

Peter Gladwin Primary School

Travel Plan 2021-22

Our School Travel Plan is designed to support all members of the PGS community in helping to increase the number of children and families choosing 'active travel' instead of car journeys. We hope that this plan will provide families and staff with information that will allow our community to appreciate and benefit from active and sustainable transport.

By promoting sustainable and safer travel for our whole school community, we hope to achieve:

- ✓ Less cars, traffic congestion and illegal parking around the school entrance
- ✓ Healthier, happier and more active pupils, families and staff
- ✓ Less pollution around our school
- ✓ Safer walking, scooting and cycling routes to school. All our children have a right to be safe
- ✓ A more accessible school site
- ✓ An increasingly healthy and positive learning community
- ✓ Lifelong healthy and sustainable travel habits.

School Context

Peter Gladwin Primary School is a one-form entry primary school situated in a residential area of Portslade on the western boundary of Brighton and Hove. The school currently accommodates 218 children, most of whom live within a 15 minute walk of the school.

The pedestrian entrance to the school is situated on Drove Road, with gates at both the upper and lower ends of the school's southern boundary. Next door to Peter Gladwin is Hill Park School, a specialist setting, many of whose pupils require school transport and disability vehicles.

The school can also be accessed from the staff car park in the service road off Drove Road to the east of the site, through a restricted-access gate. This entrance is for staff and deliveries only. There is no parking for parents, carers or visitors on the school site, and no parking allowed in the service road, where there are double yellow lines.

There is a scooter parking pen in the playground near the lower entrance on Drove Road. Next to it is a covered bike shelter for use by pupils, with space for up to 15 children's bikes.





There is also a covered bike parking area at the bottom of the staff car park, available to staff and visitors and covered by security cameras; please lock any bikes securely in this area.

Issues with cars around our school

The roads around our school are very busy and congested at the beginning and end of the school day. Some of the concerns are that parents/carers driving children to school often park on double yellow lines or partially on the pavements and grass banks, obstructing the vision and safety of others and opening car doors into the busy road. Unfortunately, a few anti-social drivers, who do not consider the safety of our school community, continue to park illegally on yellow lines, zig-zags and in the service road. On occasions some parents use the small overcrowded staff carpark as a





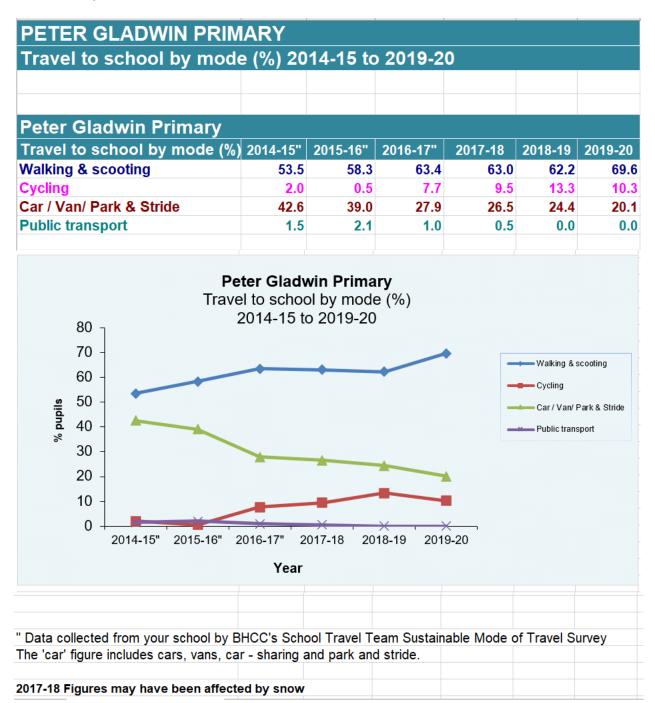
drop-off point, blocking emergency and deliveries access. We have four hi-viz "Think!" A-boards which are placed daily on the double yellow lines opposite the school, but some parents continue to park between or alongside them.

On-street parking, if required, is freely and legally available just a few minutes' walk from the school in several nearby residential roads. Drove Road and Manor Road (to the south of the school) are very narrow and steep roads and many parents & carers have now found that it is actually quicker (not to mention healthier and more fun!) to walk to school than to attempt to negotiate traffic jams and lack of parking around the school.

Safe and healthy travel initiatives at PGS:

- **The Big Pedal** PGS take part in this annually and in 2019 we were the top school in Brighton & Hove with 38% of journeys (1,017 journeys!) by bike or scooter during that fortnight!
- Regular visits from **Bike-It Ben** for mini-mechanics, wellbeing sessions and assemblies.
- Regular visits from **Bike-it Lucy** for learn-to-ride sessions, fun cycle and scooter challenges and meetings with our PGS KS2 Cycle Crew.
- We work closely with **Sustrans** and one member of staff has trained as a Sustrans Ride leader.
- We have secured Active Sussex funding for enhanced cycling resources and a new bike club for 2021.
- We have spare good-quality bikes for children to borrow.
- Bike Club run by staff volunteers every Thursday after school between February and October.
- Annual **Bikeability** Level 1 and 2 courses for Y5 and Y6 children, and **Learn to Ride**, **Bikeability Fix** and KS1 **Balance Bikes** sessions run by Brighton & Hove City Council.
- Walk to School Week annually.
- Annual **'Scootability'** training for Y2 children.
- Annual **Child Pedestrian Training** for children in Y1 and Y3.
- Y5 Climate Change Travel Ambassadors are working with BHCC to lead on a mini 'Prevent climate change pledge' campaign
- PGS are proud to be a Level 1 Unicef 'Rights Respecting School', reflecting our school ethos whereby all our children have a right to be safe and healthy.
- Staff take part in Love To Ride initiatives including Cycle September and Winter Wheelers. In 2020 we took first place in Brighton & Hove for number of staff journeys to work by bike!

The graph and chart below show a summary of the ways in which children travelled to Peter Gladwin Primary School from 2014-2020:



Comparison with citywide Brighton & Hove primary schools data for 2014-2020:

Brighton & Hove State Primary Schools							
Travel to school by mode (%)	2014-15"	2015-16"	2016-17"	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	PGS % difference
Walking & scooting	55.6	54.2	53.6	54.2	54.8	55.4	+ 14.2%
Cycling	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.4	2.3	+ 8%
Car/ Van/ Park & Stride	37.1	39	39.9	39.5	38.4	37.6	
Public transport	3.9	4.1	4.3	3.5	3.7	3.9	



Useful websites

Brighton and Hove City Council

School travel

https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/travel-transport-and-road-safety/schooltravel

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/travel-transport-and-road-safety/park-safe-walk-safe

Road Safety

http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/travel-transport-and-road-safety/roadsafety

Public transport and buses

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/publictransport

Bikeability cycle training

http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/travel-transport-and-road-safety/cycletraining-children-and-young-people

Sustainable Travel for School

SUSTRANS

http://www.sustrans.org.uk/what-you-can-do/children-and-families/school-run





Objective 1: Develop, publicise and review school travel plan					
Actions	Person responsible	Timescale			
Take part in the BHCC annual 'Hands up' Surveys	Support from School Travel Team	Annually each spring term			
Form a school travel working group and hold regular meetings	Suzanne Romney & Flick Carter	Hold meetings once a term			
Include school travel in agenda for governors' meetings	Karen Harrison	Termly			
Publicise the School Travel Plan on website	SR	Autumn term annually			
Review the action plan every year	SR/FC (support from School Travel Team)	Autumn term annually			
Distribute <i>"How Do you Travel</i> to School" booklet	School to send out to pupils once received from School Travel Team	Annually			
Objective 2 <i>Encourage more pu</i>	pils and their families to walk to school				
Increase the % of children walkin	g to school from 69% to 75% by Spring 2	022			
Take part in <i>Walk to School</i> <i>Week</i> and <i>Smile</i> (active travel/mental health) tie-in	SR (support from School Travel Team)	Twice yearly			
Take part in Y1 & Y3 Child Pedestrian training	SR/Y1 teachers CF & EF (support from School Travel Team)	Autumn 2020 (postponed due to Covid) then annually			
Re-publicise the PGS walking map via website and SchoolPing	SR (support from School Travel Team)	Autumn 2020 and annually			
Road Safety assembly	KH (support from School Travel Team)	Summer term 2021 (Covid-dependent)			
Promote events/training in PGS Newsletter	SR	Ongoing			
Climate Change Travel Ambassadors project – call to action for PGS families (via school newsletter & website)	FC & Y5 children (support from School Travel Team)	Spring/summer 2021 (Covid-dependent)			

Objective 3 *Encourage more pupils and their families and to cycle and scoot to school*

Target

Increase the % of children cycling to school from 10%* (*average 2019/20) to 13% by July 2021 Increase the % of children scooting to school from ?% to ?% by July 2021

Y5/6 pupils take part in Bikeability training levels 1&2	SR	Annually – summer term (Y6 completed level 1 Autumn 2020)
Take part in Scooter training for Y2s	SR/Y2 teacher SO (support from School Travel Team)	Annually – autumn term (postponed due to Covid)
Continue being a <i>Bike-It</i> school and sustain incentive schemes	SR/Sustrans officer	Ongoing
Continue with PGS after-school Bike Club	SR/FC (support from Sustrans and Active Sussex)	Spring term 2021 and annually (postponed due to Covid)
Enter <i>The Big Pedal</i> cycling initiative	SR	Spring term, annually
Access funding for six new KS2 Frog bikes	SR/Sustrans officer	Autumn 2020
Expansion of KS2 cycle storage, and funding for this	SR (funding from School Travel Team)	Spring 2021
Continuation of regular use of EYFS/KS1 balance bikes	SR/Sustrans officer/ EYFS/KS1 staff	Ongoing
Establish regular use of new KS2 Frog bikes (in new accessible storage)	SR/Sustrans officer/ EYFS/KS1 staff	Ongoing
Promote B&H Tax-Free Cycle- to-Work bike purchase scheme	SR <u>theteam@greencommuteinitiative.uk</u>	Ongoing

Objective 4 *Promote safe and legal parking outside the school*

Promote considerate parking using BHCC resources	SR/KH (support from School Travel Team)	Ongoing
Promote Park and Stride	SR (support from School Travel Team)	Ongoing
Request enforcement	Contact School Travel Team	Periodically, as required
Run a <i>"Walk safe, Park Safe"</i> campaign	Contact School Travel Team	2021
Publicise PGS children's right to be safe & healthy (Unicef 'Rights Respecting School' award) via school newsletter & website	KH/EF	2020/21





