

Pupil & Parent Power!

For a travel plan to truly represent the views and opinions of a school it must involve the parents & the pupils. Gloucestershire Highways is working closely to engage pupils in the School Travel Plan process, using school councils, assemblies and the national curriculum to put the message across.



Sustainable living is a theme running through the curriculum at all Key Stages. Four subjects—science, geography, citizenship and design technology—have statutory requirements for pupils to be taught about sustainability.

With a School Travel Plan in place, pupils benefit from a very real and practical project to work with. They can research and provide information for the plan, be involved in decision making and have their say in updating and reviewing the success of the plan's schemes and initiatives.

Enjoy your trip!



Churchdown Village Juniors – One Giant Step, Walk to School Week

Walking to school is fun! - it's a simple message but just to make sure that pupils know this, Gloucestershire Highways actively encourages schools to take part in 'Walk to School Week' each May.

Walk to School

October sees a whole month devoted to walking to school with 'International Walk To School Month' More than 50 countries take part in events to celebrate the benefits of walking to school.

Fact: 1 in 7 children now suffers from asthma

Getting involved— You can make a difference!

Whether you walk 100 metres or 1 mile to school it all makes a difference. School Travel Plans help tackle the problems associated with the school journey but they can only work effectively with the involvement and support of the staff, pupils, parents and members of the local community. So get involved and make a difference!

Useful links

Want to know more? Try these websites:-



Contact Us

If you would like further information on any of the issues discussed in this leaflet or to find out if your local school has a School Travel Plan, please contact us:-

School Travel Plan Team
Gloucestershire Highways
Imperial Gate Business Park
Corinium Avenue
Barnwood
Gloucester GL4 3BW



08000 514 514
travplan@gloucestershire.gov.uk



Gloucestershire
HIGHWAYS
Gloucestershire County Council & Atkins

School Travel Plans in Gloucestershire



**Working in partnership
towards a safer, better,
journey to school**

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Fact: Obesity has trebled in England in the last 20 years

More and more schools are saying W.O.Wi — Walk on Wednesday, like Lydney C of E school (right), who even have a golden boot trophy up for grabs for the class with the most walkers!



Once a School Travel Plan is complete, schools across the county can work with their school community & GCC making the journey to school safer and more attractive to non car modes.



And schools don't stop there! Schools have also used theatre companies like Quantum Theatre (right), to come into school and put the message across—raising awareness as well as the roof!



Of the 303 Local Authority schools throughout Gloucestershire, over 273 of them either have a travel plan in place or are in the process of developing one. With each new plan comes new schemes, new initiatives and a greater awareness of school travel issues across the county!

The success story so far.....



For the local community:
 ✓ Reduces the impact of the journey to school in the local community, especially for those who reside directly outside the school
 ✓ Enhances partnership working by involving local stakeholders in the development of the plan

Fact: During peak times, 20% of traffic on urban roads is involved in the school run

For the parents / carers:
 ✓ Enables parents / carers to make more informed choices about their child's journey to school
 ✓ Reduces driving stress and improves journey quality
 ✓ Improves community awareness through working together



For the pupils:
 ✓ Can provide an opportunity for children to contribute directly towards shaping their local environment
 ✓ Increases knowledge and awareness of the local environment
 ✓ Improves road and personal safety skills and increases traffic awareness
 ✓ Improves health & fitness through increased levels of walking & cycling

✓ Improves relationships with the school's users and the local community



For the school:
 ✓ Helps to improve access to the school in a safer, healthier and more sustainable way
 ✓ Reduces traffic problems outside the school gates
 ✓ Provides opportunities for learning

With more and more School Travel Plans being implemented in schools across Gloucestershire, the benefits are reaching everyone, whether they are directly involved with the school or not.

Benefits of School Travel Plans

Reaping the Rewards

Fact: In slow moving traffic, pollution levels are higher inside cars than outside

Using School Travel Plans, Gloucestershire Highways aims to:

- ➡ Reduce car use to schools and colleges
- ➡ Promote and enhance alternatives to car travel
- ➡ Improve pupils' safety on the route to and from school
- ➡ Educate and improve awareness of the environmental, health, safety and social benefits of reducing car trips

Gloucestershire Highways is working with schools throughout Gloucestershire to bring about a change in school travel patterns, to cut congestion and pollution, to improve pupils' safety and to allow pupils to take regular exercise.

Local Aims

The three Government departments responsible for health, education and transport have been working together to find ways of reducing the number of cars used for the journey to school. The Government is encouraging Local Authorities and schools to make the journey to school safer, helping parents and their children choose walking, cycling or public transport as the healthier, more sustainable alternative.

National Aims

A School Travel Plan is a package of measures that aims to reduce congestion through the reduction of unnecessary car travel and the promotion of healthier alternatives such as walking and cycling. It is a document owned by the whole school community, with an agreed set of actions.



What is a School Travel Plan?

" A School Travel What?!"