



St Edmund's
Nursery School and
Children's Centre

School Travel Plan Review August 2015

The Governors of St Edmund's Nursery School & Children's Centre initiated a review of the travel methods of its users in September 2008 and developed a School/Centre Travel Plan and Road Safety Policy. A review of aims and outcomes was further undertaken in September 2010 and the Governors have now established an annual review process.

It is the intention of this review to re-consider the objectives and aims of the 2011 review in relation to present information gathered from staff and children and to develop a new action plan.

The Objectives of our School Travel Plan

1. To reduce the numbers of cars used for the school/centre journey, by parents, children and staff.
2. To increase the number of children walking to school on a regular basis.
3. To encourage safe travel for children – the correct use of car safety seats
4. To ensure that the footpath access into school is safe for all users by provision of clear “no parking” areas around school – zigzags and double yellow lines. Also to clearly identify by signage the footpath entrance into school and to provide a barrier between the path and the car park.

Targets 2011

1. To reduce the number of cars outside the gate by 2% by September 2012. To further reduce by 2% each year for the next two years.
2. To increase the number of children walking to the school/centre on a regular basis by 2% by July 2012.
3. To promote car safety especially the use of appropriate child safety seats.

Benefits to the school

- Improved health and safety of pupils.
- Potential for improving the reputation of the school/centre.
- Reduced traffic outside school/centre.
- Potential for improved relations with local residents.
- An improved school/centre environment and local community.
- Visits from outside professionals.
- Opportunities for media coverage.

Action Update September 2012

1. *To reduce the number of cars outside the gate by 2% by September 2011. To further reduce by 2% each year for the next two years.*

In September 2012, Bradford Council created Parking Enforcement Officers (central contact 432597) to ensure that road users park considerately around the community. In liaison with our local Parking Enforcement Officer (Anjum – tel 07582100766) we have targeted parents who consistently ignore zig-zag markings or double-park. Each September we also issue a guidance leaflet from the West Yorkshire Police (see attached) to all parents as a reminder. **TARGET ACHIEVED**

2. *To increase the number of children walking to the school/centre on a regular basis by 2% by July 2011.*

An assessment in September 2011 identified that 82 (56%) children accessing their free education walk to the school/centre. This figure has increased in September 2012 to 60%. **TARGET ACHIEVED**

49% of children accessing childcare walk to the school/centre – *due to the early and late start of children whose parents work and that these parents use cars for their work it is unfeasible to ask that these children walk.* However, it should be noted that this is an 8% increase on the 2011 data.

3. *To promote car safety especially the use of appropriate child safety seats.*

Road Safety is underlined continually in the school/centre Newsletter. Also on Tuesday 19th June 2012, as part of our Child Safety Week, Car Seat Awareness information was displayed in the foyer. This information was supported by the Family & Community Services Team who have undertaken training in car seat safety.

Road & Travel Safety Development at St Edmund's

Continuous promotion of child and travel safety underpins a key aim of our school/centre

- **To provide a warm, secure and welcoming environment.**

Each year a designated Safety Week is timetabled to highlight children's safety. In 2012 the week was used to promote several issues.

Child Safety Week – commencing 18th June 2012

During the week many families were able to learn about Child Safety issues including travelling safely with children. Many issues were discussed with the children in session times during the week, including car safety. Children and staff visited local amenities using the opportunity to discuss road safety.

Action Plan - future safety promotion

- Parents and school/centre community – Better Together Day – February 2013
- Safety Week 2013 - to actively encourage parents and children to walk to and from the school/centre
- Ongoing updates via the school/centre Newsletter and web site. – 2012/2013 continuous
- To monitor use of car parking facility.