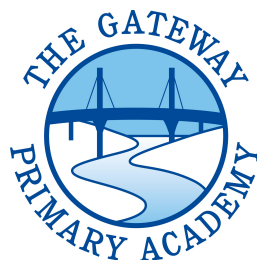


Travel Plan

December 2023



**Gateway Primary Academy, The
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Travel plan & its benefits

What is a School Travel Plan?

The School Travel Plan (STP) provides a framework for changing travel habits on journeys to and from school for both pupils, teachers and other staff members.

It sets out objectives and targets to encourage a reduction in trips by car and to create more sustainable travel, aiming to, amongst other things:

- * reduce congestion at the entrances to and roads surrounding the school
- * improve pupils' health & fitness through walking and cycling
- * equip pupils with better road awareness
- * reduce accidents and danger on the journey to school
- * enable parents and pupils to choose to walk, cycle/scooter or to travel by public transport with confidence

What benefits can a Travel Plan deliver?

A safer and calmer environment around the school gates.

Less congestion and pollution on roads leading to the school.

Improved travel awareness and road user skills for pupils from an early age.

Increasing independence and responsibility amongst pupils.

Improving levels of health and fitness amongst the school community.

Helping the school to meet various national standards (e.g. Eco Schools, Healthy Schools).

1 Introduction to the school

1.1 Background

The Gateway Primary Academy is a one form entry primary school catering for a maximum of 210 pupils between the ages of four and eleven in mixed ability classes. Most of the children come from the immediate catchment area which is a mixture of owner occupied homes and social housing.

There are 30 full and part time staff. The staff car park provides sufficient parking for all staff and visitors. There is a designated disabled parking bay.

The school day is from 9.00am until 3.10pm for Key Stage 1 and 3.15pm for Key Stage 2 pupils. After school clubs run Monday - Thursday and finish by 4.15pm. An after school child care provider collects children from the school grounds and two leaders walk the children to their venue every day.

1.2 Changes at the school

The school is neither moving nor expanding.

1.3 Inter-site travel issues

The school is on a single site, hence has no internal travel issues.

2 Operational hours

2.1 Core hours

The school day is from 9.00am until 3.10pm for Key Stage 1 and 3.15pm for Key Stage 2 pupils.

2.2 Overall hours

Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am - 09:00 Monday - Friday.

After school clubs run Monday - Thursday 3:15pm - 4:15pm. An after school child care provider collects children from the school grounds and two leaders walk the children to their venue every day.

3 Staff and pupil numbers

3.1 Overview of staff & pupil numbers

We have 210 pupils in mixed ability classes. There are 30 full and part time staff.

Age range of pupils: 4-11 years

Total quantity of pupils on roll: 210

3.2 Current staffing levels

The school employs a total of 30 staff (16 full-time, 14 part-time).

3.3 Planned school expansion

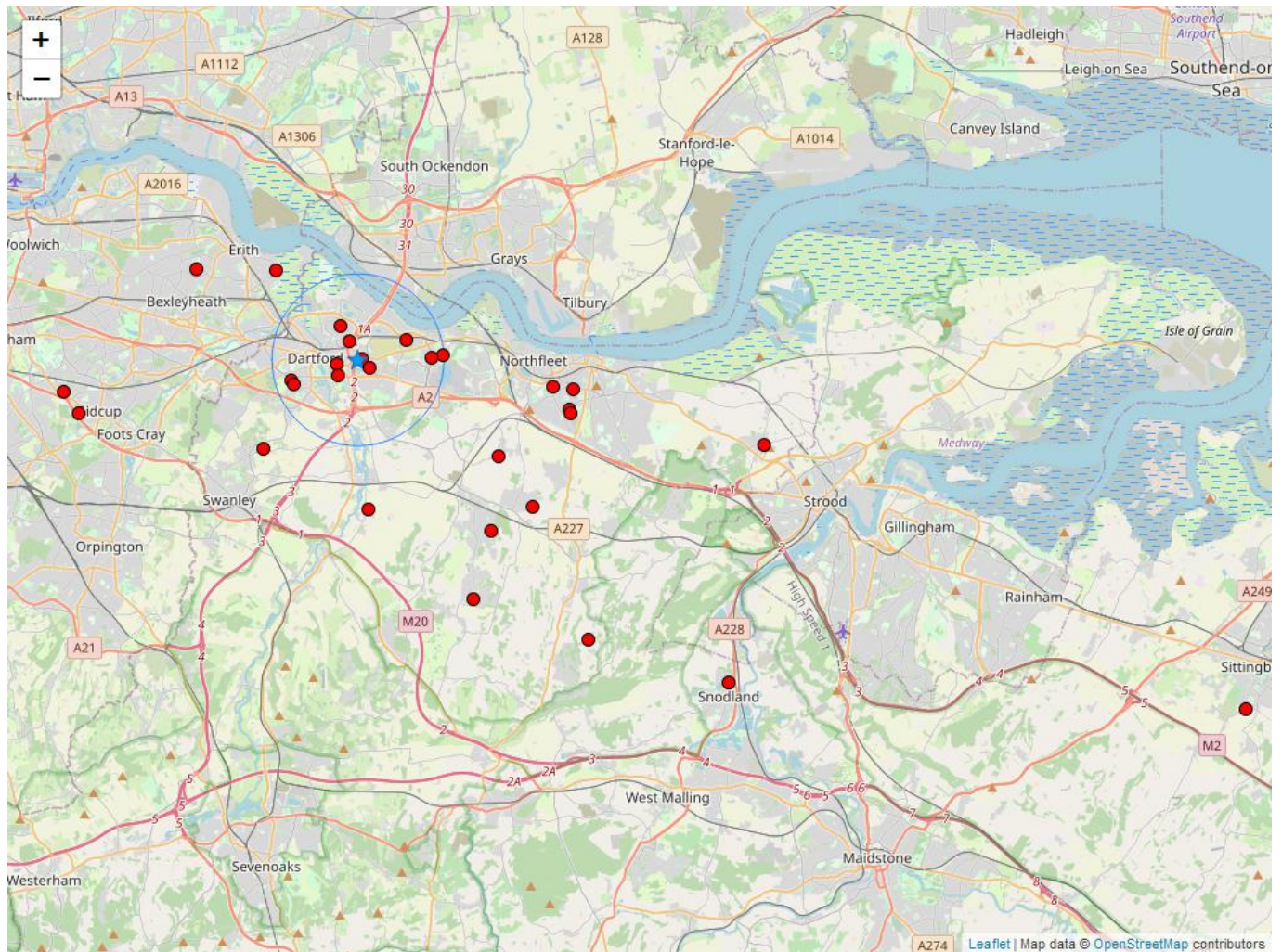
The school is not currently planning to expand.

3.3 SEN pupils with transport needs

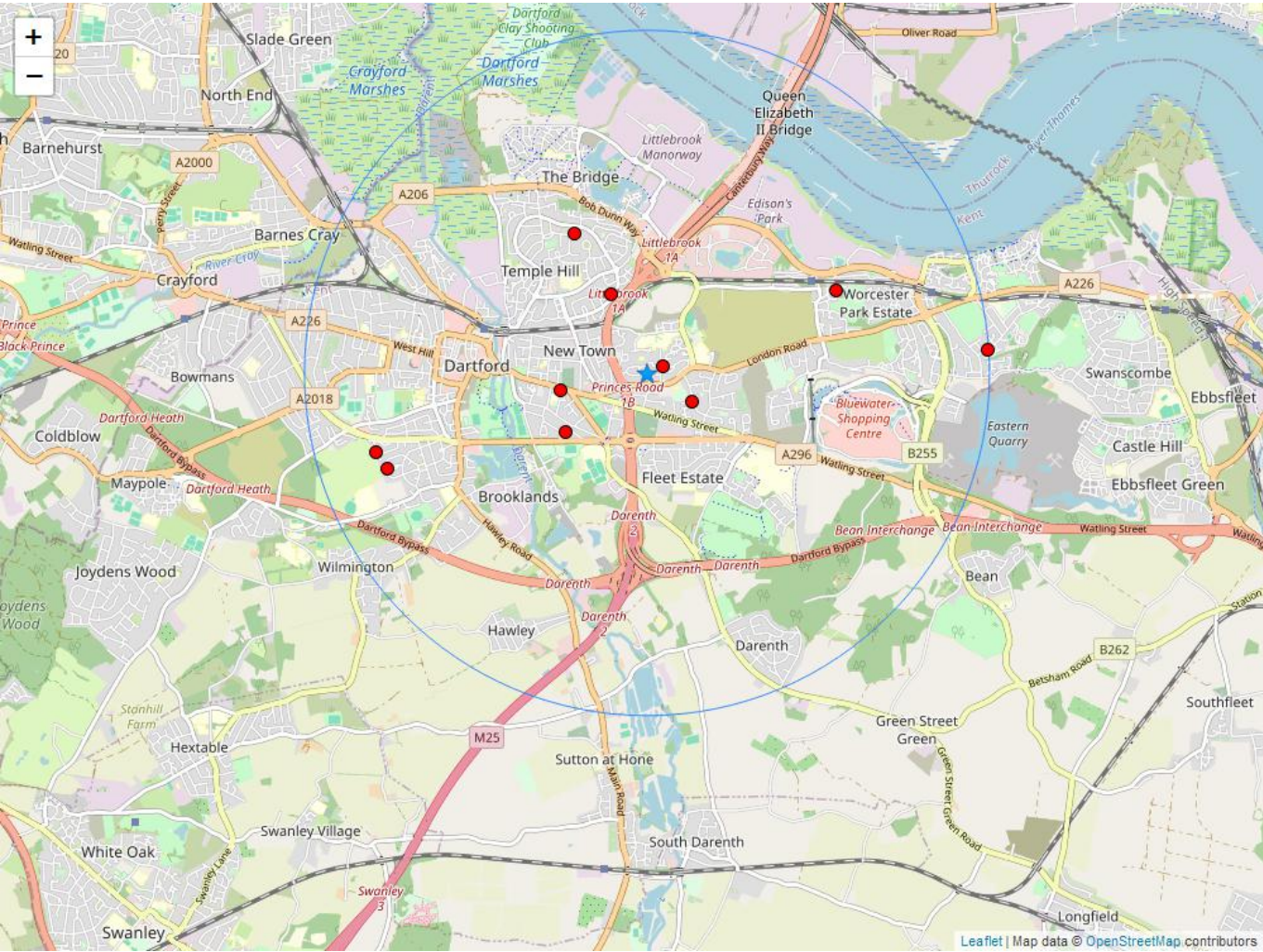
The school has no SEN pupils with specific transport needs.

4 Pupil & staff postcode maps

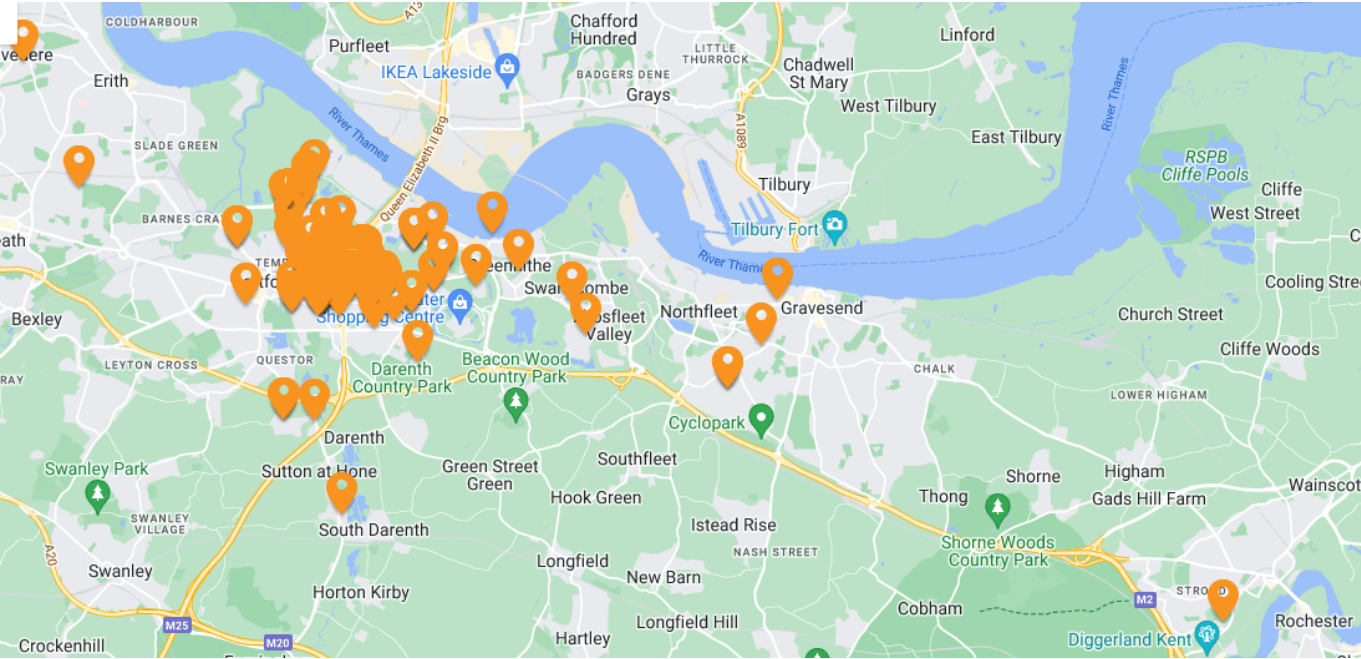
Staff Postcodes

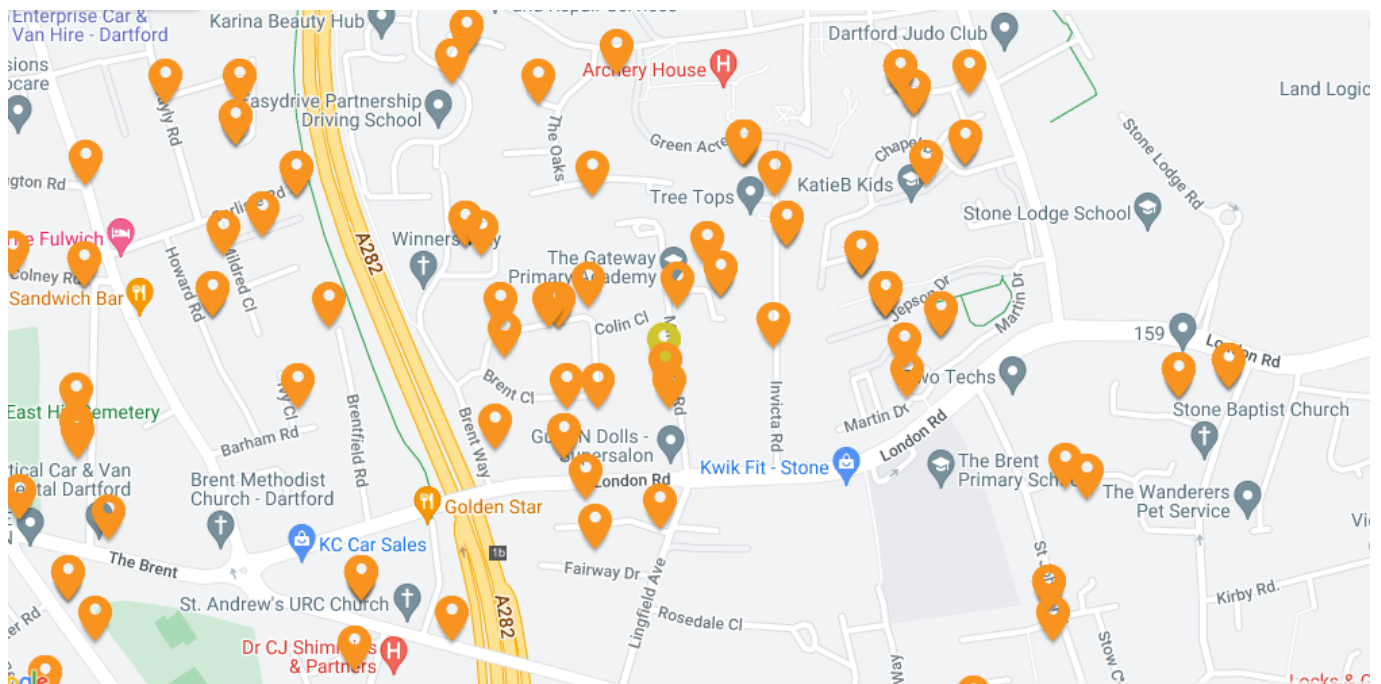


Staff 1 mile



Postcode Map 2022-23





5 Travel plan details

5.1 Previous travel plan

The school has a previous travel plan (2022), with the following objectives, targets, issues and successes.

The main objectives and targets of the previous Travel Plan were:

To improve road safety practices and promote greater safety for children.

Reduce usage of cars and increase walking and scootering/cycling to school.

We now have two Y6 Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) who have helped contribute to assemblies to the whole school, a display board and road safety classroom and playground activities to highlight the importance to all children.

5.2 Reason for new travel plan

The further focus on reducing the number of car journeys to/from school. Maintaining levels of road safety for both children and parents.

6 Surrounding roads

6.1 Surrounding roads

Milestone Road is a residential cul de sac with lots of on-street parking, making it difficult for parents to park here.

6.2 Entrances and exits

One main entrance for cars and pedestrians. Cars drive along the driveway and into the car park for the car drop off zone to alleviate congestion at the main entrance.

6.3 Parking restrictions nearby

There are school clearway markings outside the school.

There are yellow zig zags directly in front of the school. There are not many spaces for parents to park due to residents parking on the road as many houses do not have driveways.

6.4 Traffic management measures

The school offers the following traffic management measures:

We operate a drop-off zone in the mornings only.

6.5 Drop-off on roads outside the school

Parents drop pupils off on nearby roads.

Parents are able to park in Milestone Road but there is limited parking. Parents are also able to park in Lingfield Avenue which is opposite Milestone Road, again parking is limited.

6.6 Congestion and access problems

The school experiences traffic congestion and/or access problems.

Parents parking across driveways and on corners/junctions which obscures vision.

7 Car parking & usage

7.1 School car park

The school has an on-site car park.

In total, 26 parking spaces are available.

Parking spaces are not managed.

No parking spaces are allocated.

7.2 Drop-off points

The school has no off-site drop-off point.

Parents are able to drop pupils off within the school grounds.

Drop and go outside of Gate 2

7.3 Parking on surrounding roads

Members of staff do not (have to) park on the surrounding road network.

8 Pedestrian facilities

8.1 Access by footpath

The school is accessible by good quality footpaths with safe crossing points.

There are drop curbs.

8.2 Access difficulties for pedestrians

There are some access difficulties for pedestrians.

Lots of parked cars.

Speeding drivers in Milestone Road.

Vehicles parked illegally on double yellow lines at the top of Milestone Road/London Road.

Dangerous parking and vehicles mounting pavements.

Narrow pavements for cycling/scooter riding especially on rubbish collection days when bins are left out on the pavement.

8.3 Crossing patrols

None.

8.4 Highway signs

8.5 Walking bus

The school does not have a walking bus.

We cannot set up due to staffing issues.

8.6 Other walking initiatives

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9 Cycling & scooting

9.1 Pupil scooting

Some pupils (18) scooter to school.

Changes daily but many children scooter with parents.

9.1a Scooter parking/storage

Scooter parking/storage spaces (20 total) are provided.

KS1 playground

There is enough scooter parking for the children.

9.1b Encouragement & promotion of scooting to pupils & parents

Scooting is encouraged and/or promoted.

It is included in Walk on Wednesday

9.2 Pupil cycling

Some pupils (7) cycle to school.

Changes daily, more in the summer

9.3 Staff cycling

No staff currently cycle to school.

Too far to cycle for many and too dark in winter

9.4 Cycle routes/lanes

The school site is not accessible by external cycle routes/lanes.

9.5 Cycle parking

Cycling parking (20 places) is available.

Location of cycle parking: In KS1 Playground and in car park

Some cycle racks are covered.
Some cycle racks are secure.
No cycle racks are lit.
All cycle racks are near building entrances.

9.5a Utilisation of cycle parking

Under subscribed

9.6 Cycle training

The school accesses cycle training from KCC's "Kent Bikeability" scheme.

9.7 Encouragement & promotion of cycling

Cycling is encouraged and/or promoted.
KCC Bikeability training for Y6 pupils

9.8 Other cycling issues

Dedicated cycle lanes to make cycling less hazardous for children as London Road and Milestone Road are very busy.

10 Public transport

10.1 Use of public transport

Two staff members travel by bus and three children.

10.2 Obstacles to use of public transport

Buses can be unreliable.

10.3 Promotion of public transport

We ask parents to consider congestion in Milestone Road to look at alternatives to parking in the road.

10.4 Bus stops and services

10.5 Railway stations and services

There are no railway stations near the site.

11 Contract transport

11.1 School buses

There are no dedicated school buses.

11.2 Taxis

Taxis, whether for SEN or other students, are not a regular part of the school day.

11.3 Parking issues related to contract transport

None.

11.4 Other contract transport issues

None.

12 Current travel issues

12.1 Other travel issues

Congestion and neighbour issues at pick-up and drop off. Speeding cars in Milestone Road

12.2 New & current travel issues

High volume of traffic and lots of parked vehicles including dangerous parking and vehicles mounting pavements in Milestone Road.

Pollution and fumes from local roads.

Narrow pavements for cycling/scootering especially on rubbish collection days when bins are left out on the pavement.

Litter on pavements and in the gutter.

13 Travel survey results

modal split percentages (actual) - pupils

	Mar 2023	Feb 2022	Dec 2020	Jan 2020	Oct 2018	Jun 2017	Jun 2013	Jun 2007
walk	39.5	46.8	39.7	39.9	40.5	39.9	41.7	37.2
park & walk	16.4	16.1	8.2	0.0	11.4	11.8		
cycle	3.6	2.0	1.5	7.4	2.4	3.9	0.0	1.2
scoot/skate	9.2	8.3	14.4	9.4	10.0	11.8		
bus (all types)							0.5	0.0
public bus	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.0		
school bus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5		
rail	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
car share	1.0	2.0	1.5	2.5	3.3	1.0	0.0	8.1
car (alone)	28.7	23.4	33.5	40.4	31.9	31.0	54.4	52.9
other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.6

NB rounded percentages may not add exactly to 100.0%

modal split percentages (ideal) - pupils

	Mar 2023	Feb 2022	Dec 2020	Jan 2020	Oct 2018	Jun 2017
walk	41.5	37.1	25.8	35.0	71.4	20.2
park & walk	23.1	3.4	7.2	0.0	0.0	2.0
cycle	5.1	19.5	21.1	28.1	9.0	33.0
scoot/skate	10.3	12.2	20.6	16.7	19.0	32.0
bus (all types)						
public bus	1.5	4.4	2.6	1.5	0.5	0.0
school bus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
rail	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
car share	3.1	5.9	4.6	10.3	0.0	3.9
car (alone)	15.4	14.6	17.0	7.9	0.0	8.4
other	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0

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modal split percentages (actual) - staff

	Jul 2023	Jun 2007
walk	10.0	12.5
cycle	0.0	0.0
bus	6.7	0.0
train	0.0	0.0
car (alone)	76.7	87.5
car share	6.7	0.0
other	0.0	0.0

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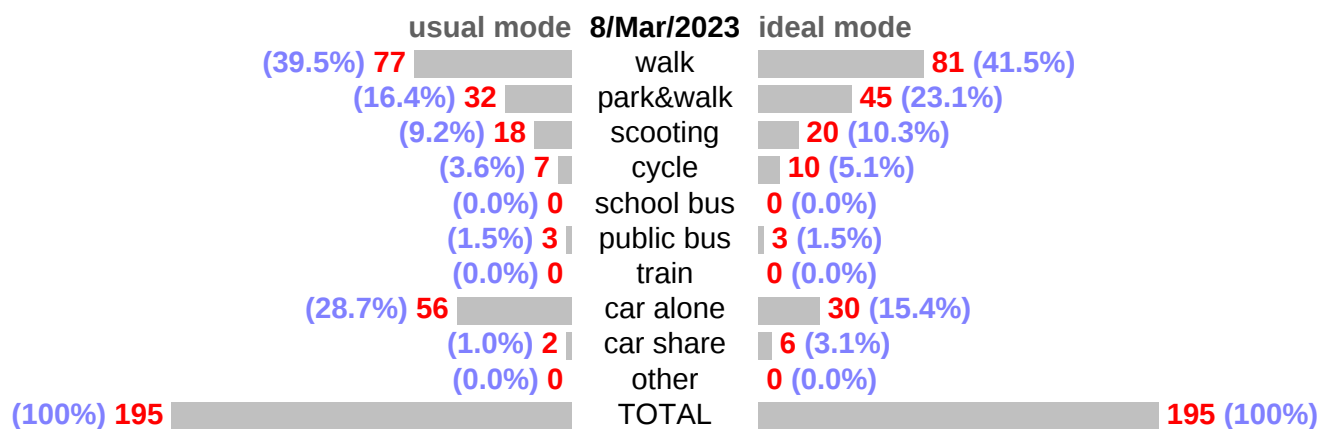
modal split percentages (ideal) - staff

	Jul 2023
walk	26.7
cycle	10.0
bus	0.0
train	0.0
car (alone)	53.3
car share	10.0
other	0.0

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comments on 19/Jul/2023 staff survey: Main reasons for driving are time/distance/convenience. Taking and collecting own children to/from school/childcare. Staff leaving at different times means carshare is not an option. No direct bus route from home, public transport/limited/not reliable/too expensive. Train strikes mean the trains are unreliable.

13.1 Barchart of latest pupil actual/ideal survey



14 Objectives

1	<i>Travel to and from school</i> <i>To continue to develop a culture of walking, scooting and cycling to and from school</i>
2	<i>Congestion at entrance</i> <i>To relieve congestion at the entrance to the school and parking in Milestone Road.</i>

15 Targets

A	<i>increase % of pupils arriving/departing solely on foot from 39% (Mar 2023) to 41% by Mar 2024</i>
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16 Actions

Summary:	Tasks:	Status:
Junior Road Safety Officer <i>[lead: Hazel Hogg]</i> Work alongside Road Safety Crew and Dartford Borough Council to improve littering and dog fouling		not started
Safety <i>[lead: Hazel Hogg]</i> To identify ways to ensure the safety of pedestrians at drop off.		not started
Safety <i>[lead: Hazel Hogg]</i> To reduce the speed of cars on site		not started
Site Access <i>[lead: Janice Munday]</i> To work with the local council to address visibility and congestion issues at the junction of Milestone Road and London Road.		not started

17 Monitoring and reviews

The Travel Plan will continue to be monitored closely by the school, and reviewed on an **annual** basis.

The school agrees to complete a brief annual review of this travel plan **and** a pupil hands up survey at least on an annual basis, or when requested by KCC. The hands up data and review will be fed into KCC's Travel Plan Management System. This will be led by Mrs Hazel Hogg.

The review will take into account all pupils' needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision. A more detailed review will be carried out should the school seek planning permission for further development.

This Travel Plan has been agreed and signed up to by the following people, who agree to the plan being viewed publicly.

Headteacher	<i>Mr Jamieel Cassem</i>	11/Dec/2023
Chair of Governors	<i>Mr Mark Leveson</i>	11/Dec/2023