

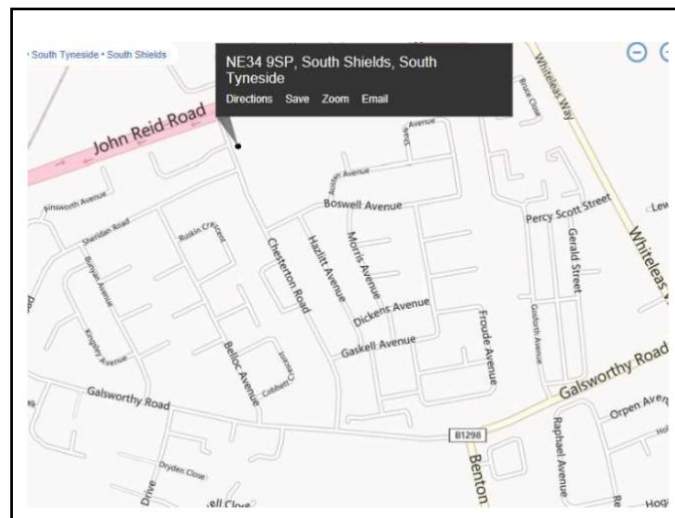
BIDDICK HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL
TRAVEL PLAN

Introducing our school



School Name: Biddick Hall Junior School
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Type of School: Junior School, Key Stage 2 (Pupils aged 7-11)
DCSF number: 393/2028

Map:



Locality:

Biddick Hall Junior School is situated by a main road (John Reid Road) in a large residential area. The majority of the pupils travel to school from the estate itself.

Catchment Area:

The catchment area of the school is centred around Biddick Hall Estate. Few pupils travel from further afield.



School Background

The school was built in 1958 and has remained on this site since. It is a single, one-storey building, with a large hall at its centre and four 'wings' leading off. Prior to the building of the school, the site was the location of a farmhouse.

Pupil and Staff Numbers:

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| Number of pupils on roll: | 225 |
| Number of full time staff: | 22 |
| Number of part time staff: | 2 |

Facilities:

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| Number of parking spaces: | 19 |
| Cycle/Scooter Storage: | An enclosed area including a bike shed and additional space to leave bikes/scooters securely |
| Storage Lockers (staff): | 18 |
| Showers: | None |

School Opening and Closing Times:

8.55am - 3.30pm (bike storage open and staffed from 8.30am)

Extended Activities:

The school is used for after school activities daily. This is not part of 'wrap around' care which is provided through a walking bus to local infant school.

Clubs available change on a termly basis in response to pupil request.
ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUN FROM 3.30 – 4.30 PM.

Currently, the clubs that take place in the hall which available to pupils are:

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| Monday | Judo |
| Tuesday | Dance and Drama |
| Wednesday | Gymnastics |
| Thursday | Basketball |
| Friday | Netball |

Many other clubs are available to pupils after school and on lunchtimes and are delivered in classrooms by teaching staff in the school.

Transport Links:

Bus: The school is easily accessible by bus, with a bus stop being located opposite the school. SEE APPENDIX ONE OR
http://www.stagecoachbus.com/PdfUploads/Timetable_27105_3-4.pdf

Metro: 'Tyne Dock' metro station is within walking distance of the school. SEE APPENDIX TWO OR
http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/metro/stations/MT1312.A4.CHI_.pdf

Cycle Routes: The school is accessible via Sustran's cycle network. The highway network surrounding the school is conducive to cycling. SEE APPENDIX THREE OR
<http://www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map/route/consett-sunderland-railway-path#./consett-sunderland-railway-path?lat=54.965561807528175&lng=-1.444158799999683&zoom=15&route-type=all-routes&filters=>

LA training involvement

Child Pedestrian training (year 3) annually, date tbc

Cycling Proficiency Level 1 (year 4) annually, date tbc

Cycling Proficiency Level 2 'On the 'Road' (year 5) annually, date tbc

Existing school practices to promote safe, healthy and sustainable transport

- The school has long established links with Sustrans and its Sustran's Officer, Peter Gulbrandson. It has actively sought to promote cycling and scootering as a sustainable way in which to travel to school.
- The school has successfully been involved in local and national competitions which promote travel by foot, cycle and scooter. Every year, the school takes part in 'Walk to School Week'.
- The school promotes safe active travel via its information accessible in the reception area of the school.
- The school council, as part of their meetings, share any ideas and issues from their classes with regards to safe and active travel within school.
- The school takes part in 'Walk to School' week, a national initiative to promote active travel.
- The pupils at Biddick Hall Junior School have been North East champions of the 'Big Pedal'. (The Big Pedal is a national competition designed to promote active travel by bikes/scooters)
- The school takes part in 'Vive Le Velo' annually, a competition linking French, the Tour de France and cycling

Survey Results:Date of Survey: **October 2016**

| <u>ACTUAL MODE OF TRAVEL</u> | <u>Number of pupils</u> | <u>% of pupils (rounded)</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Walk</u> | 97 | 43% |
| <u>Cycle</u> | 35 | 16% |
| <u>Scooter</u> | 46 | 20% |
| <u>Car</u> | 35 | 16% |
| <u>Bus</u> | 8 | 4% |
| <u>Park and walk/Park and cycle</u> | 4 | 2% |
| <u>Other</u> | - | - |

| <u>PREFERRED MODE OF TRAVEL</u> | <u>Number of pupils</u> | <u>% of pupils (rounded)</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Walk</u> | 43 | 19% |
| <u>Cycle</u> | 79 | 35% |
| <u>Scooter</u> | 67 | 30% |
| <u>Car</u> | 18 | 8% |
| <u>Bus</u> | 11 | 5% |
| <u>Park and walk/Park and cycle</u> | 7 | 3% |
| <u>Other</u> | - | - |

| <u>MODE OF TRAVEL FOR STAFF</u> | <u>Number of staff</u> | <u>% of staff</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Walk</u> | 6 | 25% |
| <u>Cycle</u> | - | - |
| <u>Scooter</u> | - | - |
| <u>Car</u> | 15 | 63% |
| <u>Bus</u> | 2 | 8% |
| <u>Park and walk/Park and cycle</u> | - | - |
| <u>Other</u> | 1 | 4% |

Previous Travel Problems:

| Issue/Concern | How and when was the issue identified and who with? Evidence? | Has the problem been solved? |
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| <p>The access route to the bike sheds is not suitable when the weather is wet and the ground becomes saturated.</p> | <p>Identified by parents to caretaker/Head Teacher. Issue discussed with Sustran's Officer, Peter Gulbrandsen. Photographic evidence collected. Issue referred by PG to travel officer for authority.</p> | <p>The route into the bike shed was improved with new paths. It no longer floods and can be used all year round.</p> |
| <p>Some children do not travel safely to school.</p> | <p>Observations of pupils show they do not wear helmets when riding or scootering to school. Occasional reports from local residents/parents/lollipop lady indicate some children do not use the roads safely.</p> | <p>There are still a number of children who do not wear their helmets to school. Stunt show booked as requested to promote helmet safety.</p> |
| <p>Some children are unable to participate in travelling to school via bikes/scooters as they may not be in working order. Some children cannot take part in events within school, e.g. bike skills, as they do not have a bike.</p> | <p>Children report problems with their bikes to JO, often after a Dr Bike session or when a school event is underway. Opportunities for Dr Bike therefore need to be promoted further. Bikes have been made available for children to 'loan' during bike skill related activities.</p> | <p>There have been regular Dr Bike sessions in school, particularly prior to a cycling proficiency event.</p> |
| <p>Some pupils who could walk to school travel by car.</p> | <p>Reports from surveys carried out in school.</p> | <p>Number of children walking to school has increased.</p> |

What we want to achieve:

Action Plan October 2016:

| Objective: | Responsible Person/Action: | Timescale: |
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| Walking: To decrease the number of cars used for pupils' travel to school from 35 to 30 | All staff promoting healthy/active travel. JO to find alternative ways to promote travel to school by foot/bike/scooter. | One year |
| Cycling: To take part and be successful in The Big Pedal again, with over 80% of children coming to school on bikes and scooters. | JO All staff to encourage their classes | Ongoing |
| Curriculum: To link road safety and helmet use with staying safe week celebrated in school in November. | JO/LR | One year |
| Staff and Visitors: To increase the number of visitors to school who can talk about safe travel to the children. | JO to source appropriate visitors | Ongoing |
| Buildings/Grounds: To put up a scooter pod to encourage sustainable travel on scooters. | JO Caretaker | One year |

MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Date of next 'Hands Up' Survey: April 2017

Date of Action Plan review: January 2018

Date of review of whole travel plan: January 2018

(When reviewing travel plan we will take into consideration any issues rising from new developments in education and transport since the original STP was produced.)

Travel Plan Co-Ordinator/School Champion: Mrs J O'Neill

Sustran's Officer: Mr Peter Gulbrandsen

Healthy Schools: Mrs L Rennie

School Travel Plan Shared and Agreed by:

Head Teacher: _____

Date: _____

Chair of Governors: _____

Date: _____