

Caldecott Primary School

DFES number: **2605**

Street name: **Caldecott Road**

Town: **Abingdon**

Postcode: **OX14 5HB**

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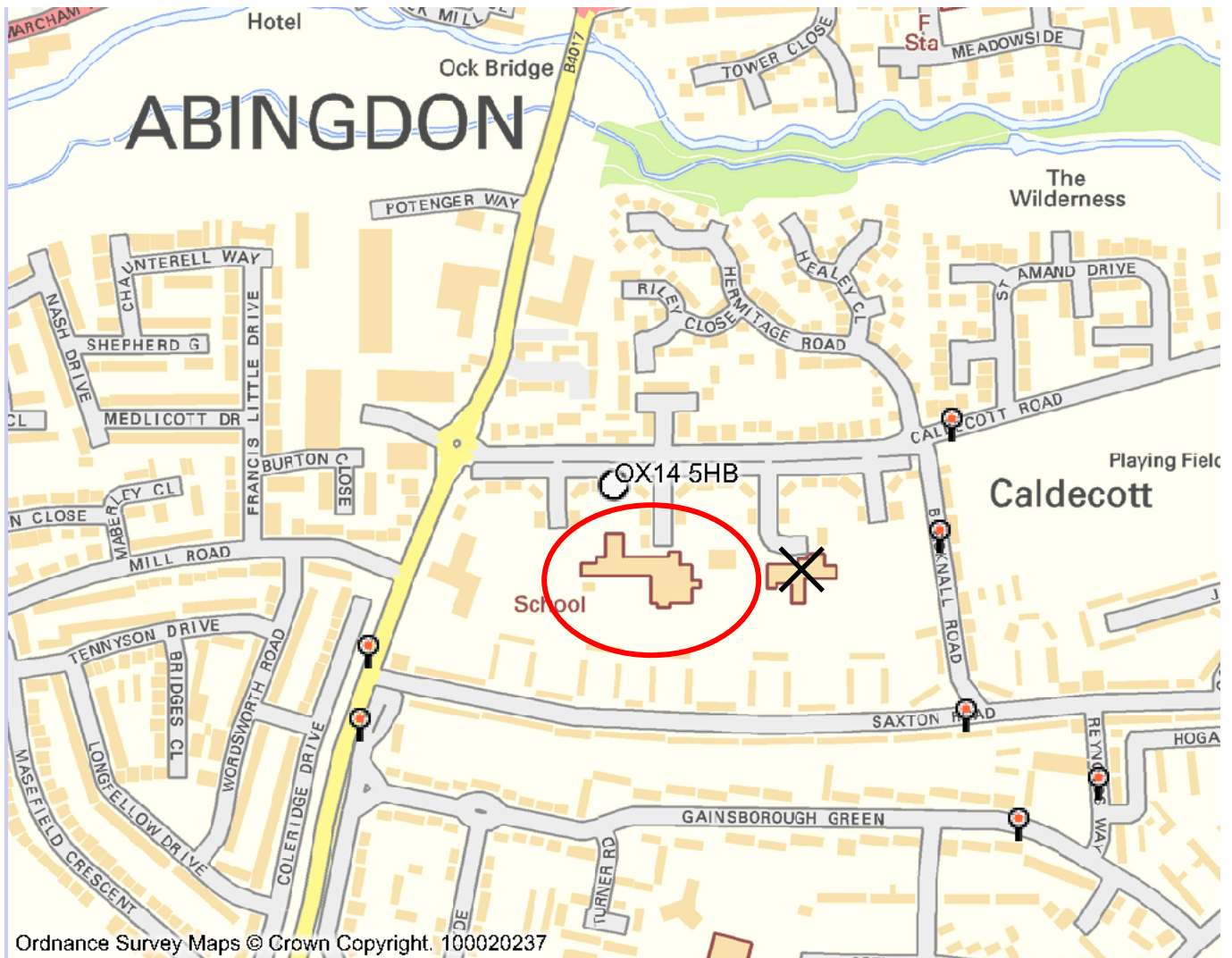


This School Travel Plan has been put together by Margaret Wolf on behalf of the school and its community (the School Travel Plan co-ordinator). Their position in the school community is that of Headteacher.

Date approved by Travel Plans Development Team: **xx/xx/xx**

Details about your school

Location:



Introduction

Caldecott School is a local school very much focussed on its local community in South Abingdon. It aims to provide a caring and happy environment where children can develop to their full potential. The Healthy School Group at Caldecott - made up of teachers, parents, governors and pupils - believes that a caring environment includes sustainable safe and anxiety-free travel to school. The group also believes that by teaching young children prudent and healthy methods of travel, good habits can be created for life. By encouraging sustainable travel around the school, we believe we can also improve the local environment. The group believes that by working together with parents, children staff, governors, other local groups, local businesses, councillors and the District and County Councils, we can achieve these aims.

The school has had Healthy Schools' status for several years for progress made to promote healthy lifestyles. The school has some features of an Eco School but does not have official status as one.

The school underwent an Ofsted inspection 5 years ago. Inspectors noted the school's strong commitment to the pupils and the community. It is a logical step to be concerned about ways to school and to see the journey to and from school as part of the education process.

There is a bus which goes down Drayton Road; this is used by some of our staff but not any of our pupils. There is a service road immediately outside the school on Caldecott Road. Routes for pedestrians are adequate and the service road is used by pedestrians and cyclists alike, although there can be some conflict as some tend to walk on the slip road itself, which is used by local residents with some parking within it.

Size and type of school:

Caldecott Primary School is situated in the Caldecott ward of Abingdon and the great majority of pupils come from this ward. The ward contains both affluent housing and housing deemed to be among the most deprived in Oxfordshire. There are a number of single parent households and low income families and we draw on this housing estate, being our catchment area.

There are 345 pupils (including the nursery school children) and total of around 50 staff, (teaching and non teaching). Pupils begin part time nursery during the term before their 4th birthday or the term after their 3rd birthday when places are available. The school has childcare facilities (48 weeks of the year) including holiday childcare for families across Abingdon that are in crisis.

There are 24 statemented pupils with language impairment who attended a specialist unit and 2 in wheelchairs.

Our children transfer mainly to Larkmead Secondary School, some to others in Didcot and Abingdon.

Catchment area:

Our catchment area is the Caldecott ward in Abingdon as described above. However, a number of our pupils are from elsewhere in the county including Bicester.

Impact of other schools or organisations on the same site or nearby:

We will be sharing our site with a Children's Centre and already house the Language Resource Base. This means the site can be busy at peak times with dense congestion outside the school gates. The main Children's Centre has its own car parking. There is a vet based opposite the school and this can add to the congestion at these times.

Background to current travel patterns

Summary of journeys made to the site at the start and end of the school day:

The peak hours of arrival are 8.30am and peak departure time for pupils is 3.15pm.

Parents picking up at the end of the day tend to arrive really early, usually to find a parking space close to the school. There is dense traffic and congestion at these times.

Travel or transport problems faced by the school off site:

We experience various problems on the roads outside the school as well as on the routes that pupils take to school. These include:

- Congestion at the school gate between cars and this causes difficulties for pedestrians, cyclists and those on scooters
- Unhappy local residents
- No crossings on Drayton Road, although there is a controlled crossing on Drayton Road which we hope to be able to encourage people to use with the planned opening up of the entrance from here.
- Some staff that live nearby drive to and from school because of having large amounts of marking to do.

Travel or transport problems faced by the school on site:

Our concerns include:

- There is a shared access point used by cars and pedestrians which is sometimes dangerous. This is a big problem; hence we want to open up a pedestrian/cycle entrance onto Drayton Road.
- There is another entrance which is safe for staff and visitors' cars but parking on the pavement and numbers of contractors parking make this entrance far too unsafe for small children. This entrance is only in use for Caldecott Language Resource Base children who are escorted from their taxis.
- We feel that there aren't enough car spaces. Caldecott staff (all Oxfordshire County Council employees) are entitled to discounted bus, bike or train fares through an interest free loan on the Travel Loan Scheme – email/ call the Future First Team at future.first@oxfordshire.gov.uk or 01865 815919.

Good aspects of travel to the school:

The school already promotes walking, cycling and the merits of healthy, sustainable travel to school. For example:

- We take part in Walk to School and Healthy School Weeks
- We take part in cycle training (in both years 5 and 6)
- We hold sustainable transport discussions as part of the Comenius project with school in Holland
- We have three sets of cycle parking onsite, plus some for adults/visitors. However only two sets by the main entrance are used and are very popular. The third set of cycle parking is not used because it is not yet linked with the planned footpath. We believe this path has the potential to encourage more pupils to travel sustainably. Also, a footpath from Mill Road, Saxton Road and Tithe Farm would be helpful; these are the areas from which there is the most potential for children to walk/cycle to school.

Brief description of journeys to attend before and after-school events / clubs:

We run a Breakfast Club each morning when pupils can arrive from 8.00 a.m. – most will be usually driven to school for this. We also run an after-school club for 16 pupils until 4.15/5.30pm each day when again pupils are collected by car in the majority of cases.

Summary of journeys made from the school site to other locations during the day:

During the school day the journey to swimming sessions is made by coach. Our school minibus takes transition groups to visit the secondary schools in Abingdon each summer term – to Larkmead, John Mason and Fitzharrys.

Involving the school community and wider community:

This is a really important part of our Travel Plan to consult with the school community and the wider community, where relevant. This section outlines who we have spoken to already about travel to school and our School Travel Plan and how we intend to obtain their input and views.

- **Pupils** – The school council discuss emissions and ecological issues. They have downloaded information for Walk to School Weeks. We will ask our Healthy Schools Task Group to design the cover of the Travel Plan. We have also involved the children in helmet displays and fitting sessions.
- **Parents** – Information about the Travel Plan is to be put into the newsletter and there is a suggestions box in the reception. The completed Travel Plan will also be featured on the school website when approved.
- **Governors** – Governors will discuss the Travel Plan as a standing item at premises meetings. The Travel Plan will fit into the ‘positive behaviour and healthy choices’ and ‘premises’ sections of the school development plan.
- **Local residents living near to the school** – Information about the Travel Plan is to be put into the town newsletter.
- **Oxfordshire County Council** – We have spoken to both Wendy Jennings and Julie Jones from the Road Safety Team about cycle training and cycle helmet fitting sessions respectively. Our TAs run these sessions/courses. We have put this Travel Plan together with the help of our Personal School Travel Adviser, Melissa Goodacre in the Travel Plans Team. We have also received advice about highway matters from Lee Turner at the County’s Area Office.
- **Local Police** – We have spoken to the police regarding safety concerns.
- **School staff** – We have cycle parking for staff and have discussed the aims of the travel plan with staff, and we now need to reintroduce it at staff meetings.
- **Homeschool link worker**- This involves ongoing work trying to help families who might drive more often to school. We think that some could double up with some taxi users. We will investigate this possibility further with our Home-School link worker.

The results of the previous travel survey

These are the BOSTS 2005 results

Pupils' actual mode of travel to school

Previous survey results (actual mode of travel)	% of pupils surveyed using this mode
Walk/ roller blade/ scooter	65.0%
Cycle	12.6%
School bus	0.0%
Other bus	0.0%
Train	0.0%
Car (shared + non-shared)	21.4%
Other	1.4%

* Car share means that a pupil travels to school with another who lives at a different address (it excludes travel with siblings).

Pupils' preferred mode of travel to school

Previous survey results (preferred mode of travel)	% of pupils surveyed using this mode
Walk/ roller blade/ scooter	29.2%
Cycle	52.8%
School bus	2.3%
Other bus	0.5%
Train	4.6%
Car (shared + non-shared)	9.3%
Other	1.4%

Review of the objectives and actions featured in the last STP.

Target 1: Increase percentage of children walking who live within 2km of the school by 10%

Action	Start date	End date	Effectiveness of action
Promote Walk to School Weeks	Sept 03	July 04	These have taken place regularly and are successful in raising the profile, introducing ecological issues and showing how there is a world wide movement
Open footpaths to the school from Drayton and Blacknall Roads	May 03	July 04	Footpath from Drayton road – works due to take place in Aug '07 Footpath from Blacknall Road – in contractors' plan
Ensure safe access onto public highway from footpaths	Jan 03	July 06	Behind schedule
Ensure new footpath follows safe and secure route through new development and family centre.	Jan 03	July 06	Behind schedule
Start a walking bus	April 03	July 06	Have featured in Walk to School weeks but have not yet taken off with families
Provide a route map from main residential areas once building work complete.	Sept 03	July 05	Behind schedule
Continue and build on established Footsteps training	Jan 04	July 05	Need to restart Footsteps

Target 2: Increase numbers of staff cycling and walking to school by 5%

Action	Start date	End date	Effectiveness of action
Provide coat hooks for staff	March 04	Jan 05	Not completed
Provide safe cycle storage for staff	March 04	July 04	In place and well used by staff

Target 3: Enable pupils to cycle to school

Action	Start date	End date	Effectiveness of action
Install secure cycle storage at convenient points in the school grounds	March 04	March 05	Two are well used by a variety of pupils
Provide a route map from residential areas showing safe cycle routes	March 04	March 04	Behind schedule
Promote health benefits of cycling to school	May 03	July 06	Done regularly in healthy school weeks, assemblies – positive impact

Train parents and set up cycling proficiency course	Jan 04	July 07	Has been in place for 3 years – very successful
Set up cycle permit	March 04	July 05	In place for 3 years - successful
Provide helmet storage	March 04	March 05	Provided by lockable sheds – still issues to be addressed

Target 4: Reduce car use by 10%

Action	Start date	End date	Effectiveness of action
Continue to write to parents promoting walking/cycling to school and provide maps/	Sept 03	July 06	Included in bulletins – limited success
Liaise with local councillors to improve further traffic calming in Caldecott Road.	March 04	March 06	Liaison completed but no change

Target 5: Continue to promote better ways to school

Action	Start date	End date	Effectiveness of action
Redo online survey	May 04	July 04	Now not applicable as Big Oxfordshire School Travel Survey completed
Introduce BWTS as agenda item on each premises meeting	Jan 04	July 05	In place – works well for monitoring and keeping issues live
School council to take on issue as a project and discuss in classes	Sept 03	July 04	In place
Include details of School Travel Plan in school prospectus and home-school agreement	Sept 04	Sept 05	Behind schedule
Hold termly assemblies to promote ideas of sustainable transport	Sept 04	Sept 05	In place and well received by pupils
Assemble regular displays in the entrance hall giving information and promoting BWTS	Sept 03	July 05	Mainly helmet displays
Include travel to school issues in home-school agreement	Sept 04	July 05	Behind schedule

Review of last plan and summary of its successes and failings.

The main success of our previous STP has been the introduction of safe cycling. This is very popular with families and also enables pupils to be safer cyclists when they move onto secondary school.

Many of the off and on site improvements have been substantially delayed by several years. This has meant that we have been unable to complete actions for a long time and thus the STP has not been updated regularly, mainly we have been moving actions from one year to the next. The school has also had substantial building work and this has changed the nature of the school site radically.

The governors of the school still remain entirely committed to the principles of better ways to school – hence the regular monitoring of the STP at Premises meetings.

Several of the actions from the last STP will still need to be moved into the new travel plan.

Results of your Travel Survey

These are the school's BOSTS (Big Oxfordshire Schools Survey) results from 2006

Pupils' actual mode of travel to school.

Actual journey mode	Survey totals. 74% of the school was surveyed								% of pupils using mode	Number pupils in whole school using this mode (estimate)
	3-4	4-5	5-6	5-7	7-8	8-9	9-11	Total		
Walk/ roller blade/ scooter	23	13	13	17	4	29	55	154	61.8%	208
Cycle	0	0	1	3	1	8	10	23	9.2%	31
School bus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
Other bus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
Train	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0
Car (shared + non-shared)	20	4	8	2	6	12	13	65	26.1%	88
Other	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7	2.8%	9
Number coming by car that car-share	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	8		
Total number of pupils surveyed	43	17	22	22	11	55	79	249	100.0%	337

* **Car share** means that a pupil travels to school with another pupil who lives at a different address (it excludes travel with siblings).

Pupils' preferred mode of travel to school.

Preferred journey mode	Survey totals. 65% of the school was surveyed								% of pupils choosing mode	Number pupils in whole school choosing this mode (estimate)
	3-4	4-5	5-6	5-7	7-8	8-9	9-11	Total		
Walk/ rollerblade/ scooter	0	6	12	12	11	18	32	91	41.6%	140
Cycle	0	0	5	9	8	16	40	78	35.6%	120
School bus	0	0	5	0	4	4	5	18	8.2%	28
Other bus	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1.4%	5
Train	0	3	0	0	4	4	2	13	5.9%	20
Car (shared + non-shared)	0	8	0	0	2	3	0	13	5.9%	20
Other	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	1.4%	5
Number coming by car that car-share	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	8		
Total number of pupils surveyed	0	17	22	21	29	51	79	219	100.0%	337

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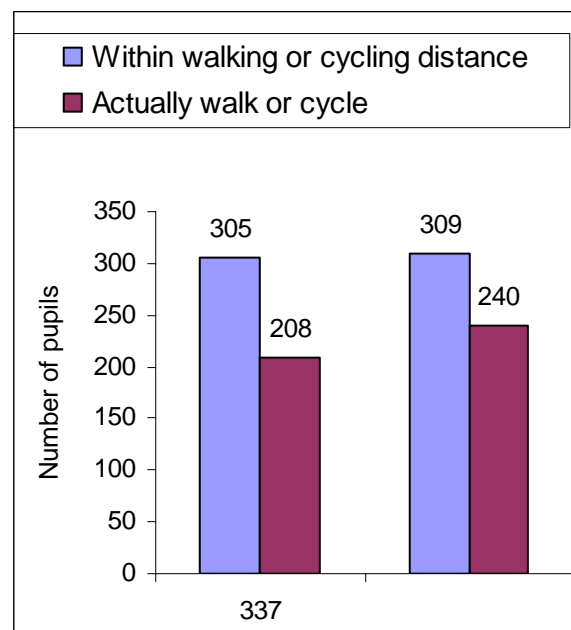
Results of Travel Plans Development Teams mapping and analysis: (data obtained from EMS 2006)

Estimated walking or cycling distance from school (based on pupil's home postcodes)

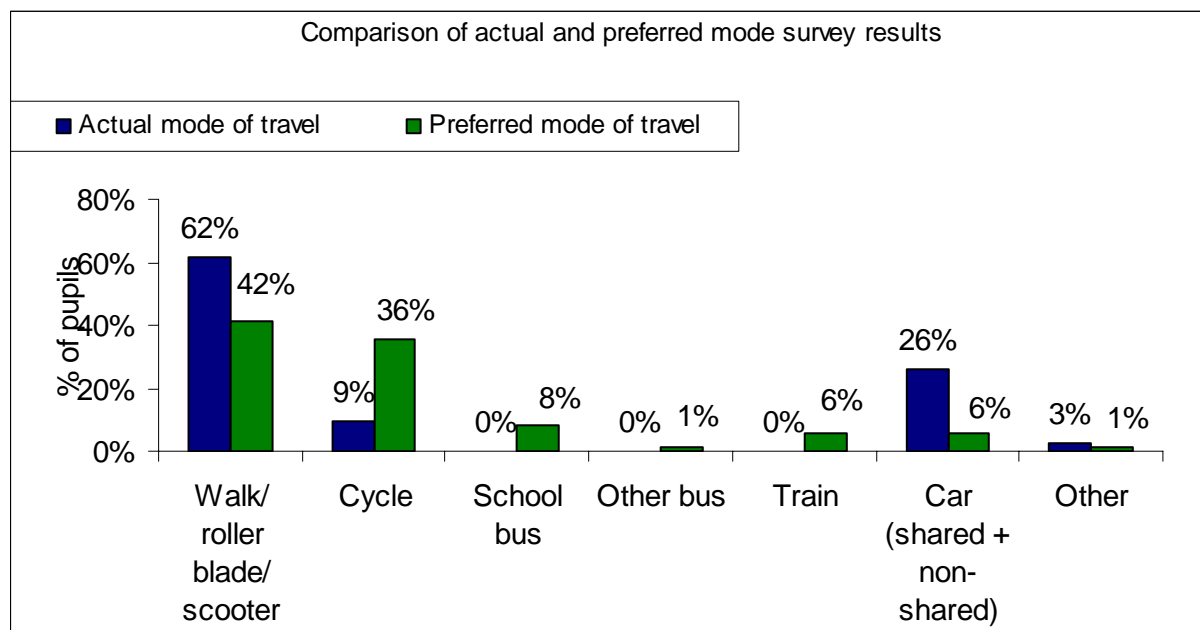
	Within walking distance of school (0-2 km)	Within cycling distance of school (0-3 km)
Number of pupils	304	308
Percentage of pupils	90.5%	91.7%

(Number of pupils journeys analysed = 336)

Graph taken from distance analysis data showing the number of children that actually walk to school compared with the number that potentially could



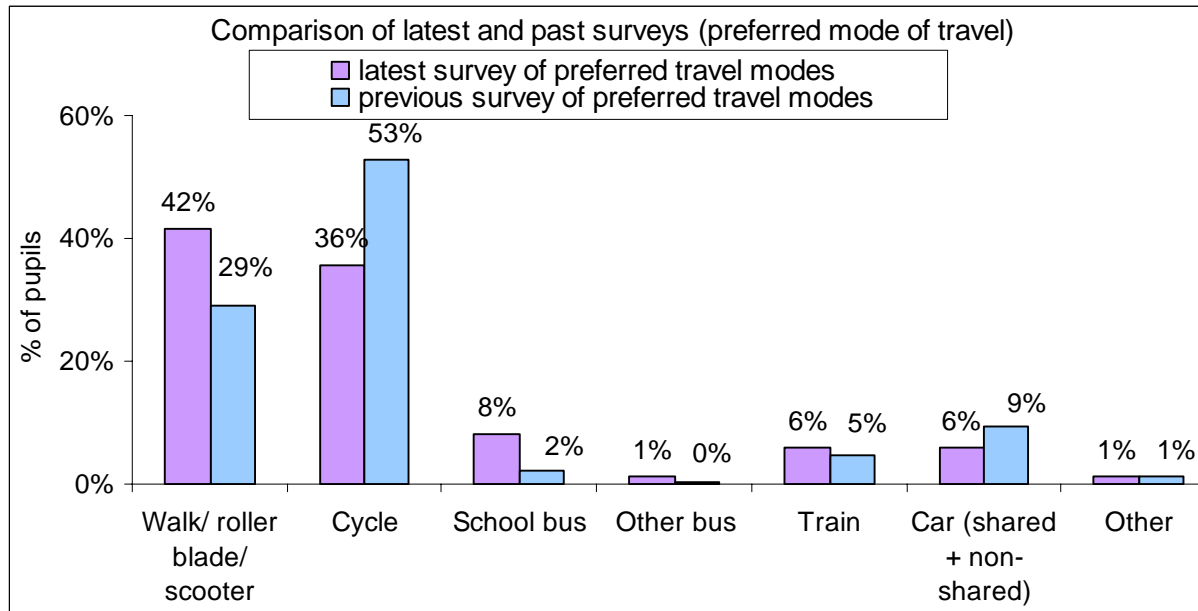
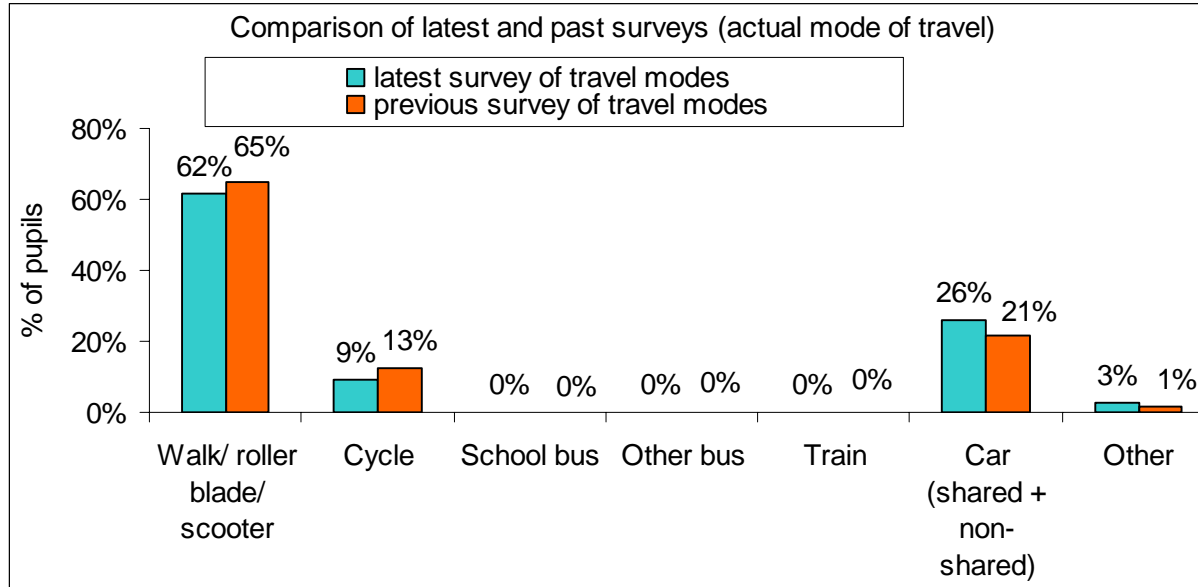
Graphs comparing actual travel to school to travel preferences and distance travelled to school



Graphs comparing actual latest survey results to those of original survey

Date of original survey: BOSTS 2005

Date of latest survey: BOSTS 2006



School's interpretation of survey results and comparison with previous survey

The majority of pupils are walking/scooting to school. It is mainly the older ones who cycle to school. Few pupils wish to come to school by car. Many more would like to cycle and again this is particularly true of the older pupils. At the moment 9.2% travel by bike and 35.6% would like to travel by bike.

The vast majority of pupils live within walking distance of the school (90+%).

The results show that more and more pupils would like to cycle to school, the percentage has risen from 36% to 53%. We ask parents/carers to cycle with their children if their children have not passed the cycling proficiency test and we also expect pupils to wear helmets and cycle safely. This can act as a deterrent. In school newsletters, we have encouraged parents cycling to school with their children to wear helmets to be safe themselves and act as role models for the children. Students at secondary school are encouraged to wear helmets but it is not a condition of their riding to school. Parents also do not necessarily want to cycle with their children. This is where we must balance our duty of care towards young children whose assessment of risk on the road is not fully developed with our desire to promote sustainable transport. We hope new routes into the school may resolve some of these issues.

Pupils attending the CLCRB travel several miles by taxi and are often children who would like to play their part in BWTS, but do not have a choice in the matter.

The main objectives of our plan will be to find more ways for pupils to cycle to school safely, promote coming to school by scooter, continue to educate pupils and parents about benefits of sustainable transport and make sure actions planned several years ago actually happen.

**Objectives that the school will focus on to increase levels of sustainable travel to school.
Corresponding actions that the school will take to deliver the objectives and reach the targets**

Objective1 : To ensure that the whole school community is aware of the School Travel Plan and what it aims to achieve.

Target 1: To achieve this within 6 months the Travel Plan being approved

Action / initiative	Person responsible for overseeing	Start date	Completion or review date
Include Travel Plan in School Improvement Plan in the 'positive behaviour and healthy choices' and 'premises' sections	Margaret Wolf (Headteacher)	Sept 07	January 2008
Include as an agenda item at school governors meeting	Margaret Wolf	Sept 07	July 08
Assemblies – include issues about sustainable travel at least every other term	Margaret Wolf/Katy Walsh (Head & Deputy Headteacher)	Sept 07	July 08
Put STP on the School Website when approved	John Winfield (Governor – chair of Premises)	Jan 08	July 09
To involve the School Council and Healthy School Task Group in STP actions, including designing the front cover	Margaret Wolf	October 07	July 08
Parent Newsletter – reports to be included in newsletter from School Council and HT every other term	Pamela Rodgerson (Admin officer)	Sept 07	July 09
To inform the Children's Centre of our Travel Plan and include them in our discussions and plans	Margaret Wolf	Aug 07	July 08
To link with local studies where relevant	Katy Walsh/Jo Clinton (Deputy Headteacher/KS2 Coordinator)	Sept 07	July 09

Objective2: To increase the numbers walking to school

Target 2: To increase the numbers walking to school from 154 (62%) to 165 pupils (%) by July 2009

Action / initiative	Person responsible for overseeing	Start date	Completion or review date
Carry on taking part in Walk to School Weeks each year (May) to promote healthy travel messages	Shirley Rouse (Healthy Schools' Coordinator)	Jan 08	July 09
Discuss the benefits of walking to school in assemblies and as part of the Curriculum (PSHCE, PE, Geography)	MW, JC, KW	Sept 07	July 09
Re-start Footsteps Child Pedestrian Training for all Early Years children to promote safer walking	Contact: sarah.gniadek-pitt@oxfordshire.gov.uk Shirley Rouse	Sept 07	July 08
Set up prizes for the class that has the highest participation in walking / cycling	Shirley Rouse	Jan 08	July 08
Open the foot/cycle path from Drayton Road to shorten the journey to school for some of our pupils	MW/JW	Aug 07	Dec 07
Secure funding for Scooter Racks. It is now established that many children are using scooters without secure parking. This would increase if these were available.	MW/JW	Sept 07	July 08
Hold a grand opening of the Drayton Road footpath across the school site	MW/SM	April 08	July 08
Devise incentives to encourage more pupils using childcare to walk/share transport	KG (Childcare coordinator)	Oct 07	July 08

Objective 3: Increase the numbers cycling to school

Target 3: To increase the number of pupils cycling to school from 23 (9%) to 40 pupils by July 2009

Action / initiative	Person responsible for overseeing	Start date	Completion or review date
Promote the use of the second set of cycle storage facilities to pupils when footpath from Drayton Rd is installed. Keep the cycle parking provision under review to keep ahead of the demand.	MW/JW	Sept 07	Dec 07
Carry on with cycle training (for years 5 and 6)	WW/CO	May 08	July 08
Hold a cycle helmet fitting assembly for all pupils	Contact Julie.jones@oxfordshire.gov.uk to arrange SR	Jan 08	July 09
Investigate with Oxfordshire County Council the feasibility of highlighting cyclists on the service road (Caldecott Rd)	MW/JW	Sept 07	July 08
Ensure cycling / walking is actively promoted within lessons. Identify curriculum links with travel planning, the environment and health etc.	JC/KW	Jan 08	July 09
Speak to a local bike shop or parent about holding a basic cycle workshop to teach pupils cycle maintenance skills	SR	Jan 08	July 08

Supporting measures that would help support this School Travel Plan

Type of measure ('soft' vs infrastructure highway/on-site)	Proposed location of measure	Brief summary of why this measure is needed	How many <i>more</i> pupils might walk, cycle or take the bus as a result of this measure
Investigate installing scooter parking	Adjacent to cycle sheds	A popular option and more acceptable to some parents. At the moment, no suitable secure park for scooters	20-30 pupils
Install footpath to link from Drayton Road	Already planned	Enable safe entry point and ease congestion	20-30 pupils
Investigate front entrance segregation on Caldecott Rd by extending wooden bollards	Front of the school	Cycles, taxis, cars, pedestrians all sharing same space – dangerous situation	10 pupils
Investigate installing cycle signs in service road	Road outside school	Service road used as a rat run, cars drive dangerously, deters some parents from letting children cycle	20 pupils
Investigate installing cushion on the service road to stop cars using it as a rat run	As above	As above	10 pupils
Investigate installing yellow lines opposite school	Opposite cul de sac leading into school	Dangerous – impedes visibility	2 pupils

What item(s) the school intends to spend its Government capital grant on (the grant allocation for your school will be approximately £5,000).

Helmet storage

Lockers

Clearer markings in front of school to prevent cars actually driving up to the front door

Signs outside Drayton road and Blacknall road entrances

Additional fencing, if needed

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Approval and ownership of School Travel Plan

Details of how the STP will be monitored and reviewed:

The action table will be reviewed 6 times a year at premises meetings – date of next meeting is 17th September 07.

The full School Travel Plan will be reviewed annually to ensure progress is maintained. The Premises Group will be responsible for review as part of the Governing Body. The date of our first review will be July 2008.

A 'hands up' survey will be completed each September as part of the Big Oxfordshire School Travel Survey. .

We will send a paper questionnaire out to parents once every two years to ensure that the content within our School Travel Plan remains current and up to date.

Once the School Travel Plan is two years old, it will need to be updated to take changing pupils and conditions into account. Therefore this Travel Plan will be updated by July 2009.

By signing this School Travel Plan, the headteacher and chair of governors indicate their support for the objectives and targets contained in this School Travel Plan. It indicates that the school will uphold these aims and objectives and is committed to carrying out the actions as stated.

Any new developments in education and transport provision that directly effect travel to the school will be considered as they happen, resulting in a review of this School Travel Plan if this is thought to be necessary - these might be extended schools initiatives, communities facilities powers etc.

Name of head teacher: Margaret Wolf

Signature:

Name of chair of governors: Jeanette Thomas

Signature:

Useful contacts for this School Travel Plan

For help or advice related to travel to your school, contact your School Travel Advisor, Melissa Goodacre on 01865 810474, email Melissa on melissa.goodacre@oxfordshire.gov.uk, or write to them at:

Travel Plans Team
Oxfordshire County Council
Speedwell House
Speedwell Street
OXFORD
OX1 1NE

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/travel2school also has guidance on school travel matters.

Appendix 1 – photos

Please use this space to include any photos that will help us to understand the information in your Travel Plan e.g. cycle parking, congestion, school buses, cycle routes, pathways etc.

I will include these separately in the next version as they take up a lot of space.

Appendix 2 – additional consultation information

E.g.

Examples of questionnaires that you have used

Meeting minutes from Governor or staff meetings where the Travel Plan has been on the agenda

Letters received from interested parties

Letters sent to parents, residents, local police, Parish Council etc

The school newsletter.

CALDECOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
15th June 2007



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of this school year. Our major event will be our school performance which is already sounding lovely so do make time to come and see it.

Comenius – Teachers Visit to Holland

Miss Walsh, Mrs Griffiths and Miss Long flew to Holland last week to visit our partner school. They had a fascinating few days and had this to report:

We had a very interesting visit to our partner school in Holland last week. We learnt a lot about the education system in Holland and were impressed by the number of children coming to school on bikes! This was the last meeting of the 3 year European project. This year the focus has been on environmental issues. The children have enjoyed sharing their discoveries about recycling and water with each other. The work from our Art's week is displayed in the school. All the children were keen to practise their English with us and we tried to speak some Dutch!

Look out for the display we will be putting up in the entrance hall to find out more about the visit.

Miss Walsh, Mrs Griffiths and Miss Long

Footpaths

Finally, the council are planning the work to open the footpath from the Drayton Road. At the same time, we are updating our School Travel Plan which has to have targets to increase numbers of children walking and cycling to school. We would like to include any ideas any of you may have so there is a suggestion box in the entrance hall for any views you have about children's travel to and from school and any good ideas you have. You can also email us if that's easier for you – office.2605@caldecott.oxon.sch.uk.

School Council Fun Day

As you may have heard from the children our School Council 'Fun Day' on Friday 25th May was a great success. The School Council worked very hard to make sure everyone enjoyed themselves and activities included time on the bouncy castle, swapping classrooms and teachers, science experiments, drama, football, rounders, dancing and watching a DVD. Bethany Goodway has written the following report about it:

Fun = day

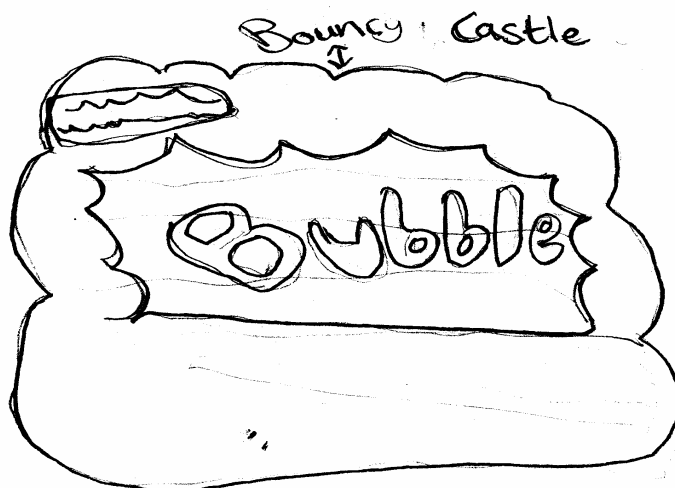
Fun day was on
Friday 25th May 2007

There was a bouncy castle called inflater bubble.

It was so much fun I did flips on it.

We had three activities - first was with miss long we made sock puppets they were brilliant when they had dried.

The second was with miss mcgrath first we played an out - side game with a bean bag we were in two groups then we came inside and we made a tv advert about fruit that was fun too. Thirdly we made spinning planes it was so cool how they spun around and around,



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you very much for supporting the school and buying books from the book fair at the end of last term. We sold books and stationery to the value of £550.00 which entitled us to a fantastic 50% commission (£280) which we used to purchase books for the children in Foundation, KS1 and KS2.

Friends

You should have received a Friends' Newsletter at the beginning of this week. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fair on Friday 22nd June from 2.30pm.

School Security

As you know we take the safety of staff and children very seriously and have a number of measures in place to meet Oxfordshire County Council requirements.

All staff and regular volunteers are required to apply for a Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) certificate and we keep details of these on a central database. We are in the process of implementing a new ID badge system. Members of staff will soon be required to wear photo ID badges. Regular volunteers will wear a blue badge to show that they have a valid CRB certificate. Visitors will be required to wear a red badge which they collect from reception when they sign in.

If you need to visit the school, other than at the usual dropping off and picking up times, please ensure that you sign in at reception and collect a badge. Please do not let yourself in to the school without permission. If you do not have an appointment, speak to Mrs Rodgerston or Mrs Prior who will do their best to locate someone for you to talk to.

School Meals

Please note that the cost of a school meal will rise to £1.90 from 1st September 2007.

Our catering company 'Food with Thought' recently issued a statement explaining why school meal costs are increasing despite the Jamie Oliver money being sent to schools:

'The Jamie Oliver money has been used to offset the additional costs of providing a 'fresh approach' to the provision of school meals. To meet the new guidelines, ingredient cost has been increased by 22p per meal and staff have been awarded additional hours for food preparation which is now mostly fresh food being prepared in the school's own kitchen.

Additional staff hours have been allowed for staff training as cooks return to 'basics', i.e. making pastry and using meat from local butchers. The increase in the meal price keeps pace with inflation only, otherwise when the additional funding stops, catering would then be faced with premium increases to catch up.'

Brunch Bags

As an alternative to a hot meal during the summer term, children may prefer a brunch bag. These are available at the same price and consist of a sandwich (choices include egg mayonnaise, cheese, ham or tuna), a drink, fruit and a yoghurt. Children can take these outside to eat at our picnic tables – we do provide parasols if the weather is hot and sunny.

School Performance

Tickets are now on sale for our performance, 'Oliver Twist'. Please do send in your request as soon as possible as they tend to sell out very quickly.

There will be three performances on Tuesday 10th July at 1.30 pm, Wednesday 11th July at 10.15 am and Thursday 12th July at 10.15 am.

Reminder of Dates

Assemblies 25 th June (Monday) 29 th June 6 th July	Terns Wrens Puffins
22 nd June from 2.30pm	Summer Fair
29 th June	Shades Day
6 th July	KS1/ KS2 Disco
10 th July	Friends Meeting at 3pm (School Library)
10 th July at 1.30pm 11 th July at 10.15am 12 th July at 10.15am	Oliver Twist School Performance
19 th July	Leavers Disco
20 th July	School finishes at 1.15pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter for term 5 – just one term left in this school year! The combination of pouring rain and tests has made this week quite a challenge potentially for children (and adults) however everyone has responded wonderfully. It is times like these that make me very proud to be the Head of Caldecott School.

Once the tests are over we can all look forward to the activities and events planned for the rest of this term and next term, including our school council 'Fun Day' (see below), Secondary School Induction days, all the days out, school performances and Sports' Day.

School Council Fun Day

The children have voted unanimously for a 'Fun Day' to be held at school on the last day of this term, Friday 25th May. They have agreed on the following activities:

- A free non-uniform day with a 'sporty clothes' theme
- Cinema sessions (a recently released DVD)
- A rounders match in the field for KS2 (weather permitting)
- A picnic in the field for KS1 and Foundation (weather permitting)
- Bouncy Castle (each class will have a twenty minute session on this)
- Fun activities and games in the field

We hope that this will be an enjoyable end to the term for all of the children and a well deserved treat for all their hard work.

Healthy Schools' Week

We have lots of activities planned for Healthy Schools' week next week:

- Aerobics – all children will get a chance to take part on Monday or Thursday.
- Juicing and Smoothies – A chance for some children to make delicious fruit juices or smoothies
- The Friends are organising a sponsored walk
- All classes will be learning about 'healthy lifestyles'

There will also be the following competitions:

- Walk to School Diaries – children will be given a diary to record their travel to and from school – there will be a prize for the best diary.
- Design a healthy school meal – the best design will be cooked and served during term 6.

Tesco Vouchers

Tesco have now stopped issuing the Computer for Schools vouchers. At the last count we had 28,600 – some way short of the target. Please do keep sending them in – the latest date that we can accept the vouchers will be 15th June after which we will be placing our order.

Scholastic Book Fair

A reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair will be at school next week and will be set up each afternoon at 3pm in the corridor next the the parents' noticeboard, near the library.

Books and stationery will be on sale with prices starting at £1.50 – enclosed with this newsletter is an invitation which features a small selection of the books that you can buy. Please do come along and support the school - every book purchased helps – we receive up to 60p in every £1 you spend in free books for our library or classroom.

Cycling to School

There has been an increase in the number of children cycling to school without wearing a properly fitted cycle helmet. Please do impress upon your child that if they hold a permit they have entered into an agreement to comply by the rules – a cycle helmet is essential.

Class Assemblies

Please note that Year 5 and 6 classes have had to rearrange the dates of their class assemblies:

Friday 8 th June at 2.30pm	Penguins and Red Kites
Monday 25 th June at 2.30pm	Terns
Friday 6 th July at 2.30pm	Puffins

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

10th Abingdon Scout Group has vacancies for boys and girls in its Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections.

Beavers (aged 6 to 8) meet on Wednesdays at 5.15 to 6.15pm.

Cubs (aged 8 to 10½) meet on Wednesdays at 6.20 to 7.45pm.

Scouts (aged 10½ to 14) meet on Saturdays at 2.30 to 4.00pm.

They meet at St Helen's Church Centre. For further details contact Allan Robinson on 01235 520832.

Forward Planning

As always, the final term of the school year is a busy and exciting one. Many parents like to receive as much notice as possible so that they can book time off work – to help with this we can confirm the following:

Friends Summer Fair – Friday 22nd June. Please sign up to help! There is a signing up list on the door next to the parents' notice board. Please note, if we do not have enough volunteers to help at the Summer Fair, we may have no alternative but to cancel it.

Year 6 - Secondary School Induction Days

Larkmead School	Thursday 28 th June
John Mason School	Thursday 28 th June
Fitzharrys	Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th July
Didcot Girls School	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd July

School Performance

Our performance this year is 'Oliver Twist'. There will be three performances on Tuesday 10th July at 1.30 pm, Wednesday 11th July at 10.15 am and Thursday 12th July at 10.15 am.

Sports Day

As always, this very much depends on the weather!
Provisional dates are currently Wednesday 18th July or Thursday 19th July in the morning.

Leavers' Assembly - Friday 20th July at 1.00pm

Leavers' Disco – Thursday 19th July at 7.00pm

Reminder of Dates

Assemblies 18 th May 8 th June 15 th June 25 th June (Monday) 29 th June 6 th July	Swallows and Sparrows Penguins and Red Kites Kestrels & Larks Terns Wrens Puffins
21 st to 25 th May	Healthy School Week
22 nd – 25 th May	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 25 th May	School Council Fun Day
5 th June	Friends Meeting at 3.00 pm
15 th June	Year 6 Trip to Drayton Manor
22 nd June	Summer Fair