



Nishkam School West London Travel Plan

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Summary

This Travel Plan seeks to encourage staff and pupils of Nishkam School West London, in Isleworth, Hounslow to use alternative sustainable means of travel to and from school in such a way so as to reduce car borne trips. In 2013 Nishkam School West London (NSWL), started off in a temporary building in close proximity to the permanent site on Syon Lane in Osterley. The new purpose-built building was opened in September 2018.

At full capacity the school will have 1400 students from ages 4-18.

The Nishkam School West London acknowledges their wider responsibilities to encourage sustainable school travel which will contribute to reducing congestion and help the viability and attractiveness of the school. In a wider sense the Travel Plan will also aid in protecting the general environment and will encourage and engage staff and pupils in playing their part in addressing sustainability issues.

This Travel Plan sets out the facilities which will be provided at the School to encourage future staff and pupils to use sustainable transport along with the initiatives that should be adopted by the staff and pupils of the School to travel sustainably

Site Location and Use

Nishkam School West London is located on Syon Lane. There is a rear entrance on Wood Lane. The school neighbours Grasshoppers Rugby Club on the right-hand side and Brabourne Drive on the left.



The opening hours for the school are as follows:

Open to staff: 6.45am

Primary school: 8.10am – 3.10pm (clubs/aftercare from 7.30am until 5.30pm).

Secondary school including sixth form: 8.20am – 3.10pm (clubs/intervention/library from 7.45am until 4pm)

Breakfast club (primary only): 7.30am – 8.10am. Approximately 20 children attend breakfast club per day (plus an additional 20 children of staff members). Those who attend breakfast club can park on-site for drop off purposes only. Staff members have parking available.

The school facilities are open for use for community use during the hours of 5.30-10pm Monday-Friday and 9-6pm Saturday and Sunday. During these hours, users of the facilities can park on-site.

School Capacity

	2024/25
Primary	756
Secondary including Sixth form	644
Total	1400

Current staff:

	2024/25
Total	166

Accessibility by Sustainable Modes

Park and Stride

The school have successfully made informal arrangements with the Tesco store on Syon Lane for school pupil drop-off and pick-up. This decreases the amount of traffic directly around the school and encourages an 8-minute walk for students at the start/end of the day. The vast majority of parents who continue to drive to the school site avail of this facility. The facilities are actively promoted through the use of our school newsletter which is published and sent to parents four times per term. Two additional sites in close walking distance to the school have also been identified and contacted regarding a park and stride arrangement. Unfortunately, there is no appetite from either organisation to partake in the scheme.

School Coach

Bus2School is a dedicated service operated by New Bharat Coaches Ltd, to provide safe transport for students to the Nishkam School Site. New Bharat operates 2 'Hounslow' coaches that start at Hatton Road and have 8 stops, and 1 'Southall' coach which starts at Brookside Road and has 5 stops.

As part of the yearly assessment of coach services, a review of student home addresses was conducted in the summer of 2024. Two new coach routes, Ashford and Staines, were proposed and discussed for the 2024 academic year. However, the level of interest in these services was insufficient to justify their implementation. An additional schools service has been launched by TfL in September 2024. The 618 runs from the Ivybridge Estate to Tesco Osterley. These services are advertised regularly in the school's newsletter to parents and all new reception and Year 7 students receive targeted mailing on the subject when they first enrol in the school.

Southall Coach

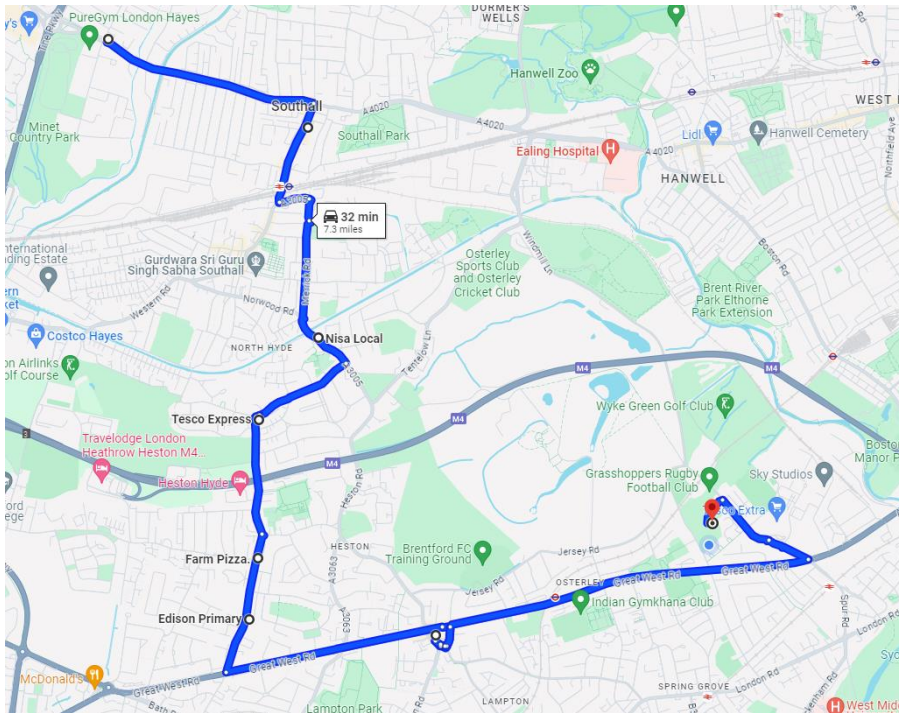


Fig 1. New Bharat Coaches Southall Route

Hounslow Coach

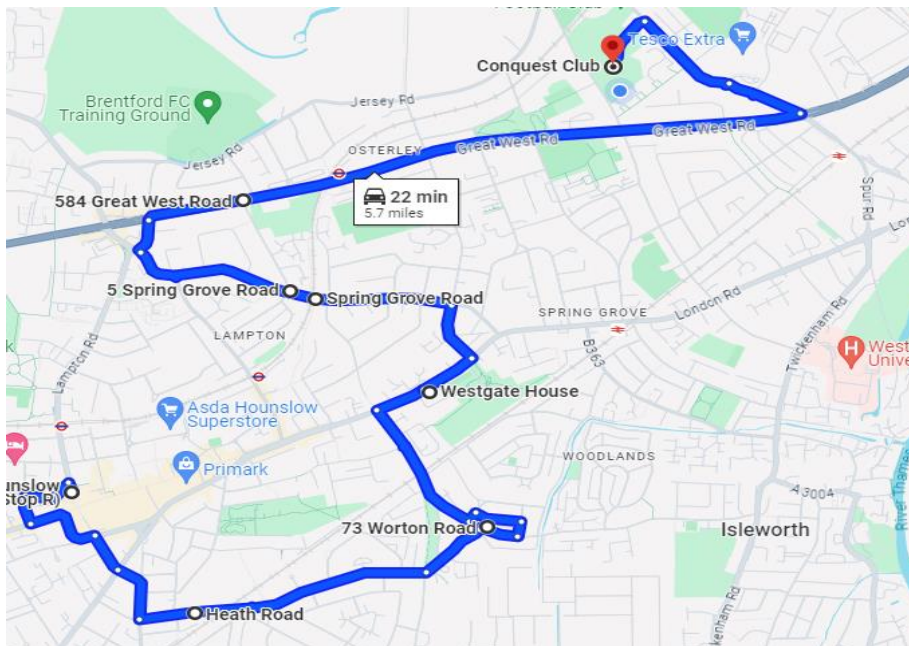


Fig 2. New Bharat Coaches Hounslow Route

Bus facilities

Bus stops can be found within the vicinity of the school, both along Great West Road and Wood Lane.

The available services at all of these stops are provided in the following table.

Summary of services Frequency			Frequency		
Route Number	Bus stop Ref. Number	Overall Route	Daytime Frequency (Mon - Sat)	Evening Frequency (Mon - Sat)	Sunday Frequency
H28	G (northbound, F (Southbound to Tesco)	Bulls Bridge - Osterley	20mins	30mins	30mins
H91	L, V (to Chiswick)	Hounslow West – Chiswick – Hammersmith	8 - 12mins	9 - 10mins	13 - 15mins

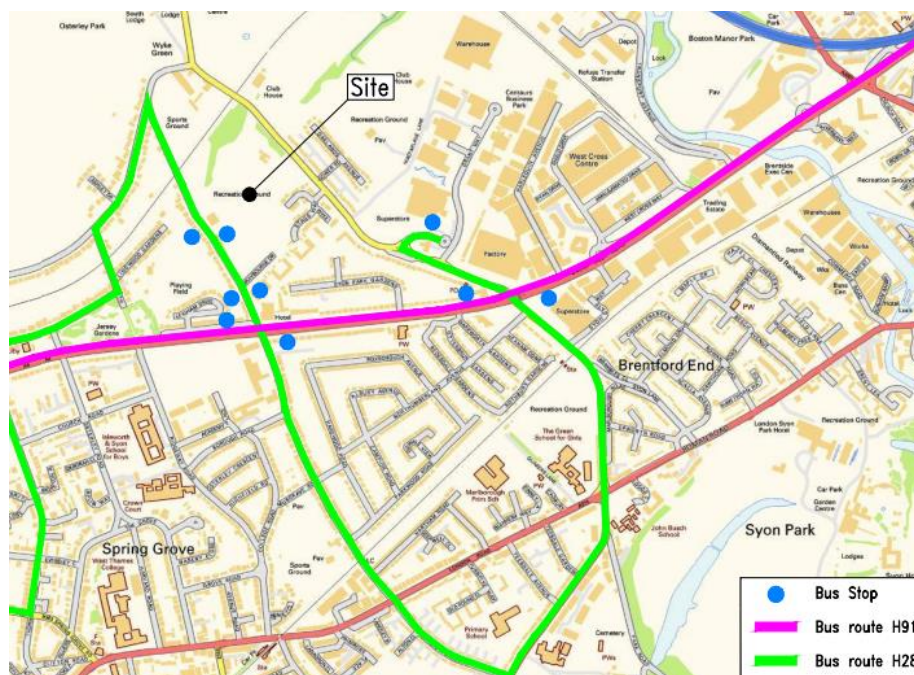


Fig 3. TfL bus stops located around the NSWL site

A frequent level of service is available from bus stops within 200m walking distance of the site. These stops provide a connection from the site to various local areas including local train stations.

Bus timetable information and Journey Planners can be found at www.tfl.gov.uk
Travel information by telephone can be obtained from London Travel Information tel 0800 112 3456 (information available 24 hours a day).

Staff and pupils are also encouraged to utilise the service which provides live bus arrival times from the selected bus stop. This service is available at <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/stations-stops-and-piers/> free of charge or by using apps such as Citymapper.

Rail facilities

Rail service information and timetables can be found at www.southwesttrains.co.uk with further information available at www.tfl.gov.uk and www.nationalrail.co.uk.

Syon Lane – National Rail Network

Syon Lane railway station is located approximately 1.2km from the school, which is around a 15 minute walk. This station has two platforms and is under the management of South West Trains. This station provides services to London Waterloo, and Weybridge together with more local destinations of Hounslow and Richmond. This station is within the referred maximum walking distance as detailed by the IHT publication 'Providing for Journeys on Foot' and cycle parking is provided at the station, this makes it possible to access the station by bicycle (a 5 minute journey by bicycle). The station is also served by the H28 bus which terminates at the Tesco Supermarket.

Osterley – Underground Station

Osterley underground station is located approximately 1.6km from the school, which is around a 20-minute walk. This station has two platforms above ground on the Piccadilly line. This station is within the preferred maximum walking distance as detailed by the IHT publication 'Providing for Journeys on Foot' and cycle parking is provided at the station, this makes it possible to access the station by bicycle. The station is also served by the H91 bus which travels along the Great West Road.

Cycling

Bicycle journey planning is available and further information can be found at <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/>.

The London Borough of Hounslow provides cycling tuition (certain ages only) in conjunction with local schools during term-time and school holidays. Further information regarding this scheme is available by contacting cycling@hounslow.gov.uk.

The school is accessible by cycle and covered cycle spaces are available for staff and pupils within the school grounds.

Staff facilities are to be provided together with staff showers.

Information for cyclists including details of routes, cycle training and details of cycle facilities will be included within the Travel Information Pack. Further information on cycling can be found at the following websites:

www.sustrans.org.uk
<http://www.cyclestreets.net/>

Free cycle maps are available at <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/routes-and-maps?intcmp=2344>

Walking facilities

There are pedestrian routes and junction crossings provided with dropped kerbs and tactile paving.

There are pedestrian islands on Syon Lane and Wood Lane on the route to the school. Traffic calming is provided on Wood Lane on the school frontage. Approximately 300m to the south of the school there are signalised crossing facilities on Great West Road adjacent to the Wood Lane junction.

Approximately 760m to the south east of the school there is a pedestrian under pass and signalised crossing facilities incorporated in the Syon Lane signalised junction.

Distance

The table below shows the number of students and the distance from their home to the school site.

Miles	Number of students
1	503
2	27
3	690
4	128
5	40
6+	13

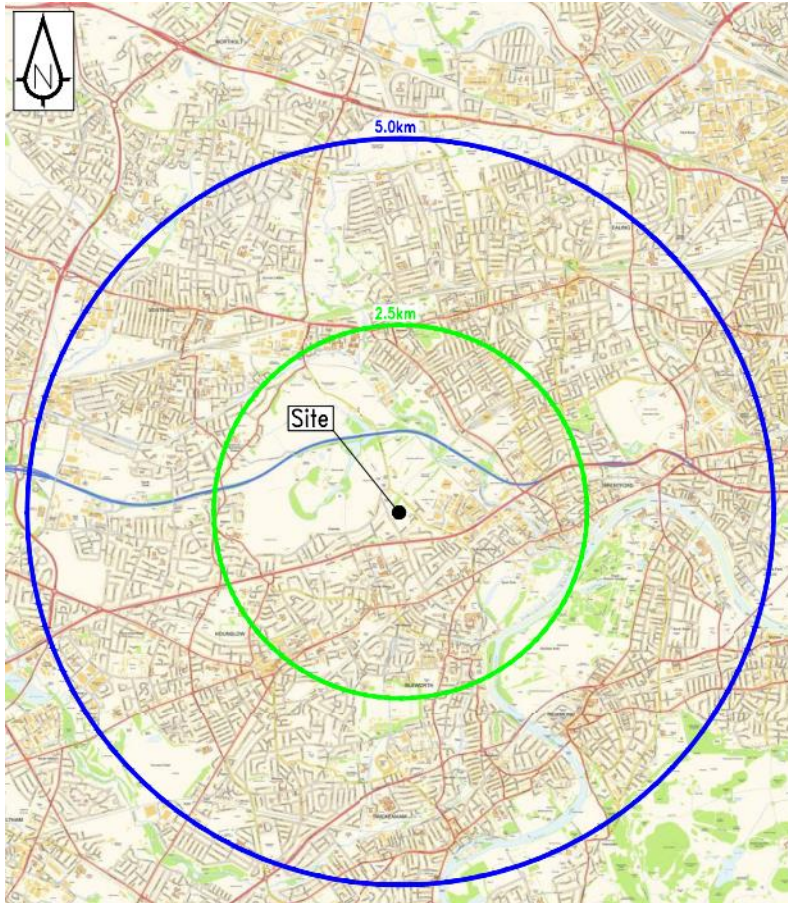


Fig 4. Distances from the school site

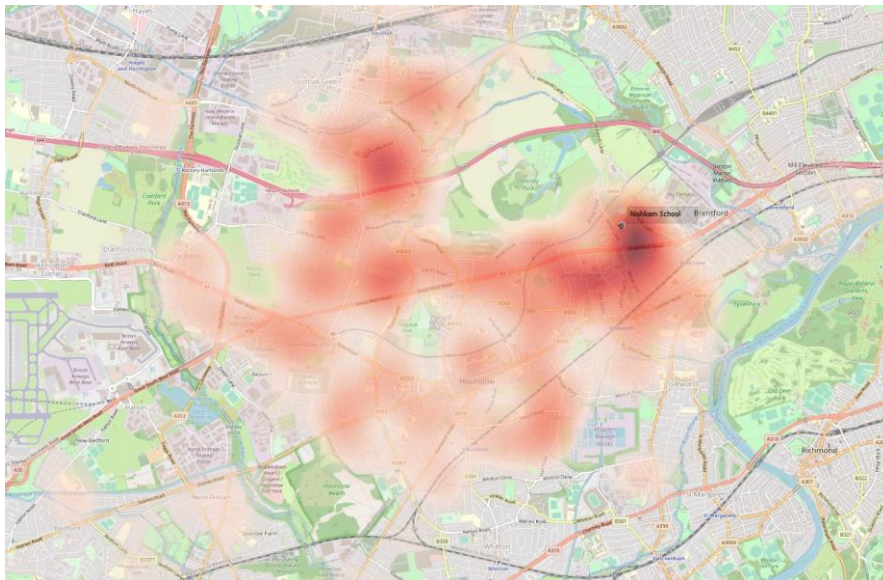


Fig 5. NSW heatmap based on student postcodes 2023

Car Sharing

Staff and parents who drop off and pick up pupils are encouraged to car share. There is a car share scheme for London details of which can be found at www.londonliftshare.com with national details at www.liftshare.com/uk. This information is also made available through the updated pages on the school's website.

Travel Information

Details of facilities in the vicinity of the school are indicated in this Travel Information Pack and on the attached plans. Staff and pupils will be encouraged to complete a Travel Questionnaire to assist in assessing the modes of travel to the school. The School Travel Plan will be reviewed annually and again staff and pupils will be encouraged to participate. The results of the survey along with details of any specific initiatives and the targets for modal shift will be contained within the School Travel Plan.

Parking

Parents do not have permission to access the car park between 7.40-4.30pm. There are 11 parent vehicles with permission to park on-site due to disabilities. Staff parking and visitor parking is provided on a first come first served basis.

Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) are roads or sets of roads where the parking places and single yellow lines which form the CPZ are controlled for a certain period during the day, with the aim (for the most part) of prioritising local parking. CPZ's in the perimeter of Nishkam School West London are indicated below.

Name: Wyke Estate

Days: Monday-Friday

Time: 9:30am-5:30pm

Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) are due to take affect in Wood Lane in Summer 2024.

Three School Streets are also in place around the school which restrict access during operational times.

Access & Parking Arrangements

A total of 87 parking spaces are available on-site for staff parking. On a typical day 70-75 of these spaces are occupied.

Visitor Bays: 4

Disabled Bays: 2

Travel Plan Objectives

The Travel Plan includes realistic and appropriate objectives and targets for the School. Travel Plans exist to influence the behaviour towards the use of more sustainable methods of travel using a mixture of increased transportation opportunity, providing information, persuasion, incentive and coercion.

The Travel Plan objectives are as follows:

- To minimise single occupancy vehicle trips created by pupils / parents attending the school as well as school staff and
- To encourage staff and pupils to travel by sustainable modes including the school bus and use of the park and stride facilities.

The London Borough of Hounslow is promoting sustainable travel for the journey to school through its Transport Strategy and believes several benefits will be achieved through this for example:

- Increasing the amount of exercise undertaken by school children - in particular in terms of 'active travel' methods such as walking and cycling – thus helping to reduce the incidence of obesity.
- Providing benefits to public health by improving air quality around schools.
- Reducing trips to school by motorised means will act to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce congestion on the roads around schools.
- Improving the road awareness of pupils by giving them the opportunity to practice navigating our roads by walking, cycling and public transport to primary school – better equipping them for the journey to secondary school.
- Reduce congestion on the wider road network.
- Reduce anti-social parking outside school gates which is frequently identified as being one of the primary conflict areas between the school and local residents, and between individual parents.
- Improved accessibility of schools- removing barriers to sustainable school travel

Staff and pupils will be made aware of both the opportunities that will be available for alternative sustainable travel and of the measures to be included within the Travel Plan. The pick-up and drop-off of pupils will be discouraged within information provided by the school.

Annual monitoring of the effectiveness of the initial measures contained within the Travel Plan can identify examples of good practice. These can be refined over time to ensure that a reduction in vehicular trips to the school is likely to be achieved.

The annual travel plan will be prepared and agreed with the Local Planning Authority's Travel Team. The plan will contain an annual program of measures designed to help achieve the School's future Travel Plan targets on travel mode share. It will clearly set out the tasks involved, the person(s) responsible, and dates by

which the measures will be achieved over the next 12 months. Targets for the school are stated below.

As part of the school admissions and induction process the School will explain to parents and families the School's policies and expectations for pupil travel to and from school emphasizing the school bus and Park and Stride locations and initiatives to minimise travel by car. The school will specifically advise parents not to park on roads surrounding the site as a matter of principle, so as not to obstruct traffic or effect the safety of other road users, whether there are restrictions in place or not and respect the amenity of the school's neighbours.

The School requires all parents to sign a school travel charter setting out the school's expectations. The charter sets out the aims of the school and the reasons for it together with the support put in place by the School for families to help them uphold the charter. The charter asks parents to confirm their agreement:

- a. I agree to support my child in walking to school or cycling to school.
- b. I agree that where walking or cycling are not possible I will support my child in taking public transport to school or the school bus.
- c. I understand that when visiting Nishkam School West London as a parent, I should always walk or cycle, and where that is not possible I should take public transport.

The School supervises pupil movements to and from the school premise by having a number of staff at the school access points in high visibility jackets monitoring drop-off / pick-up by parents as well as pupils' behaviour. The pedestrian / cycle access point to Wood Lane will be gated and access managed by 'School Marshals' at the beginning and end of the school day. The School Marshals will actively discourage pupil access for those observed being dropped off on Wood Lane and names taken so that parents can be contacted. School Marshals endeavour to move parents on to the park and stride locations rather than dropping off on Wood Lane. The School regularly seeks to remind parents of their obligations under the School's Travel Charter and emphasising the facilities that have been put in place by the School for the school bus and Park and Stride to reduce the need to travel by car.

It may be necessary for some parents to drive to school, for example, if a pupil has an injury or other mobility issues. Pupil drop-off / pick-up will be allowed on the school grounds in these circumstances. Highly visible 'School Marshals' will be stationed at the site access from Syon Lane to direct parents to the 'Park and Stride' locations. It may also be the case that some parents persistently drop their child off by car despite all the measures put in place to discourage this. The school, may be en-route to their place of work and in this situation these parents will be encouraged to use the 'Park and Stride' facilities and walk to the school from there by the use of regular news letters. In most cases where this may happen these do not constitute additional cars on the highway network as these are parents who are already driving to work in any case.

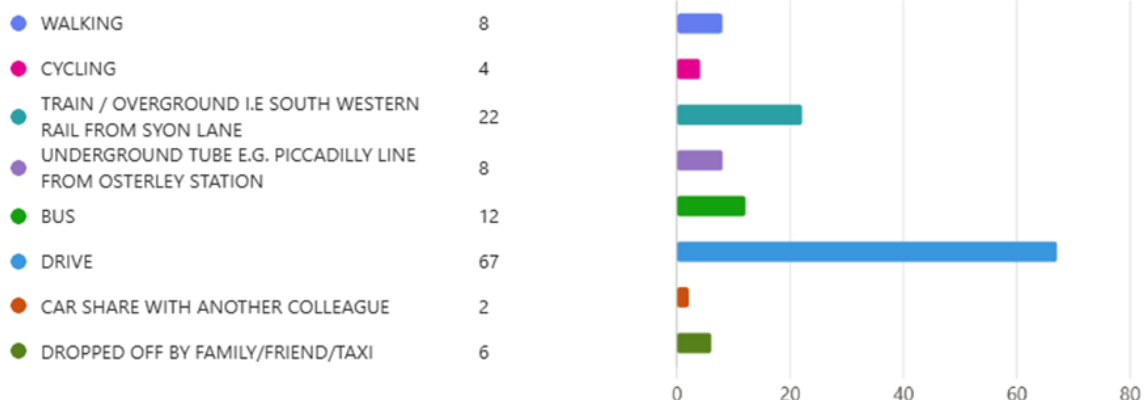
Current Methods of Travel

According to a travel survey conducted by the school in 2024, which had 1116 respondents, the following were stated as means of travel:

Students:

Mode	Target	Primary		Secondary		All Through	
		No of students surveyed	Percentage of school population	No of students surveyed	Percentage of school population	No of students surveyed	Percentage of school population
Car/Taxi	0.00%	67	6%	36	3.2%	103	9.2%
Car Share	6.85%	55	4.9%	12	1.1%	67	6%
Bus	25.66%	69	6.1%	140	12.5%	209	18.8%
Dedicated School Bus	26.64%	41	3.6%	49	4.4%	90	8.1%
Train/Tube	2.00%	0	0%	5	0.4%	5	0.4%
Cycle	5.50%	9	0.8%	17	1.5%	26	2.32%
Walk	24%	126	11.2%	153	13.7%	279	25%
Park & Stride	7.50%	208	18.6%	104	9.3%	312	28%
Scotting	5.50%	25	2.2%	0	0%	25	2.2%

Staff:



Actions for 2024/25

Park and Stride

Action	Timescales	Who is responsible	Target met (Yes/No/Partially)
Information regarding the existing park and stride site to be sent out to parents in every parental newsletter.	Twice per half term	School Business Manager	Yes (Twice per half term- ongoing)
To review parking availability within a one-mile radius of the school to identify additional park and stride sites.	September 2024	School Business Manager	Yes (Aug 2024)
To ensure areas surrounding the school site are appropriately signposted and marshalled to restrict ad-hoc parking.	Daily	Site Manager	Yes (Sept 2024)

School Bus

Action	Timescales	Who is responsible	Target met (Yes/No/Partially)
To review current timetables and routings to ensure that the areas with the largest student populations are served by the NBC coaches.	August 2024	School Business Manager	Yes (Dec 2024)
To ensure that specific correspondence of the school coach service goes to all families at the outset of the academic year.	August 2024	School Business Manager	Yes (Sept 2024)
To ensure reminders and adverts for the school coach service are sent out in the school newsletter that is sent to families twice per half term.	Twice per half term	School Business Manager	Yes (Twice per half term- ongoing)
To conduct a survey of current users of the current service to identify areas of improvement.	Once per academic year	School Business Manager	On-going
Identify whether an additional bus route can service areas where large groups of students reside.	February Half Term	School Business Manager	New route to be introduced from February 2025

Cycling & Walking

Action	Timescales	Who is responsible	Target met (Yes/No/Partially)
Arrange Bikeability workshops and cycling lesson for Year 6 students	Autumn Term 2024	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes- 56 Year 6 pupils attended training in November 2024
Take part in cycle to work (staff) during Bike Week UK.	Spring Term 2025	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	On-going
Signpost to students any additional cycling schemes/training.	Various	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	On-going

Bike routes and cycle lanes to and from the school site to be advertised to families.	Autumn Term 2024	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	On-going
Ensure that the PSHCE curriculum has specific lessons on the benefits of an active lifestyle.	Termly	SLT (PSHCE)	On-going
Arrange for all Year 4 students partake in the Road Safety pedestrian training for Year 4 students	Autumn 2024	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes- 120 Year 4 pupils attended training in September 2024

Communication and Promotion

Action	Timescales	Who is responsible	Target met (Yes/No/Partially)
Issue School Travel Charter to parents and discuss topic at parent evening meetings.	Autumn Term 2024	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes (Aug 2024). Travel information also goes out in the packs given to families at parents' evenings.
The school will actively chase STC responses from any parent who does not sign and return their copy	Autumn Term 2024	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes (Sept 2024)
Undertake annual travel questionnaire surveys (staff / pupils) utilising the TfL travel survey website	Autumn Term 2024	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes (Dec 2024)
Include travel matters in parent's evenings and include travel information on school web site	Termly	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes (various)
Take part in walk to school week and run other walking events.	19-23 May 2025 On-going	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	On-going
Seek Travel for Life accreditation to "gold level".	On-going	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	On-going
The school will update the travel to school	August 2024	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes (Jan 2025)

page on the website to include up to date parking restrictions and updates to the cycle and bus network			
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Review Date

The School proposes to review the 2024/25 Travel Plan at the outset of the 2025/26 academic year.