

Manor Drive Academies Travel Plan





1. Introduction

This Travel Plan has been prepared on behalf of Manor Drive Academies to support the opening of the new school in September 2022 and will continue to be a working document used as a central tool for the promotion of sustainable travel to and from the site. The plan will be reviewed and updated each year. This will allow the Trust time to conduct a travel survey and observe traffic patterns in the locality of the school, to amend and set targets, and to tailor initiatives as the school grows.

The Academies are a new build, which will cater for just over 1,300 students living on the Manor Drive, served by access from either Porter Avenue or a new access road off Newborough Road.

The Nursery setting has a maximum capacity of 23 children for each taught session (2 sessions per day). The official number on roll will be dependent on sessions required by the individual child. There are no plans to grow the nursey in future years as capacity of the building would not allow this. The number on roll in September 2022 in the primary school will be 60 and this is expected to increase by the same number each year until it reaches its capacity of 420. It will have approximately 8 members of staff in the first year. The secondary will have 120 on roll, followed by additional yearly expansion of approximately 150-180 students per year until the school has reached its capacity of 900. There will be approximately 15 members of staff in the first year.

The Travel Plan seeks to promote sustainable travel to and from the school. Travel planning can produce a wide number of benefits, including increased health and fitness, improvements in punctuality, and reducing congestion, pollution and risk of accidents. This Travel Plan has been prepared with reference to Peterborough's Local Transport Plan and the Department for Education's 'Home to School Travel and Transport Guidance' (2014).

The main contacts on behalf of the schools are Emma Marks and Jo Sludds (Headteachers).

Following this introduction, this Travel Plan is structured as follows:

- Section 2 outlines the policy context for Travel Plans
- Section 3 describes the location, existing conditions including site accessibility and identifies issues with regard to school travel
- Section 4 outlines the objectives of the Travel Plan and includes details of the commitment of the school to achieving these objectives
- Section 5 identifies the Travel Plan Coordinator and outlines their role
- Section 6 includes targets for increased sustainable travel and outlines measures which will be implemented to attain these targets
- Section 7 gives details of the Travel Plan Working Group
- Section 8 sets out the programme for monitoring and review of the Travel Plan.

2. Policy

This part reviews key national and local transport policies. It is acknowledged that the Travel Plan will need to encompass measures that are consistent with the key policies outlined below.

National Policy

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was introduced in March 2012 and updated in July 2021. With regard to new developments, the Policy outlines that planning should actively manage patterns of growth to support the objectives of promoting sustainable transport. This includes promoting walking, cycling ad the use of public transport. It also states:

"All developments that will generate significant amounts of movement should be required to provide a travel plan."

A Travel Plan is a package of measures designed to enhance the level of accessibility of a site by means of travel other than single occupancy car use. A Travel Plan can bring a range of

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benefits, not only to residents but to the wider community. Benefits include improved health, cost savings, a reduced demand for parking on-site and less congestion locally.

3. Existing Conditions

Site and Surrounding Area – Location of the School

Figure 1



Manor Drive Academies has 203 students (including Nursery) on its roll and 23 members of staff in 2022-23. The school currently has three points of access: two for vehicular traffic with pedestrian access and one entirely separate point of access for pedestrians. The predominant land use in the locality is housing, although there are three additional primary schools (Paston Ridings, Gunthorpe and Norwood), located to the west of the site on the other side of the A15. It is proposed that the primary vehicular access to the site will be via a new access road from Newborough Road and from Porter Avenue (formerly Norwood Road).

The site is accessible by sustainable modes of transport, including walking, cycling and by bus. There is a good network of existing footways linking the site to the surrounding area and local facilities in Paston and Gunthorpe, including bus stops and shops. As the new housing is developed in future years, more routes for walking and cycling to school will be opened and Travelchoice are currently investigating a bus route to Manor Drive itself.

School building and grounds

The school access for students and staff is from the north and south of the site, along with and a pedestrian entrance to the west. Two bridges act as a footway to serve Paston, Gunthorpe and the school. There is no vehicle access into the school car park for students and parents. Vehicle access into the car park is permitted for staff and those requiring wheelchair access.

Cycle parking is provided within the school in two locations in the Secondary and one in the Primary. The cycle parking is covered and secure and for use by both students and staff. As the school grows in student numbers, additional cycle parking will be constructed.

4. School Operation

The following school timetables identify school arrival and departure activities:

Nursery

Session 1

- Registration 8:45am
- End of session 11:45am

Session 2

- Registration 12:15pm
- End of session 3:15pm

Primary

- Registration 8.40am
- End of school 3.15pm

Secondary

- Breakfast available in canteen from 8.00am
- Registration 8.30am
- End of school 3.45pm on Thursday, 2.00pm on Friday

The two schools and nursery have deliberately chosen differing arrivals and departures times where possible to spread over a longer period.

Site Accessibility

Accessibility by Bus

For those students and staff that wish to access the site by public transport, the main bus route serving Paston and Gunthorpe is Stagecoach number 2 connecting with the City Centre which runs every 20 minutes. Students can then use either footbridge to walk to the remainder of the journey.



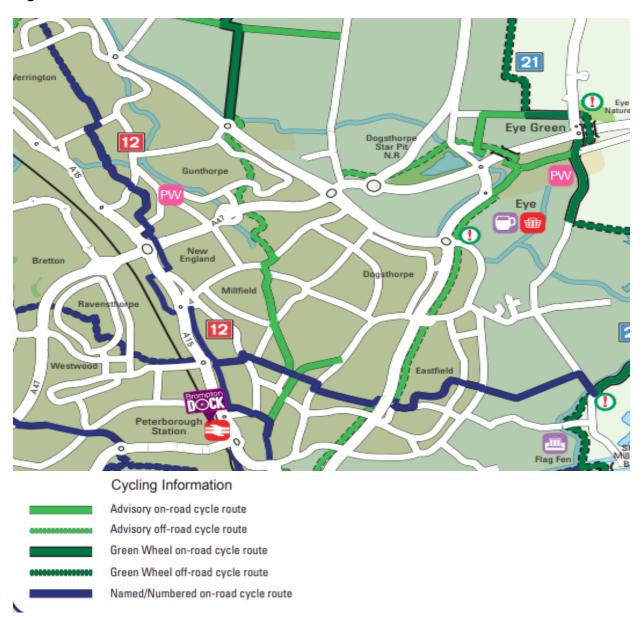
Figure 2: Bus routes serving Paston and Gunthorpe

In addition to these current public services, Travelchoice, Peterborough are investigating the possibility of a bus route to the Manor Drive housing estate.

Accessibility by Cycle

The Manor Drive development is well served in terms of cycle ways. The school is well accessed by existing off street cycle routes. Figure 3 shows the existing cycle routes in the vicinity of the site.

Figure 3



Pedestrian Accessibility

There is a good network of footways and pedestrian bridges in the area surrounding the site, providing links to key services and local amenities. There is one pedestrian only entrance to the school's site.

5. Travel Patterns

In order to establish the baseline position with regard to staff and student travel, travel surveys will be undertaken in May 2023. A copy of the survey questionnaires is included as Appendix A.

Objectives and Commitment

The overall aim of this school Travel Plan is to ensure that students, parents and staff who are currently at the school, and will attend in the future, are able to make informed decisions about their travel to and from school. Through the Travel Plan, it is hoped the school community will be able to continue to choose more sustainable modes of travel and therefore minimise the impact of the proposed expansion on the local environment. To improve the health of staff and students by encouraging active travel to and from school. In attempting to achieve this aim, the following objectives have been identified:

- To reduce the overall need to travel, particularly during peak periods
- To promote awareness of transport issues and the impact of traffic on the local environment
- To show a commitment to improving traffic conditions in the local area
- To influence the level of private car journeys to and from the site in order to reduce air pollution and the consumption of fossil fuels
- To reduce the number of single occupancy car journeys to and from the site
- To increase the proportion of journeys to and from the site by sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing
- To improve safety for the school journey by reducing number of vehicle drop-offs
- To promote walking and cycling as a health benefit to staff, parents and students
- · To promote greater participation in transport related projects in the area

A Travel Plan Coordinator has been appointed who has responsibility for implementing the Travel Plan. The success of the Plan will rely not only on the Travel Plan Coordinator, but also on the support of staff. As Manor Drive is committed to achieving these objectives, the Travel Plan will also be promoted by the Governors/Trustees as a key benefit to the school.

6. Travel Plan Co-ordinators

Jo Sludds, Head of Manor Drive Secondary School, and Emma Marks, Head of Manor Primary Academy, will act in the role of interim Travel Plan Coordinators. Contact details are as follows:

Email: jsludds@manordrivesecondary.org.uk and emarks@manordriveprimary.org.uk

The Travel Plan Coordinator will take overall responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Travel Plan and implementation of measures. A filing system will be established and maintained for recording all correspondence relating to the Travel Plan, the travel survey and the results of periodic monitoring and review.

In the interests of confidentiality, the Travel Plan Coordinator alone will hold the database and be responsible for the release of information.

Information contained within the database will be released to Peterborough County Council and Cambridgeshire City Council on request; in the interests of security, only postcode details will be supplied.

The Travel Plan Coordinator will be responsible for the administration of the Plan and implementation of the measures outlined in Section 7.

General Information Provision

It is essential that the Travel Plan Coordinator communicates the availability of sustainable travel modes to parents / carers, students and staff. The following outlines measures relating to information provision that the Travel Plan Coordinator will action at the site:

1. Producing a Travel Information Pack for staff and families, which will also highlight the environmental and cost saving benefits of using sustainable transport modes. The packs

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consist of among other things:

- Timetables and route maps for public transport, particularly buses. This will include maps showing schedules, journey times and timetable information which corresponds to student and staff hours.
- Contact numbers and website address details for local travel companies.
- Local taxi company contact details.
- Cycling and walking maps for the local area and contact details for cycle clubs, cycle training and maintenance courses.
- Website address details for Travelchoice in Peterborough.
- contact details for registering interest in car sharing with other staff.
- 2. Setting up a 'How to Get Here' webpage on both websites. This will be an effective online tool for all users to be fully aware of all alternative modes available to travel to the site.
- 3. A site travel notice board available in student and staff common areas, which will display local walking maps, public transport information and cycling routes, in addition to advertising promotional events, such as walk to site, health benefits of walking, sustainable travel competition winners, case studies etc.
- 4. Sustainable travel will also be promoted via Travel Plan working groups with parents/carers, students and staff.
- 5. Students and staff will be encouraged to participate in the Travel Plan Working Groups. Meetings will occur every term and discuss the Travel Plan, traffic issues, sustainable travel options and initiatives currently being undertaken or proposed.

Curriculum

The Coordinator will ensure that Manor Drive Academies will actively encourage sustainable travel within its teaching programme and obtain information packs on learning about sustainable travel from Travelchoice and other links such as Sustrans and Living Streets.

The curriculum would include learning about road safety, travel choices, environmental impact of transport and benefits of choosing active modes of travel e.g.

- Health and Safety
- Environmental Interaction and Sustainable Development
- Healthy, Active Lifestyles

Targets

The results of the staff and student travel surveys will be used as a baseline against which to set targets. These targets will set with consideration to the following:

- Distance travelled
- Expressed preference for alternative travel to car
- Practicality of implementation.

The targets of this Travel Plan are set out below:

- Increase the proportion of students cycling to and from school
- Increase the proportion of students walking to and from school
- Increase the number of car share journeys for staff.

Measures

In order to achieve the targets, a number of actions have been identified. These measures will be implemented by the Travel Plan Coordinator. The following is not an exhaustive list and other measures may be identified over time.

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1. SMART Targets and Measures

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TPC – Travel Plan Coordinator

PCC – Peterborough City Council STO – Sustainable Travel Officer

Obje	ctive: To increase awa	reness of our So	chool Travel Plar	through the curricul	um and comr	nunication with	parents		
Targe	et: All students to unde	erstand the bene	fits of sustainabl	e and active travel, s	safe road use	and healthy life	estyles by the su	mmer 2024	
	Action	Responsible	Timescale	Success Criteria	Mo	onitoring & Eval	uation	Resources	s Required
No	Description	Person			Method	Timescale	Responsible Person	Requirement	Funding
1.	All parents of new students to be advised that a copy of the Travel Plan can be reviewed via the school website.	Form tutors	Updates each September	All parents and students aware of the Travel Plan aims and objectives	Verbal, Written and on- line communic ations	Yearly each September	TPC	Tutor Time	N/A
2.	Link to bus timetables on school website (www.travelchoice. org.uk)	TPC / School website coordinator	Summer 2022	All students, staff and parents aware of bus routes	Verbal / Survey results	On-going / yearly	TPC	School staff time	N/A
3.	Link proposals to curriculum through teachers planning in PSHE areas and alternative provision	Tutor / PSCHE Lead / TPC	September 2022	All PSHE plans reflect the travel plan links as appropriate	Monitoring of plans	On-going	PSCHE Lead/ TPC	School staff time and curriculum resources	School

4.	Promote safe	Tutor / TPC	On-going	All students	Annual	On-going	Tutor / TPC	
	walking / cycling			aware of the	survey			
	and awareness			benefits of				
	issues relating to			walking / cycling				
	health			to school and as				
				part of everyday				
				life				

Obje	ctive: To reduce conge	estion outside of	the school						
Targ	et: To reduce the num	ber of students b	peing driven to s	chool by 5% by Sept	ember 2023				
	Action	Responsible	Timescale	Success Criteria	Monitoring & Evaluation			Resources Required	
No	Description	Person			Method	Timescale	Responsible Person	Requirement	Funding
1.	To seek support from PCC for enforcement of traffic movement systems outside of the school	TPC / PCC STO	September 2023	Enforcement undertaken, enforcement officer presence, reduction in congestion and irresponsible parental parking	LA and community feedback	Monthly		PCC STO	
2.	Raise parent and staff awareness of car sharing opportunities	TPC	On-going	Information passed onto parents and staff, increase in number of car sharing journeys	Newsletter, website and survey results	Half - termly	TPC	Printing / website update	School
3.	To raise awareness of parents, students and staff on the economic and health benefits of	TPC	September 2022	Information provided	Newsletter, website and survey results	Half-termly	TPC / Tutor	Printing / website update	School

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4.	using sustainable transport methods through the distribution of resources (Travelchoice.org.u k/businesses/resou rces-and- downloads) To provide information to	September 2022	Information Provided	Website and	Annually	TPC / PCC	Printing	School and PCC
	students, parents and staff on safe routes to school			assemblies				

Obje	ctive: To raise the num	ber of students	and staff walking	g or cycling to school					
Targe	et: Increase the number	er of pedestrian	and cycle use by	2% by September 2	2023				
	Action	Responsible	Timescale	Success Criteria	Mo	onitoring & Eval	uation	Resources	s Required
No	Description	Person			Method	Timescale	Responsible Person	Requirement	Funding
1.	Review and ensure sufficient cycle storage facilities	TPC / Site Manager	Yearly July	Review need and increase provision where required	Survey / cycle count	Termly	TPC / School champion / Caretaker	Possible cost and installation	School / PCC
2.	Raise profile of sustainable travel to school and health / lifestyle benefits to students, staff and families	TPC / PCC STO	September 2022	Information via newsletters, website, inclusion into curriculum, displays in school	Print / on- line website and verbal communic ations	Twice yearly	TPC	Admin / printing / website update	School

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3.	Investigate provision of cycle training	TPC / PCC STO	May 2022	Training offered	Contact PCC		TPC / PCC STO		School / PCC
4.	Organise and run a walk / cycle to school week	TPC	May 2023	Hold event	Contact PCC / look into various on-line resources (Sustrans, Living Streets etc.)	Spring term - yearly	TPC	Possible resources cost	School
5.	Provide information to students and parents to highlight safe routes to school as part of induction materials	TPC	September 2022	Information provided to students	Contact PCC / develop bespoke walk / cycle map	September 2022	TPC / PCC STO	Possible resource cost / printing / website update	School / PCC

Obje	ctive: To reduce the n	umber of single	occupancy car ti	rips undertaken by so	chool staff				
Targ	et: To reduce the num	ber of single occ	cupancy car trips	by staff by 5% by 20)24				
	Action	Responsible	Timescale	Success Criteria	Mo	onitoring & Eva	luation	Resources	s Required
No	Description	Person			Method	Timescale	Responsible	Requirement	Funding
							Person		
1.	Promote awareness of car sharing and encourage internal car sharing groups and buddy system	TPC	September 2022	Area created on staff noticeboard and information provided in induction packs. Postcode plotting exercise to	Staff Survey / Postcode plot	Annually	TPC PCC (postcode plotting exercise)	Printing	School / PCC

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				highlight opportunities					
2.	Provide information to staff on bus routes	TPC	September 2022	Information provided	Leaflets / timetables / website links	Annually	TPC	Stagecoach leaflets / staff information printing	School
3.	Provide information to staff on cycle to work scheme	TPC / HR	September 2022	Uptake of staff utilising the scheme	Staff communic ation in meetings	Quarterly	TPC / HR		

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In addition to the above action plan measures the school will adopt the following initiatives as standard policy:

Walking/Cycling

Given the significant number of students that live in close proximity to the school, it is considered that walking/cycling can provide a real, healthy and economical alternative to the car for the school run. In order to encourage more families to take this option, the following actions will be/have been taken:

- Promotion of the health benefits of walking
- Participation in the 'Walk to School Week'
- Provision of secure storage for bicycles, for use of staff and students
- Promotion of new safe routes for walking/cycling
- Ongoing dialogue with parents in relation to the routes to school
- Ongoing dialogue with PCC & CCC in relation to routes to school

Lift Sharing

In order to establish the feasibility of this, the following actions will be taken:

- Ask parents if they would be willing to participate
- Set up a forum for participants to identify suitable lift share partners.

Parking on site

Туре	Number of Spaces	Available Hours
Staff	137	Site opening hours
Accessible Parking	6	Site opening hours
Electric charging points	2	Site opening hours
Cycles	218	Site opening hours
Scooters	20	Site opening hours

Site opening is generally 7.15am - 6pm but is extended by arrangement for school events or community use.

Parking Strategy

- There will be no spaces for parents to park on the school site. It is hoped this will assist in reducing congestion and improving pedestrian safety at the beginning and end of the school day.
- There are a number of drop-off bays due to the nursery and primary school. These will not be "widely advertised" and we will continue to encourage all parents/carers to use other modes of transport.
- Encouragement of 'Park and Stride' parents will be asked to drop off students away from school and for students to walk the last part of their journey.
- Provision of staff parking spaces on the school site has been in line with planning and EFA guidance. This restriction in parking spaces will encourage staff to use other means of transport.
- Staff are encouraged to lift share/ travel to school by public transport.

Public Transport

In order to increase awareness of the potential for public transport to replace car journeys, personal travel planning will be offered to each member of staff.

8. Travel Plan Working Group

A Travel Plan Working Group (which will include members of the community, students,

parents / carers and staff), will meet regularly to discuss and review travel issues and outcomes of recent actions undertaken. Issues will be logged and forwarded for inclusion within the Monitoring Report.

This working group representing a "cross-section of our local school community" includes non-school related participation such as local residents and business.

Name	Title	Category

Does this represent a cross mix of the community Yes / No

- > Children attend the school
- X Work at the school
- Not linked to the school, but to the local community
- ? More than one category (i.e. teach at school, have a child at school and live in the area)

9. Monitoring and Review

In order to ascertain the effectiveness of the Travel Plan in achieving the targets set out in Section 7, the Travel Plan will be subject to ongoing monitoring and review.

Monitoring

The main objectives of the Travel Plan are to reduce the proportion of students who travel to school, as the only passenger in cars and to increase awareness of the benefits of sustainable travel.

The main method of monitoring will be an annual travel survey which will be carried out to ascertain the modal split of journeys to and from the school. The survey will also include questions on how the measures included in the Travel Plan have been received and whether or not alternative measures should be considered.

Other monitoring measures will include the collection of both 'hard' analytical data and 'soft' data in the form of general feedback and correspondence. These measures will include:

- Monitoring demand for additional cycle parking for both staff and students
- Note comments received as part of the travel survey
- Record comments received from management and staff relating to the operation and implications of the Travel Plan.

Review

The Travel Plan Coordinator will use the data collected as part of the monitoring process to undertake a comprehensive review of the Travel Plan on an annual basis. The review will assess the success of the Travel Plan and identify the potential for future initiatives and actions as the school grows.

A monitoring report will be prepared and submitted to Peterborough County Council (PCC) on the anniversary of the school opening. Subsequent monitoring reports will be submitted each year once travel survey information has been collated.

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APPENDIX A

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	I normally drive to work, where do you park your car? If off site please ify street name.
0	On site
0	On street
Other	(please specify)
. Whic	h, if any, of the following would you like to see happen/would encourag
you t	o travel by more sustainable means?
0	Better cycle parking
0	Better changing/showering facilities
0	Joining a lift share database
0	More restrictions on parking
0	Better links to public transport
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MANOR DRIVE Student Travel Survey

Please complete this short survey and return to the school by	<mark>XXXXXXXX</mark> 1	to help us identify
measures which can be incorporated into the school's Travel F	Plan.	

		plete this short survey and re hich can be incorporated into			is identify
1.	Wha	t Tutor Group are you in?			
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3.	How	far do you travel to get to	school?		
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	0	Between 1 and 5 miles			
	0	Between 5 and 10 miles			
	0	Over 10 miles			
4.	Wha	t is the main mode of trave	el that you use to	get to and from school	ol?
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	0	It is faster that other forms	s of travel		
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	0	It is cheaper than public to	ransport		
	0	There are no alternatives			
	0	My car is essential for wo	rk		
	0	The driver is already mak	ing the journey		

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If practical, how would you like to travel to and from school? Valk Cycle Bus Car (with other students)	
WalkCycleBus	
O Cycle O Bus	
O Bus	
Car (with other students)	

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