

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

For Ribby with Wrea Endowed C.E. Primary School
Dubside, Wrea Green, Preston, Lancashire
PR4 2WQ

LCC School No: 04/030

DfES Reference No: 888/3573

School situation and layout

- Wrea Green is a beautiful award winning village situated in rural Fylde.
- The school is located in the very centre of the village (see maps enclosed).
- The school is located at a crossroads with the village green opposite the front of the school, a main road adjoining the school, and Elms Drive (residential property) at the rear of the school. The main pupil access is to the rear of the school which is off the main road leading to the roundabout, along a ginnel directly onto the playground. There is also access to the school yard along Elms Drive. The immediate area is mainly residential with the village Pub and St Nicholas' Church located within close proximity of the school.
- Ribby with Wrea Primary School educates children aged 4-11 years.
- The school presently has 154 children on roll.
- The school employs a total of 22 staff.
- The original school (and school house) date back to 1893. The school is situated on a single site. At present the school comprises office accommodation, staff room, five classrooms and an additional sixth smaller classroom, school hall, multi media room , Eco Pod and school kitchen.
- The school has a yard to the rear of the building – however we have no school playing field. The school uses the village green, which is opposite the school, as a sports field.
- The school offers a bike shed for any child who wishes to come on a bicycle or scooter.
- The school has an excellent reputation.
- Many organisations (including: WI, holiday clubs, Drama group etc) use our school buildings and the community refer to the school as being at the `heart' of village life.
- The standard school day runs from 8.50am – 3.15pm.
- The school has an After School Club, which is run on site 3.15pm – 5.30pm.
- We have links with the pre-school who provide a breakfast club in a nearby building. From there, the children walk to school in a 'walking bus'.

Issues

- Continual accidents near or on the roundabout directly outside school. Some resulting in cars crashing through the barriers and school wall. Pedestrians are not safe on this part of the pavement. The Governors have written to parents and carers, strongly recommending that they approach school from other directions, using the two crossing patrols provided. However, there is no pavement on the Green side of the road, and walking via the Green would involve crossing two busy roads without crossing patrol. Therefore Governors We have needed to consider walkways through the school car park to protect pedestrians. The risk that cars might be entering the car park at the same time as children and their families are walking through it is mitigated by the fact that staff

cars are generally in place before 8.30 am and other vehicles are not permitted to drive onto the staff carpark.

- Staff parking – only enough room for Headteacher and Teaching Staff to park cars – an arrangement has been made for other staff to use the village institute car park which is further down the road.
- Parking for Parents – there is nowhere for parents to park to drop off/collect pupils at the start and end of the school day. Arrangements have been made with the landlord at the village pub (The Grapes) for parents to use their small car park at the start and end of the day only (so as not to affect their trade) .
- Dangers to pedestrians/alighting passengers due to parents stopping on Station Road to drop children off.
- Many parents park cars around the school which causes concern to our immediate neighbours who have complained about the amount of traffic/parking at school start and finish times.
- The local police are helping the school curb parking infringements by reminding parents of where to park safely. The school has sent a number of reminder letters to parents in the past regarding this ongoing issue.
- Many of our parents are professional people who drop their children off on the way to work.
- We are fortunate enough to have two school crossing patrol people which help children cross the busy roads around the school. There is heavy traffic through the village, including heavy goods vehicles. Motorists travelling through our village to commute to BAE Systems at Warton and into Lytham and often travel too fast.
- There is a continuing discussion between Local Authority, police and Parish Council on traffic calming measures. Regarding road safety in Wrea Green. . The MP for Fylde has also been consulted and has visited school. Community Groups are focussed on ways to reduce speeding of traffic. The School and its Governors are supportive of these discussions and various suggestions for improvements. In addition, School and Governors at all times emphasise our serious concerns regarding driver behaviour on the roundabout, bearing in mind its proximity to school. We consider the road layout to be unsuitable and have been involved in a number of meetings and exchanges of correspondence with a view to working towards a safer environment around School.
- In the meantime, staff continue to emphasise and reinforce learning in school regarding road safety. Cones are placed along the side of school close to the entrance at the beginning and end of the school day. Additional signs have been purchased by school to remind drivers to slow down. A 'model' child was borrowed for a time from the Deputy Police Commissioner – this is a resource which is believed to result in slower speeds near schools. The Deputy Police Commissioner has committed to regular speed monitoring in the area around school. The Parish Council is considering additional signage in the village to remind drivers of the 20mph speed limit. Discussions are ongoing with Fylde Borough Council to place CCTV cameras near the roundabout .
- Parking is also an issue for other users of the school – on occasions we have been able to open up the school yard for parking – however access along Elms Drive (at the rear of the school) is very limited as this is a single track road offering access to the houses located there.
- Staff at the school often use their own cars to transport children to and from a range of activities which enhances their overall educational provision.
- There is a covered waiting area for those people who walk to school.

SCHOOL DATA TAKEN FROM ANNUAL DATA COLLECTION

Date questionnaire was done: April 2023

Number of students on roll: 155

Number of student questionnaires distributed: (1 per child)

Number of student questionnaire responses received: 100(% response rate)

Current travel choices to school (students)

	Walk	Cycle	Car Share	Bus/Train	Car/Taxi	Other
Nos.	50	0	0	0	105	0
%	32.2%	0	0	0	67.7%	0

Current travel choices from school (students)

	Walk	Cycle	Car Share	Bus/Train	Car/Taxi	Other
Nos.	56	0	0	0	99	0
%	36.1%	0	0	0	63.9%	0

Number of staff: 24

Number of staff questionnaires distributed: 24

Number of staff questionnaire responses received : 24

Staff travel choices

	Walk	Cycle	Car Share	Bus/Train	Car/Taxi	Other
Nos.	2	0	0	0	22	0
%	8.3%	0	0	0	91.7%	0

The main concerns highlighted by pupils and parents were:

- The dangers of the mini roundabout, recent crashes as a result of cars speeding and not using the roundabout correctly. Dangers to pedestrians on the pavement alongside the roundabout.
- Lack of parking around the school at the start and end of the school day.
- Cars parking on the pavement directly outside school (Station Road) cause a danger to parents and children alike.
- Pavements around the village Green are inadequate.
- Pavements from outlying areas into Wrea Green Village are inadequate.
- Speed of drivers travelling through the village.
- BAE Traffic travelling through the village at the start of the school day.

- Limited public transport to arrive at school at the correct time

Staff highlighted similar issues:

- Lack of parking space – many staff live too far away to use alternative methods of transport and have too much to carry!

Local residents have also highlighted:

- The dangers of the mini roundabout, recent crashes as a result of cars speeding and not using the roundabout correctly. Dangers to pedestrians on the pavement alongside the roundabout.
- Inconsiderate parking from parents (Elms Drive/Station Road) area.

Objectives and Targets

Objectives:

- To reduce the danger to pedestrians alongside the mini roundabout. To continue to raise these issues with Governors, Parish Council, Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire Highways
- To make walking to school, and areas around the roads leading to school, safer for all.
- To reduce the amount of cars parking on Station Road.
- To encourage Parents and Children to walk to school and boost their health and well being.
- Parents who have to drive to school to continue to encourage them to park on the 'Institute' car park at the start and end of the day and also to utilise 'The Grapes' public house car park at the start of the school day.

Targets:

- To continue to monitor Parking and Traffic issues
- To liaise with PCSO
- To work with residents in the village
- To highlight parking and traffic issues on newsletter
- To discuss parking and traffic issues with Governors

Current School Travel Initiatives

- Bikeability Cycling Scheme
- Right Start Pedestrian Training.
- Promotion of Car Parking issues through newsletters, police letters and the school prospectus.
- Road Safety Week including poster competition
- Village Road Safety Group
- Working closely with Parish Council, Crime Commissioner and residents traffic group
- Providing high visibility vests for all school aged children (Residents Traffic Group)

School Travel Plan Action Group

Name	Designation
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Sarah Robson	Headteacher
Nadia Hunt	Chairman of Governors

