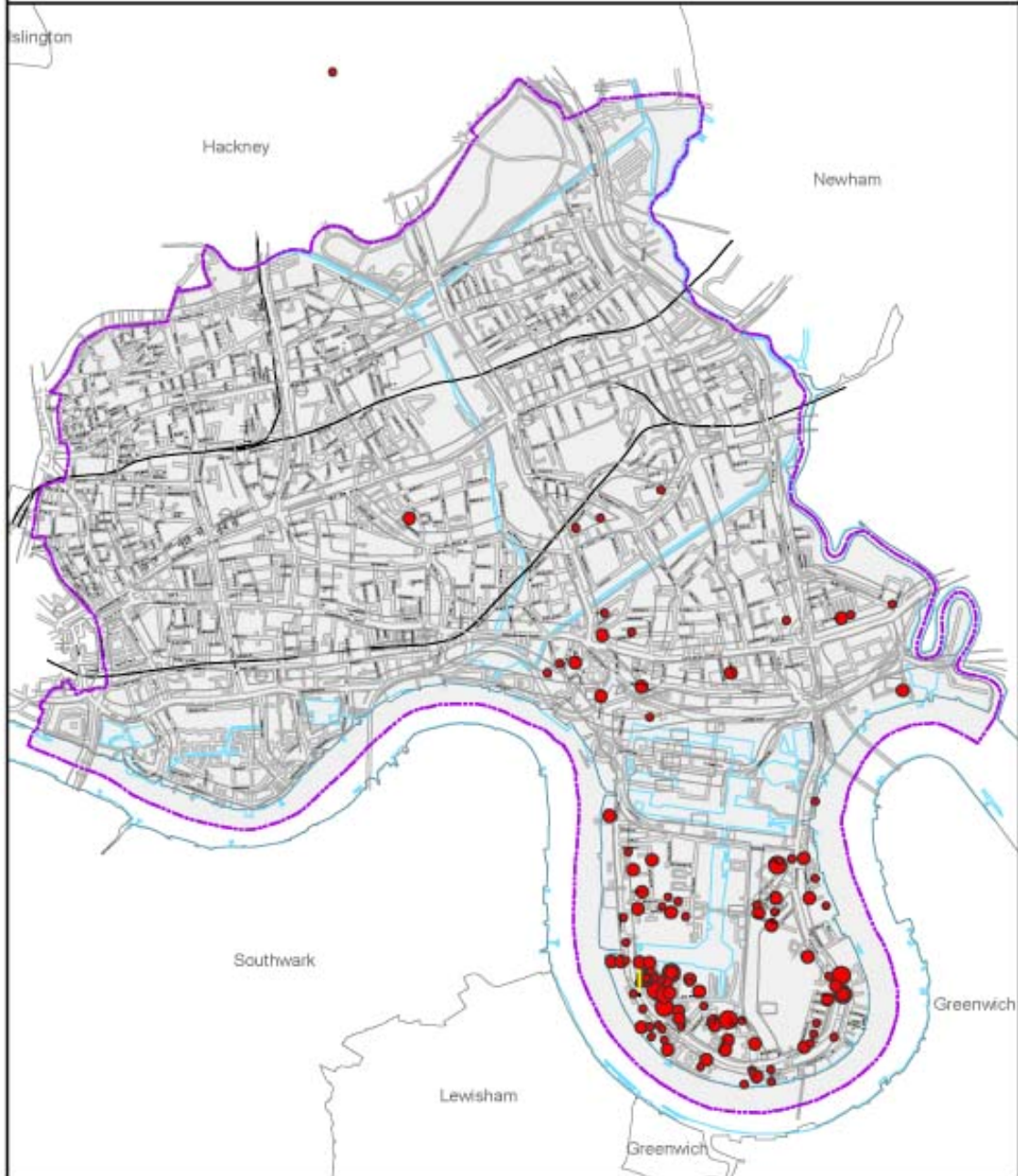
These are where are pupils were living in January 2006



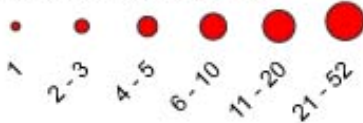
St Edmund's Primary School Students' Homes Map

Students living within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets



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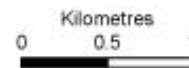


Number of students per post code:



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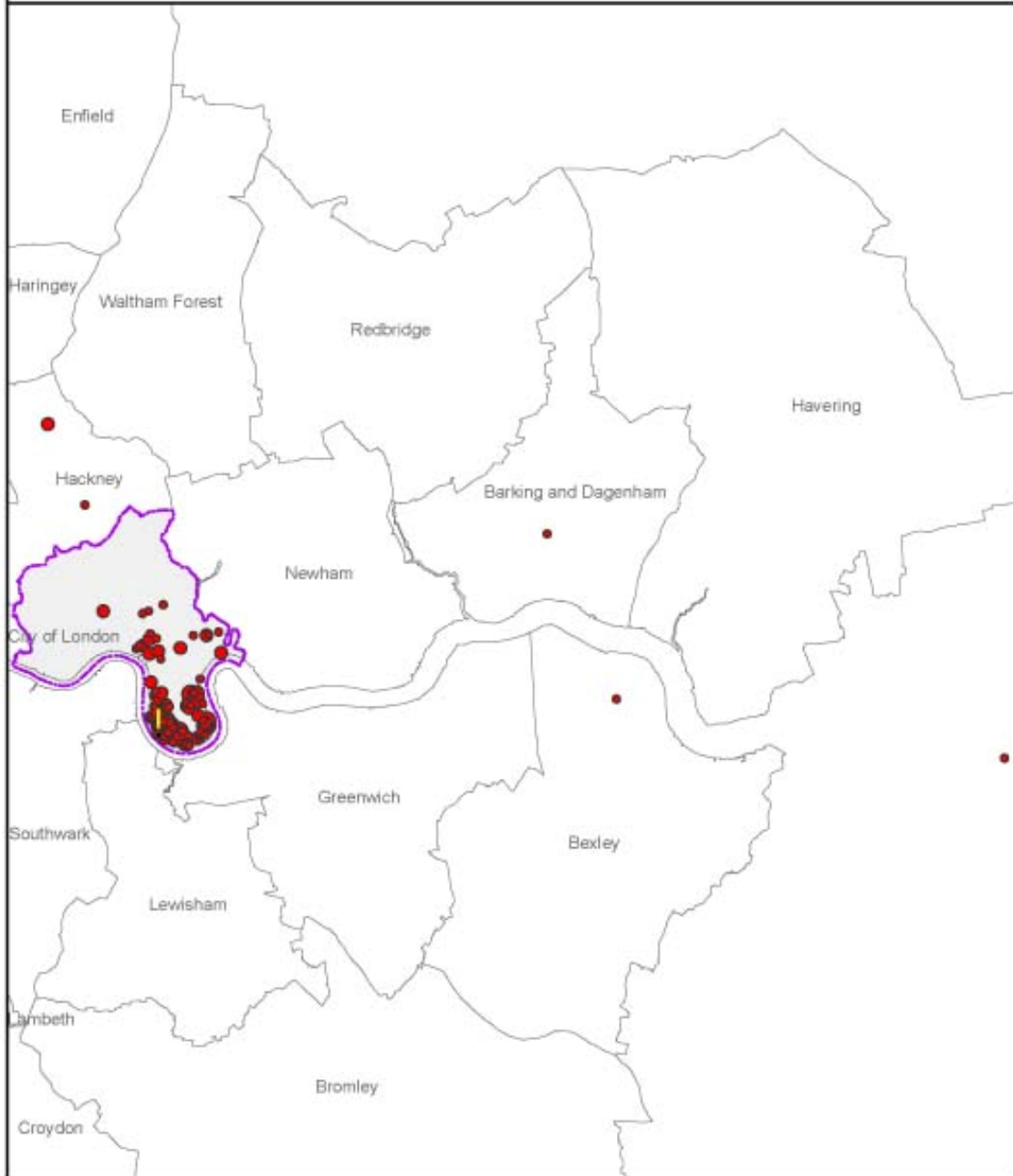
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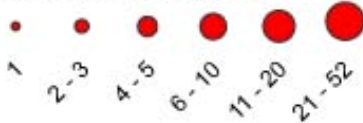
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All students

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Ethos of the school

St Edmund's R.C Primary School Mission Statement

St Edmund's R.C Primary School is a welcoming and supportive community, with Christ at its centre. We are striving to educate all our children to their full potential and to develop a love for learning. Through Christ we learn.

We have achieved our 'Healthy School' accreditation, which has had a positive impact on pupils' personal development.

We encourage pupils to feel positive about themselves, to be actively involved in the life of the school and the wider community and to make wise choices about developing a healthy and safe lifestyle.

What our school is already doing

At St Edmund's:

- We have Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) who help co-ordinate activities, competitions and assemblies.




- We carried out surveys with children living in the local area on how to improve local road safety.

- We have looked at what has been done to encourage drivers to slow down.
- We provide information to people on how to get to our school by public transport.
- We take part in the Walk On Wednesday scheme and we always use the Green Cross Code.



- We wrote a letter to Tower Hamlets to ask about a school crossing patrol and published an advertisement in our school magazine.

A WORTHWHILE JOB



Interested in becoming a School Crossing Patrol ?
 Contact : The Tower Hamlets Road Safety Unit
 Tel: 020 7364 6883
 email: angela.smith@towerhamlets.gov.uk

The School Council wrote to Tower Hamlets Road Safety Officers, asking them if it were possible to have a school crossing patrol person (lollipop person) for the crossing outside our school. Tower Hamlets wrote back saying that they had advertised the position but had had no interest, so they have sent us a copy of the advert, which is now displayed on our Noticeboard. Another success for the School Council!

If you know anyone who may be interested in the position ask them to call Mr Donovan Thomas, Road Safety Officer, on 020 7364 6883

A copy of the poster advertising the position of School Crossing Patrol

They're outside in all weathers helping u sto get to school, so it's about time lollipop people were treated to a little bit of luxury. One lucky lollipop lady in norwich is testing out a heated stick to keep her hands warm in the chilly weather. Sheila Bensely said the stick was "perfect for keeping us toasty on our patrols in the winter". Powergen has invented the stick and it will also be tested in Nottingham, Manchester and London. It looks just like a regular stick but has a heated area in the handle.

Researched and written by Amy Sheldon Year 6

**Stay safe!
See you
next term!**

Thanks to the following editors for putting the magazine together:
 Amy Sheldon
 Beatrice Njoku Opara
 Clara Lobo
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 Meilssa Wills
 Patrick Jones
 Rhea Callaghan
 Whitney James

- We designed 'cool' cycling helmets and wrote to Nike and Reebok asking them to make 'cool' safety helmets that children would want to wear and to promote their use.



- Two of our junior children won a competition when they wrote this road safety rap:

Be Safe, Be Cool
Don't be dumb
Just be Cool
Cross at the crossing
then you won't be a fool

When it's dark and dingy
And you're out at night
Wear something big
That's very bright

Don't be dumb
Just be Cool
Cross at the crossing
then you won't be a fool

If your mum, dad and friends
Go out at night
Make sure they leave their cars behind

Don't be dumb
Just be Cool
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When you get in your car
Make sure you belt up
In case you have a crash
Your head won't blow up

Don't be dumb
Just be Cool
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When you cross a main road
Look out for the lights
If there's no green man
Stay on your side

Don't be dumb
Just be Cool
Cross at the crossing
then you won't be a fool

Part 2 – School issues

Survey results

We carried out a School Travel Survey on the 3rd February 2006. We surveyed 169 pupils and 28 members of staff.

Here are the results:

How pupils and staff **usually** travel to school:

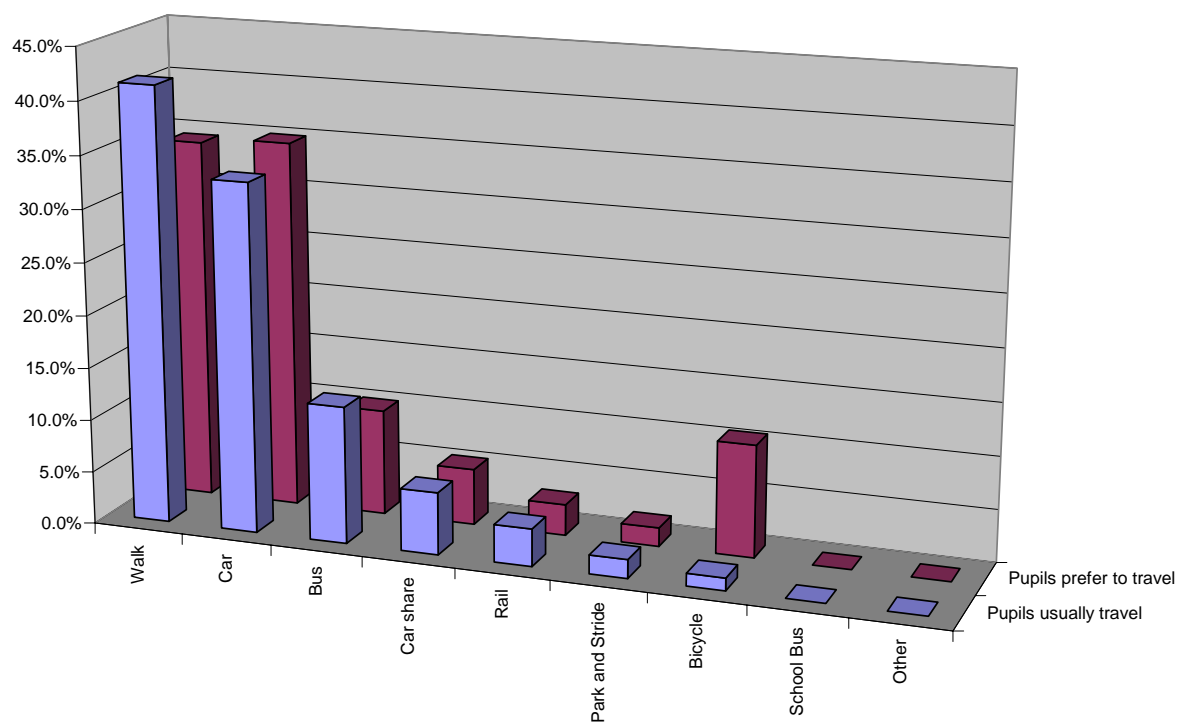
Mode	Pupils	Staff
Car (home to school)	56	11
Car share (stopping for others)	10	0
Park and Stride	3	0
School Bus	0	0
Rail (Train, Tube, DLR, Tram)	6	3
Bus	22	4
Bicycle	2	1
Walk (all the way)	70	9
Other	0	0
TOTALS	169	28
Number of pupils on roll	201	
Number of staff employed		28

How pupils, and staff would **prefer** to travel to school:

Mode	Pupils	Staff
Car (home to school)	59	4
Car share (stopping for others)	9	1
Park and Stride	3	0
School Bus	0	0
Rail (Train, Tube, DLR, Tram)	5	2
Bus	17	5
Bicycle	18	3
Walk (all the way)	58	13
Other	0	0
TOTALS	169	28
Number of pupils on roll	201	
Number of staff employed		28

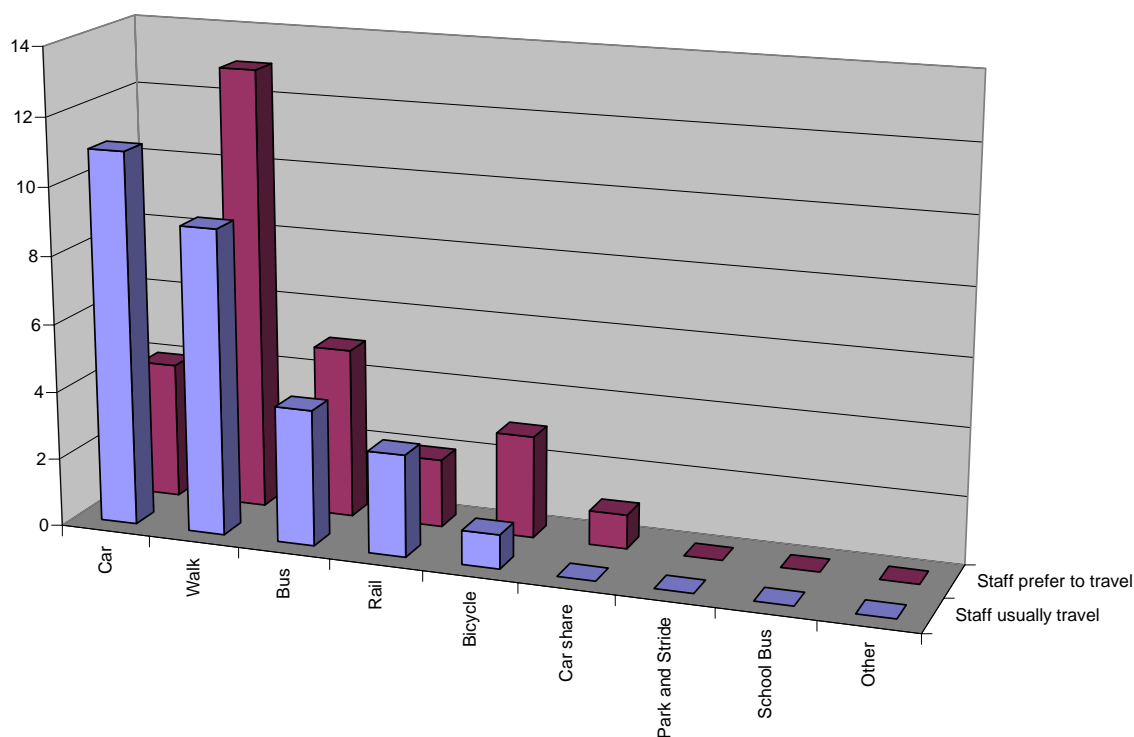
How pupils usually travel and would like to travel to school February 2006

Mode	Pupils usually travel	Pupils usually travel	Pupils prefer to travel	Pupils prefer to travel
Walk	70	41.4%	58	34.3%
Car	56	33.1%	59	34.9%
Bus	22	13.0%	17	10.1%
Car share	10	5.9%	9	5.3%
Rail	6	3.6%	5	3.0%
Park and Stride	3	1.8%	3	1.8%
Bicycle	2	1.2%	18	10.7%
School Bus	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTALS	169	100.0%	169	100.0%



How staff usually travel and would like to travel to school February 2006

Mode	Staff usually travel	Staff usually travel	Staff prefer to travel	Staff prefer to travel
Car	11	39.3%	4	14.3%
Walk	9	32.1%	13	46.4%
Bus	4	14.3%	5	17.9%
Rail	3	10.7%	2	7.1%
Bicycle	1	3.6%	3	10.7%
Car share	0	0.0%	1	3.6%
Park and Stride	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
School Bus	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTALS	28	100.0%	28	100.0%



These are the results of our most recent 'on paper' travel survey taken in December 2006. We surveyed 175 pupils and 29 members of staff.

How pupils usually travel to school:

Year group	Walk	Car	Bus	Train	Bike	Other	Total
Nursery	7	9	3	0	0		19
Reception	9	13	8	0	0	0	30
One	14	4	6	0	0	0	24
Two	10	14	4	0	0	0	28
Three	10	10	5	0	0	0	25
Four	11	9	7	0	0	0	27
Five	15	3	3	0	0	0	21
Six	9	6	3	1	0	1	20
	78	59	36	1	0	1	175

How pupils would prefer to travel to school:

Year group	Walk	Car	Bus	Train	Bike	Other	Total
Nursery	8	2	2	0	4	3	19
Reception	10	10	8	1	0	1	30
One	13	0	1	2	1	7	24
Two	2	8	1	1	6	10	28
Three	12	7	3	1	1	1	25
Four	3	9	3	0	10	2	27
Five	4	3	2	0	9	3	21
Six	2	5	1	0	7	5	20
	46	42	19	5	34	29	175

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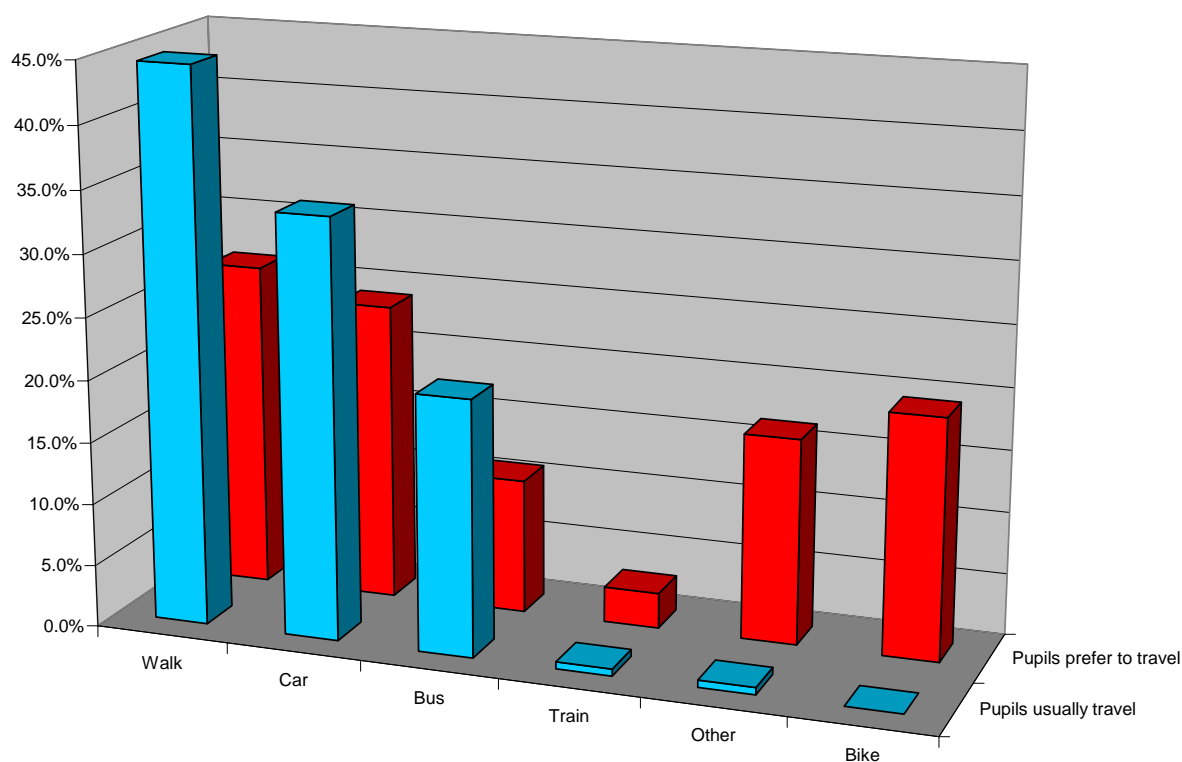
Mode	Walk	Car	Bus	Train	Bike	Other	Total
Totals	5	9	9	5	1	0	29

How staff would prefer to travel to school:

Mode	Walk	Car	Bus	Train	Bike	Other	Total
Totals	4	11	6	4	2	2	29

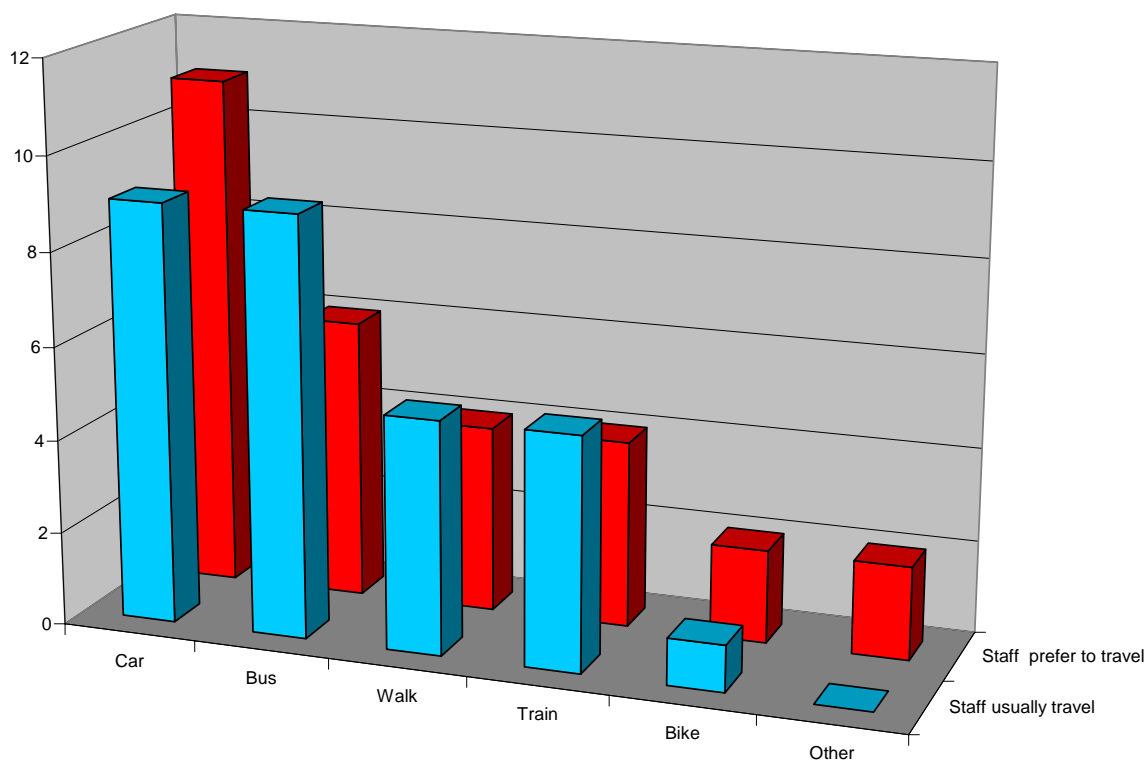
How pupils usually travel and would like to travel to school December 2006

Mode	Pupils usually travel	Pupils usually travel	Pupils prefer to travel	Pupils prefer to travel
Walk	78	44.6%	46	26.3%
Car	59	33.7%	42	24.0%
Bus	36	20.6%	19	10.9%
Train	1	0.6%	5	2.9%
Other	1	0.6%	29	16.6%
Bike	0	0.0%	34	19.4%
Total	175	100.0%	175	100.0%

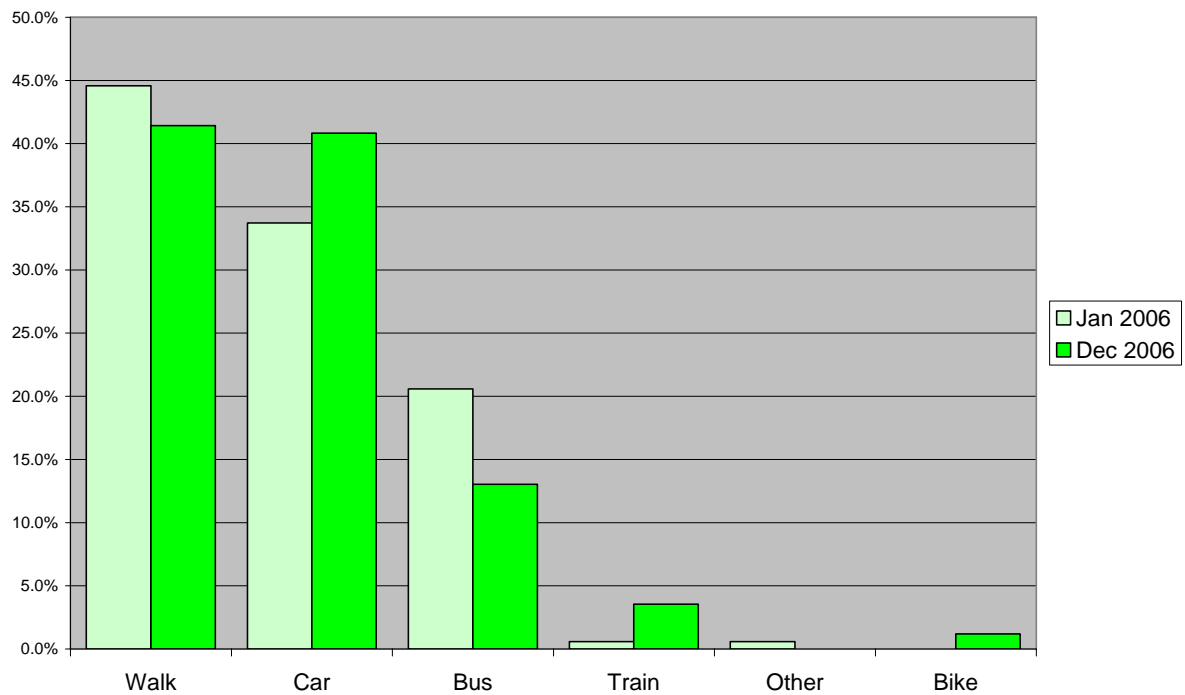


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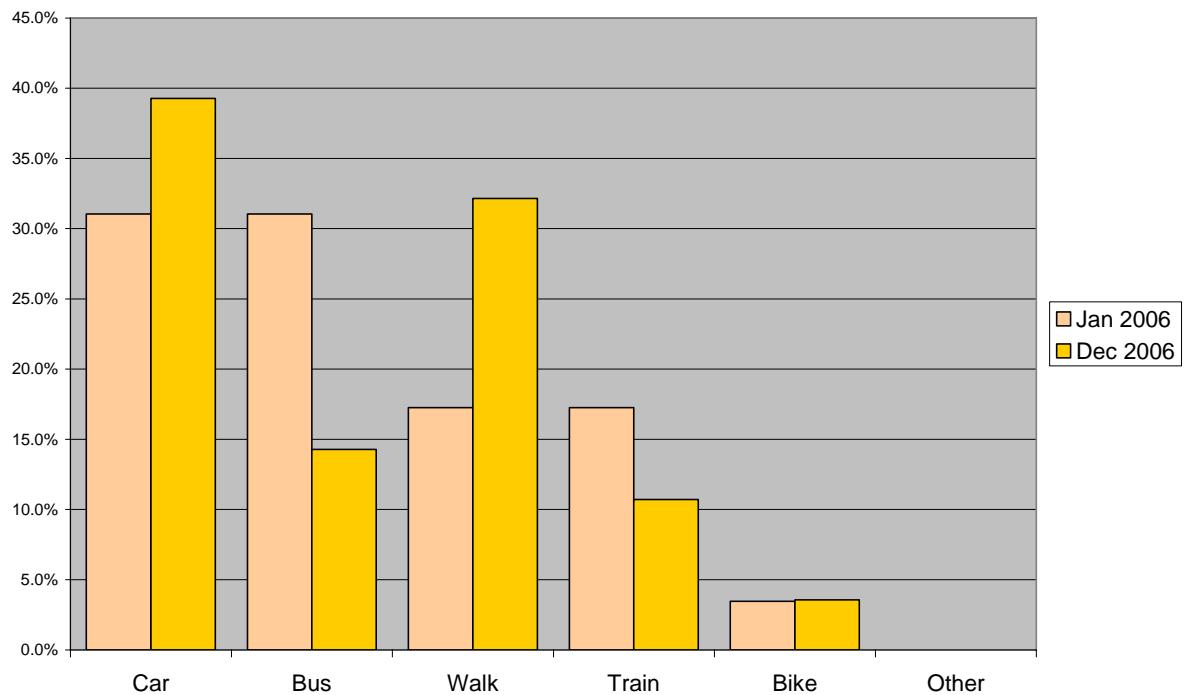
Mode	Staff usually travel	Staff usually travel	Staff prefer to travel	Staff prefer to travel
Car	9	31.0%	11	37.9%
Bus	9	31.0%	6	20.7%
Walk	5	17.2%	4	13.8%
Train	5	17.2%	4	13.8%
Bike	1	3.4%	2	6.9%
Other	0	0.0%	2	6.9%
Total	29	100.0%	29	100.0%



How pupils' travel to school has changed between January and December 2006



How staff's travel to school has changed between January and December 2006



The problems and issues for our school

The JRSOs created their own staff survey in February 2006 to highlight travel problems and issues at school. Here is what they found out:

- Lack of cycle paths
- No storage facilities for bicycles
- No parking outside or near the school gates
- Parents parking up the pavements and congesting the road
- Drivers ignoring speed limits despite there being several speed cameras
- Insufficient lighting, especially along Spindrift Avenue.
- Insufficient traffic calming measures, e.g. speed bumps, 20mph restriction outside school, lollypop patrols, etc.
- Pavements and walkways are too narrow in places
- More opportunities needed for children to learn road safety and independence skills.

Part 3 – How everyone has been involved

Evidence of consultation and involvement

- ❖ School travel survey carried out by the school council on 3rd February 2006 with pupils and staff
- ❖ JRSO staff travel survey carried out in February 2006
- ❖ JRSO assemblies to promote road safety awareness
- ❖ Handover of responsibility from head teacher to school travel co-ordinator on 20th March 2006.
- ❖ Meeting with Nicky Ward (travel advisor) on 20th March 2006 to discuss what a school travel plan should contain and to discuss work in progress.
- ❖ Attendance at the TFL Schools Conference on 2/10/06
- ❖ 'On paper' travel survey - pupils, parents and staff carried out December 2006.

Part 4 – What we want the plan to achieve

Our objectives

- ❖ To walk, cycle or go by bus if we can and only use a car if absolutely necessary.
- ❖ To keep ourselves safe on our school journey.
- ❖ To learn to cross roads safely.
- ❖ To become safe cyclists
- ❖ To promote opportunities for exercise by encouraging walking to school
- ❖ To improve the health of the school community

Our targets

- ❖ To increase the number of pupils walking to school from 70 to 80 by September 2007
- ❖ To increase the number of staff walking to school from 9 to 13 by September 2007
- ❖ To provide road safety training for all pupils by September 2007
- ❖ To provide cycling training for all pupils in Years 6 by September 2007
- ❖ To build travel plan links into the curriculum by September 2007
- ❖ To install 15 bicycle storage spaces by September 2008
- ❖ To have at least 10 people cycling to school by 2008

Part 5 - How we are going to achieve it

Our action plan

Objective and Target linked to	Steps/action needed	Who is responsible?	Specific Target date	Cost (if known) and source of funding.
To increase the number of pupils walking to school from 70 to 80 by September 2007	Participate in WOW	Lorraine Hendricks - LBTH Helen	September 2007	No cost
To increase the number of staff walking to school from 9 to 13 by September 2007	Participate in WOW	Lorraine Hendricks - LBTH Helen	September 2007	No cost
To provide road safety training for all pupils by September 2007	Road Safety Training - JRSO Assemblies	School Council / JRSO	September 2007	No cost
To build travel plan links into the curriculum by September 2007	Identify opportunities to link the messages and themes of the travel plan into the curriculum	Curriculum Additions Team	September 2007	No cost
To build travel plan links into the curriculum by September 2007	Identify resources needed to deliver the curriculum programme, including planning time	Curriculum Additions Team	September 2007	No cost
To provide cycling training for all pupils in Years 6 by September 2007	Cycle Training - contact the council to organise training	Helen	December 2006	No cost
To provide cycling training for all pupils in Years 6 by September 2007	Cycle Training - deliver training	Ashraf Ali LBTH	September 2007	No cost
To install 15 bicycle storage spaces by September 2008	Cycle Storage - Enquire re: cost, space and planning permission.	Helen/Gail/Adel	September 2008	TBC
To install 15 bicycle storage spaces by September 2008	Cycle Storage - Hold a launch/opening event	Student Council	September 2008	TBC
To have at least 10 people cycling to school by 2008	Cycle Training/ Storage	Ashraf Ali LBTH	September 2007	TBC

Part 6 - How we are going to monitor progress

Monitoring

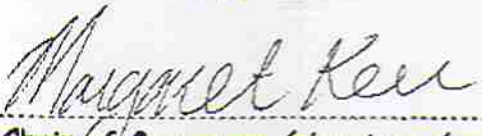
What	Who	When
Annual hands up survey for pupils and staff	STC (School Travel Champion)	Every Autumn Term
In-depth survey/consultation with pupils, parents and staff	STC	December 2006
Previous data to be analysed to show progress to date/review	STC	December 2007 and December 2008
STP to be completely reviewed/rewritten	STA (School Travel Advisor)	December 2009
Review will consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision	Head Teacher/ STC	December 2007
Annual report will be presented to governors	Head Teacher/ STC	December 2007
Keeping a portfolio of evidence to provide a record of all the work undertaken on the plan. This will include minutes from meetings, photographs of events and engineering measures, survey results, examples of pupils work, etc.	STC	After every Action plan scheme
STP to be included in school improvement plan	Head Teacher	December 2007


Sign Off and Formal Approval

School signatures

The following signatures confirm the school management have read the contents of this document. By signing this document the school is committing itself to make every effort to resolve problems identified within the enclosed document and implement the actions identified. The school further acknowledges that they have committed to achieving all targets highlighted in their action plan and to the annual review and monitoring of the plan.

 GAIL O'FLAHERTY
Headteacher (signature / name / date) (required)

 (staff Governor) Margaret Kerr
Chair of Governors (signature / name / date) (required)


 Chamaine Kampiyawa 26/3/07
School Council Representative (signature / name / date) (optional)

 Ndieme Angel Ekan Ekanem 26/3/07
JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officer) (signature / name / date) (optional)

Council signatures

The following signatures confirm that the document has been Quality and Assessment checked by representatives from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

 JOHN RYELL 26/03/07
School Travel Plan Adviser (signature / name / date) (required)

 J. Pank 27-3-07
Head of Street Management (signature / name / date) (required)

 K.A. Collins 27-3-07
Director of Children's Services (signature / name / date) (required)