



# **Nishkam School West London Travel Plan 2025-26**

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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

## Review of 2024/25

The school has continued to make positive progress in promoting sustainable travel and reducing reliance on single-occupancy car journeys. All mandatory actions required for TfL STARS Gold accreditation were completed, and the school has achieved its Gold status for this calendar year. Regular promotion of the Park and Stride arrangement at Tesco, increased staff presence at key access points, and strengthened communication via newsletters have contributed to improved pupil and parent engagement with active and sustainable travel options.

During the year, the school trialled additional coach routes based on postcode analysis, though uptake levels were not sufficient for permanent implementation. Existing services continue to be reviewed annually. Cycling and walking initiatives, including Bikeability for Year 6 and road safety training for younger pupils, were delivered as planned. The school also expanded signage and marshalling outside the school site to discourage ad-hoc parking and maintain safe pedestrian routes.

A full hands-up travel survey was completed for the 2024/25 academic year and will be used to benchmark modal shift targets for 2025/26. The school will continue to refine its approach to Park and Stride ahead of the future Tesco site relocation and will work alongside the Local Authority to contribute to consultation on proposed highway changes, including the raised zebra crossing on Wood Lane.

## 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

	2025/26
Primary	756
Secondary including Sixth Form	644
Total	1400

### Current staff:

	2025/26
Total	134

## 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.

### 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 annual review into coach services, a review of student home addresses takes place annually and bus routes (including collection/drop off points) are reviewed. The coach service is 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

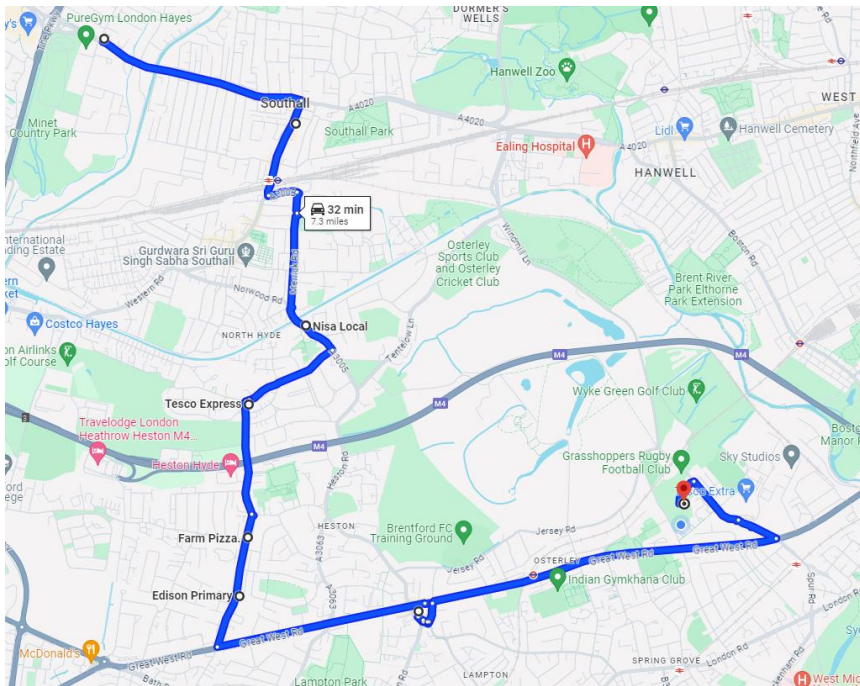


Fig 1. New Bharat Coaches Southall Route

## Hounslow Coach

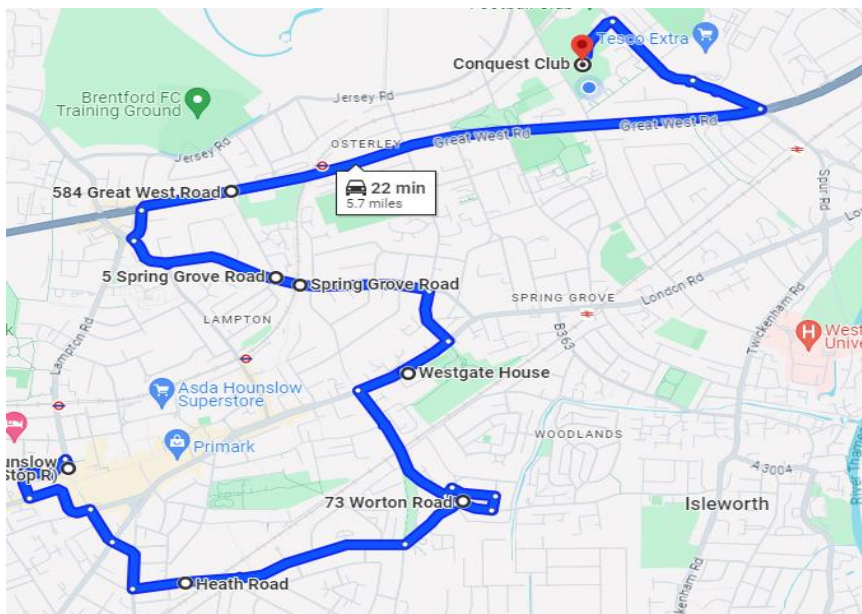


Fig 2. New Bharat Coaches Hounslow Route

## 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

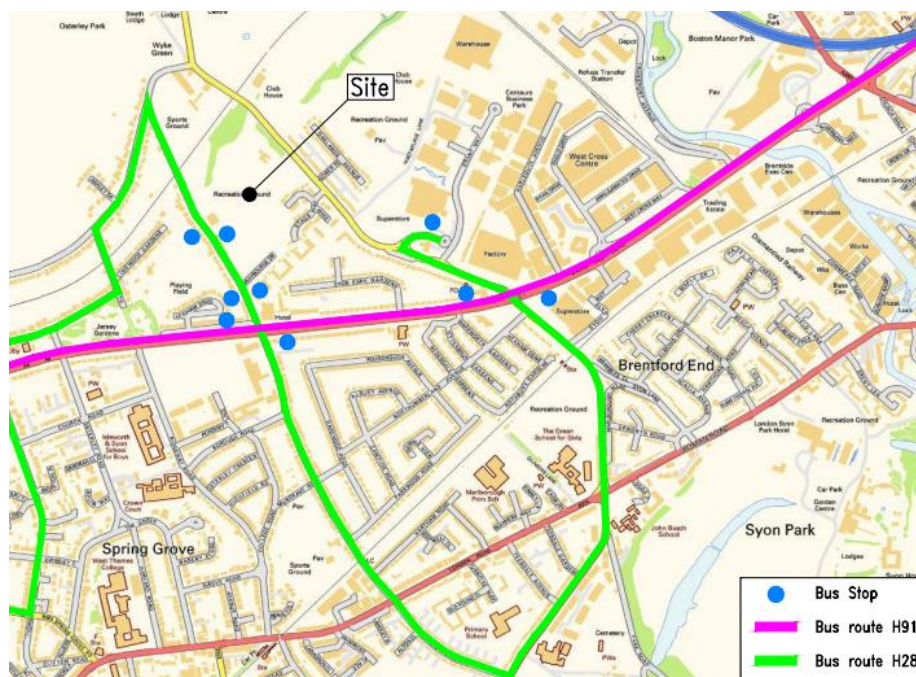


Fig 3. TfL bus stops located around the NSWL site

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](http://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](http://www.southwesttrains.co.uk) with further information available at [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) and [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://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 at [http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/bicycle\\_training\\_children](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/bicycle_training_children) which the school currently implements.

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:

[http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/index/transport\\_and\\_streets/cycling.htm](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/index/transport_and_streets/cycling.htm)

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling>

<http://www.londoncyclenetwork.org.uk/default.asp>

[www.sustrans.org.uk](http://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
0-1	401
1-2	208
2-3	592
3-4	99
4+	101

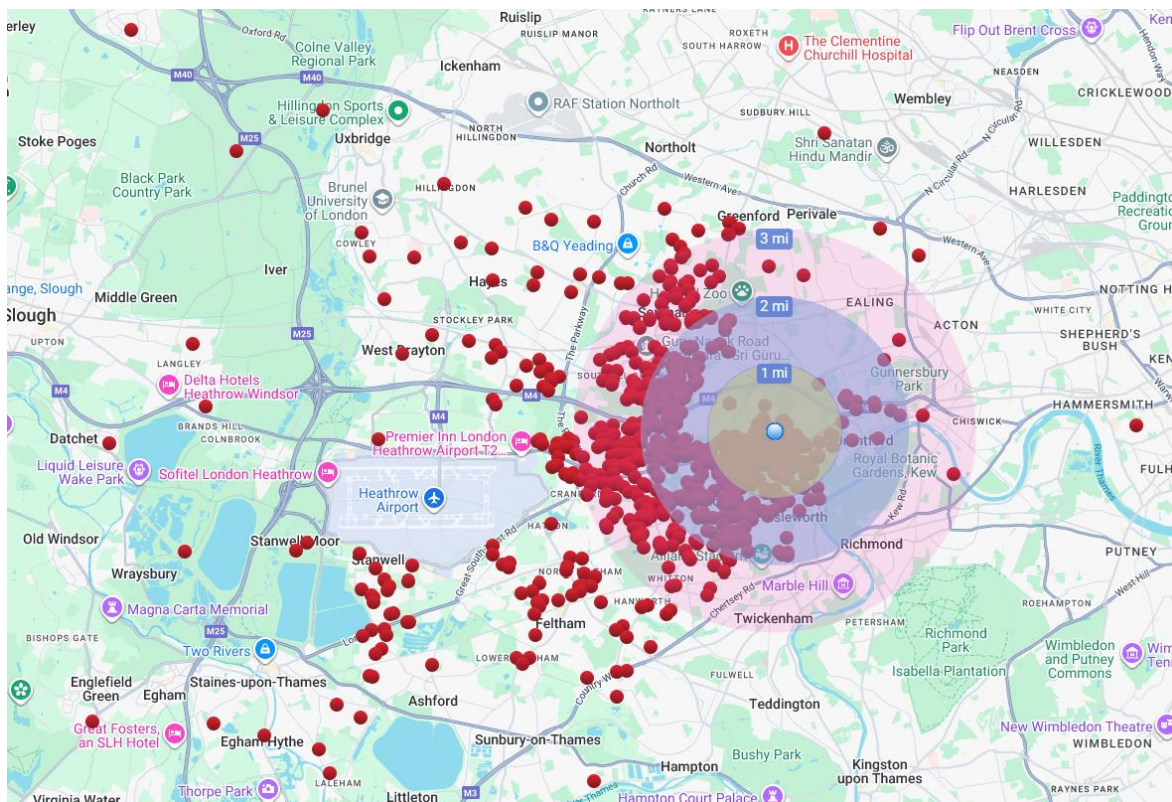


Fig 4. Distances from the school site

## 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](http://www.londonliftshare.com) with national details at [www.liftshare.com/uk](http://www.liftshare.com/uk).

## 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) 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. Details of CPZs and School Street Restrictions around the school site can be found using the link below:

<https://hounslow.traffweb.app/traffweb/1/TrafficOrders>



## Access & Parking Arrangements

A total of 87 parking spaces are available on-site for staff parking. On a typical day 80-85 of these spaces are occupied.

Visitor Bays: 4

Disabled Bays: 2

## Electric Vehicle Charging at the School Site

At Nishkam School West London the installation of on-site electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure underlines our commitment to sustainable travel and environmental stewardship. We now offer 22 EV charging bays, available to the local community at significantly below-average rates (currently 30p/kWh).

The chargers are accessed via the Monta app or QR-code scan, enabling simple online payment and usage. The times of availability are:

- Monday–Friday: 17:30–21:30
- Weekends: 09:00–18:00

This initiative supports those in the local area who may not have home-charging infrastructure, encourages the use of zero-emission transport, and contributes to creating a cleaner, healthier environment for the Osterley neighbourhood.

The EV charging provision will also be considered as part of our wider school travel planning strategy, reinforcing our aim to reduce the school's transport carbon footprint and support active, low-emission travel choices.

## 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 Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (SMOTS) 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 proposes to ask 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 proposes to supervise 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 proposed 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 will endeavour to move parents on to the park and stride locations rather than dropping off on Wood Lane. The School would regularly seek to remind parents of their obligations under the School's Travel Charter and emphasizing 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 Marshalls' 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 October 2025, which had 1116 respondents, the following were stated as means of travel:

Mode	Target	No. of students (n=1291)	Percentage	No. of staff (n=55)	Percentage
Car/Taxi	0.00%	114	8.8%	29	52.7%
Car Share	6.85%	67	5.1%	2	3.6
Bus	25.66%	278	21.5%	6	10%
Dedicated School Bus	26.64%	90	6.9%	0	0%
Train/Tube	2.00%	32	2.4%	10	18%
Cycle	5.50%	36	2.7%	5	12.7%
Walk	24%	324	25.09%	3	5.5%
Park & Stride	7.50%	312	24.1%	0	0%
Scooting	5.50%	38	2.9%	0	0%

## Actions for 2025/26

### Park and Stride

Action	Timescales	Who is responsible	Target met (Yes/No/Partially)
Continue to promote existing Park and Stride site in parental newsletters	Twice per half term	School Business Manager	On-going
Review additional Park and Stride options within a one-mile radius and maintain dialogue with potential partners	November 2025	School Business Manager	On-going
Liaise with LB Hounslow and Tesco regarding long-term Park and Stride provision linked to future site relocation	Ongoing (2025–26)	Headteachers	On-going
Ensure marshalling and signage continue to discourage ad-hoc parking around the school site	Daily	Site Manager + SLT on duty	On-going
Work with Grasshoppers RFC to reduce the use of their facilities for AM/PM drop offs or pick ups	Ongoing	Headteachers	On-going
Liaise with LB Hounslow regarding School Street timings and an extension of the hours at Braybourne Drive	Ongoing	Headteachers	On-going
Additional staff support the traffic marshals at AM and PM dismissal. Sanctions issued to students alighting on the red route.	Ongoing	Senior Leadership	On-going
Pro-forma communications sent to families who fail to use Park and Stride facilities	Ongoing	Office Team	On-going

## School Bus

Action	Timescales	Who is responsible	Target met (Yes/No/Partially)
Conduct annual postcode review and assess whether changes to coach routes are viable	August 2025	School Business Manager	Yes
To ensure that specific correspondence of the school coach service goes to all families at the outset of the academic year.	August 2025	School Business Manager	Yes
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	On-going

## Cycling & Walking

Action	Timescales	Who is responsible	Target met (Yes/No/Partially)
Bikeability workshops and cycling lesson for Year 6 students	Autumn Term 2025	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes
Provide information on local cycle routes, training, and schemes via newsletter and website	Termly	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.	Termly	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	On-going
Ensure that the PSHCE curriculum has specific lessons on the benefits of an active lifestyle.	Termly	SLT (PSHCE Lead)	On-going
Ensure that all Year 4 students partake in the Road Safety pedestrian training for Year 4 students- Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Autumn 2025	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	On-going

## Communication and Promotion

Action	Timescales	Who is responsible	Target met (Yes/No/Partially)
Issue School Travel Charter to parents and include further information in Parents' Evening information packs	August 2025  Various	Travel Plan Co-ordinator  School Business manager	Yes  On-going
The school will actively chase STC responses from any parent who does not sign and return their copy	Autumn Term 2025	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes
Undertake annual travel questionnaire surveys (staff / pupils) utilising the TfL travel survey website	Autumn Term 2025	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes
Include travel matters in parent's evenings and include travel information on school web site	Termly	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	On-going
Take part in walk to school week and run other walking events.	On-going	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	On-going
Retain STAR accreditation- "gold level".	On-going	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes
The school will update the travel to school page on the website to include up to date parking restrictions and updates to the cycle and bus network	August 2024	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	Yes
Retain TfL Gold status- deliver 25 activities, 15 supporting activities and eight consultations. Reduced car use by 6% or achieved 90% of the school run on sustainable transport	On-going	Travel Plan Co-ordinator	On-going

## Review Date

The School proposes to review the 2025/26 Travel Plan at the outset of the 2026/27 academic year.