

Bathampton Primary and Safer Routes to School (2015-2017) – what have we been up to?

Already part of the curriculum

1. Walking trips – to Dry Arch and Candywood Leys
2. Class 1 monitor traffic and use results in lessons
3. Bikeability training for older years
4. Big Walks in school time with road safety lesson included

New to the curriculum in 2016/17 (school led)

1. Cycle Maintenance classes for years 5 and 6
2. Balance Bike training for R and Y1

Supporting safe and active travel

1. Put in place a No Parking Zone outside the school (to supplement existing park and stride)
2. Provided hi vis tabards to each child to support 'be bright be seen' and active travel
3. Installed scooter parking and covered cycle shelters
4. Lobbied council and secured budget allocation to improve road safety around school (£40k)
5. New canal bridge crossing project underway via parent Engineer volunteer and local community network
6. Refreshed the safe zone signage using pupil designs from competition
7. Supplemented council hunt for a vital crossing patrol with local physical/online posters and in Local Look/Parish Council newsletters

Active travel events and activities

1. Walk to school week x 3 (1 in 2016, 2 in year 2017)
2. Taken part in Brake Road Safety week and Living Streets W2SW as part of 1 above
3. Introduced monthly family walks to school in 2017/18
4. Active travel breakfast held on arrival at school
5. Dr Bike free bike safety checks
6. Road safety assembly with police officer – handing out reflective tabards
7. Competition to design roundel image for safe zone materials

Provided info to school community

1. Section in each termly newsletter
2. Created our own website section and used posters to advertise events on school website
3. Created active travel map of timed walking and cycling routes for families
4. Updated the new parent pack with updated safe zone leaflet
5. Spoken at new parent meeting 2017

Provided info to wider community

1. Had Local Look and Bath Chronicle coverage
2. Mentioned in Parish newsletters

Consulting school and parents and becoming part of regular management meetings

1. Held 2 x parent and 3 x kids travel to school surveys (last set now integrated into annual school survey)
2. Visited school council and was item on the agenda for full governing body meeting summer 2017.
3. Regular updates to Head and Deputy via email and in person
4. SRTS policy going through sign off process internally

What next?

1. Linking the curriculum and the plan more closely together – showing more examples of pupil work relating to the plan. This year we have agreed to focus on the link between active travel and reducing air pollution and plan to do some of our own monitoring.
2. Enabling pupils to help shape and update the travel plan via school council and continuing to be part of formal meetings (school (council) and governor)
3. Holding different and new active travel events – these go down well and are fun/positive
4. Pressing ahead with road safety improvements and adding more to the active list, such as a crossing on Down Lane at Devonshire in Bathampton and lobbying the George pub to give us better pedestrian access to the car park. Part of road safety improvement is the significant canal bridge crossing project which will need to raise in the region of £150k and secure Planning Permission
5. Delivering further modal shift out of single family car journeys. We have made positive progress with scooting and cycling this year. Our new scooter park was consistently full (15 spaces, plus a few by the walls up from 9 in the previous survey). Cycling target has also been met when summer school survey carried out – number of regular cyclists up to 19 from 12 out of 210 pupils.
6. Greatest appetite for further modal shift is out of cars into cycling (see chart below). We will need to understand what the barriers are to this (likely to be safety-related) and work through them.
7. Car share as a topic will start to be explored.

