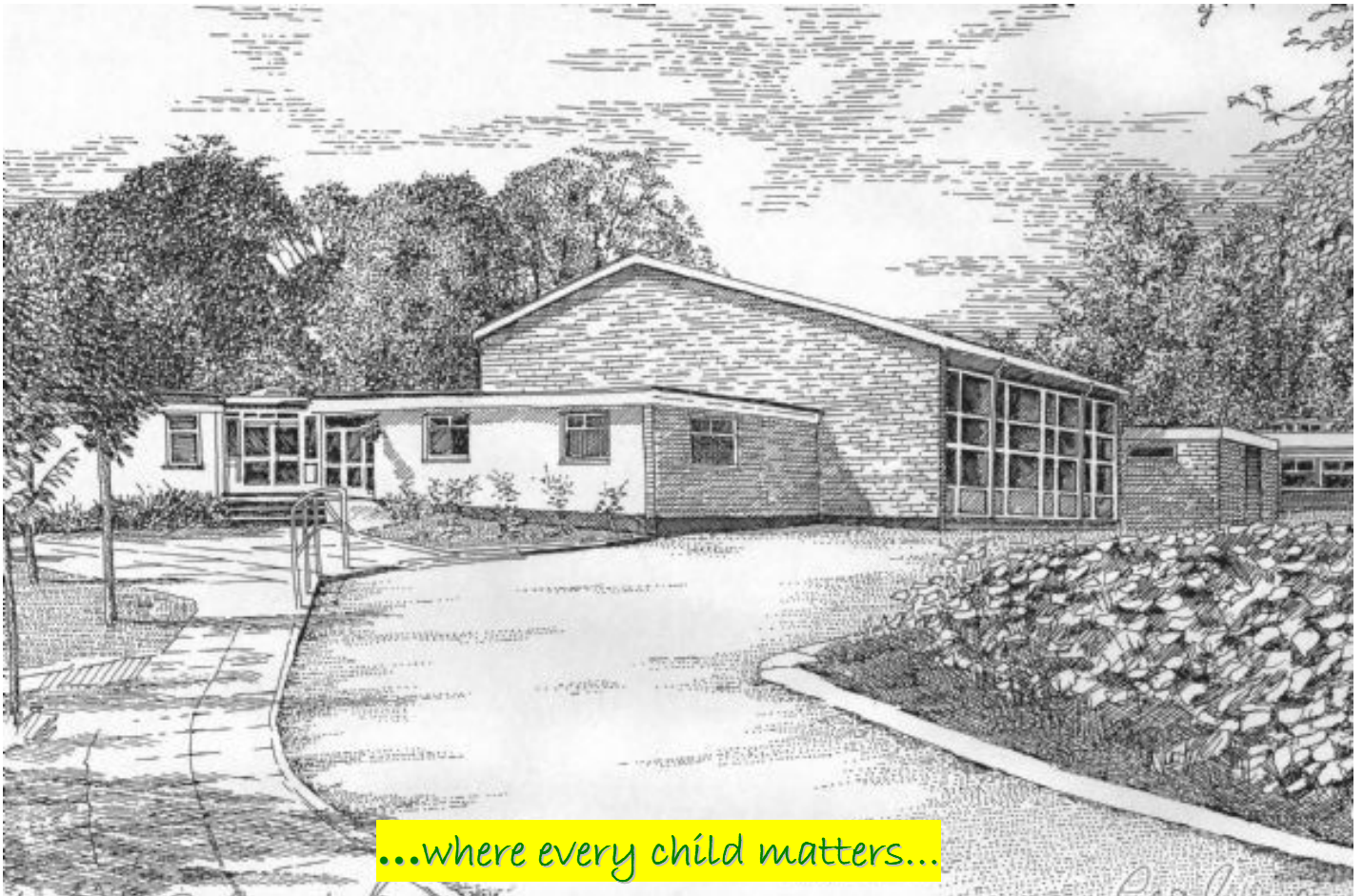




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About our Primary School

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Chair of Governors: Mr D.Torbuck

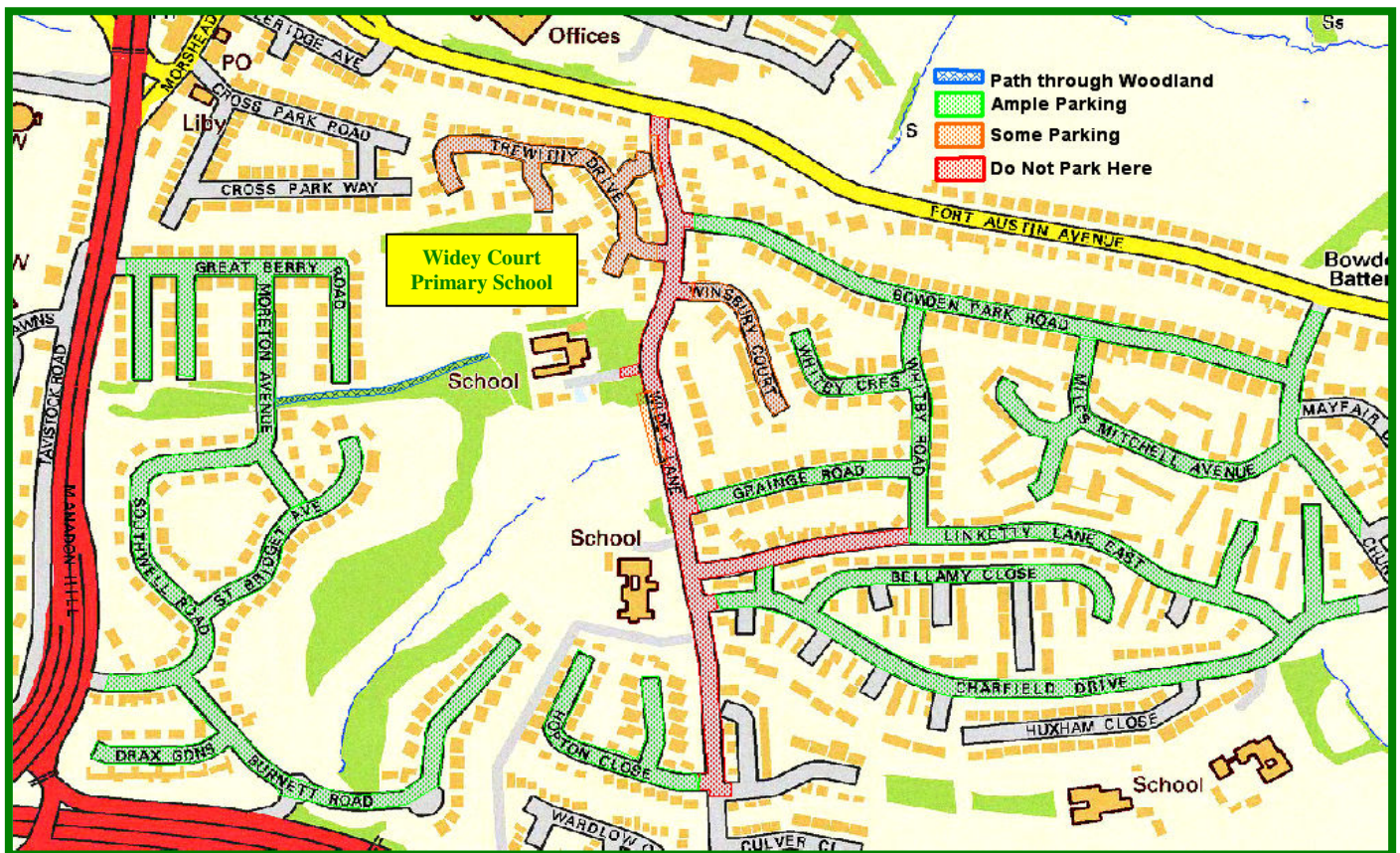
Age Range: 4-11yrs
Number of Children: 604
(Leading to a capacity of 30 Children in each Class / 3 Classes in each Year / 7 Year Groups)
School times: 8:50am – 3:30pm Y1 - Y6
9:00am – 3:15pm Foundation Class
Breakfast Club: 7:45am

History & Location

Widey Court Primary School was opened in 1964.

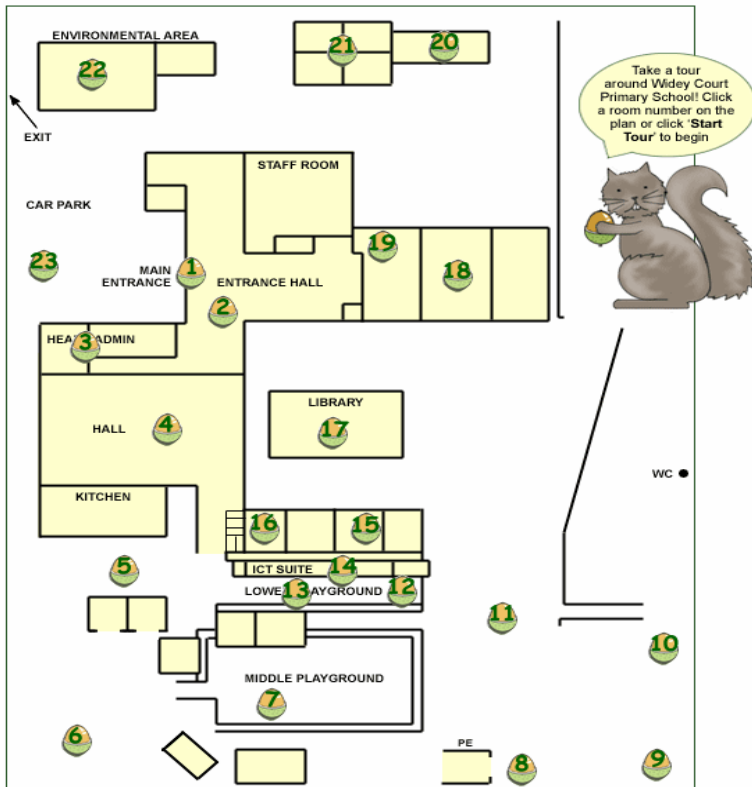
Widey dates back to the Domesday Book and gets its name from the withy beds that used to be there.

Widey is lucky to have the surroundings of a large field and woods, serving a popular suburb approximately three miles to the north of the city's business and shopping centre. It benefits from a 20mph zone on Widey Lane. The School is also adjacent to Courtlands Special School, who do not currently have a School Travel Plan in place.



Park and Stride Map for Widey Court Primary School.

Within the school's perimeter are 3 playgrounds, a large playing field and a variety of other green areas, including a peace garden.



Widey has 4 entrances, 1 for emergency access only (top gate to local estate), 2 solely for pedestrians (Widey Lane and Widey Woods) and another multi-use entrance (Widey Lane) used by walkers and also vehicles wishing access to the car park, which has 28 spaces including one for disabled and a delivery bay.

Plan of Widey Court Primary School



Aerial view of Widey Court Primary School

Outside the school grounds in Widey Lane, is a School Crossing Patrol, a bus stop, a bus bay and some space for parking including 1 space for disabled (**Appendix 1**).

How do we make sure our pupils are healthy, safe and well-supported?

- **Widely Court have formed a STP Steering Group**
- **Steering Group have set up a School Travel Plan**
- Healthy snacks encouraged at break time – KS1 received free fruit
- Water bottles encouraged in classrooms
- School dinner survey has resulted in change of menus
- Meal time assistants have received training in working with children
- School working towards Healthy School Award
- **Home-school agreement**
- Peer mediators and playground pals well established
- **School Council involved in several projects developing a healthy, safe school**
- All staff familiar with Child Protection procedures
- Enhanced provision for outdoor play, e.g. adventure playground
- Provision for disabled children being continually enhanced
- New secure signing in system for visitors
- CCTV cameras monitor site
- Health and Safety checks regularly completed
- A STP section is included in the prospectus

Prospectus STP Section

For the safety, health and welfare of our children, we actively encourage walking and cycling to school.

If you must travel by car, parking has been kindly provided by The British Legion, (off Tallyour Road) 80 spaces and just 2 minutes walk from school.

Cars must not enter the school grounds to drop off or pick up pupils at anytime, neither must they use the area in front of the entrance as a drop off or as a turning point.

We do not condone parking on double yellow lines, pavements, verges, in bus bays or causing obstruction to our neighbours' driveways.

The safe arrival and dispersal of our children is a matter of great importance to us all, please encourage your children to act safely by your advice and example.

School Council

We have involved the school council in all stages of the development of the STP. They have provided valuable feedback and have influenced the way in which we have approached the subject. They have raised their concerns on parking and their general journey to/from school, assisted with the traffic survey and raised general concerns over the impact on the environment. **(School Council minutes)**

Why Widey Court Primary School is doing a School Travel Plan?

Information was collated from the following:

- *Pupils – surveys, school council, debates (Appendix 1 & 2)*
- *Staff – surveys, staff meetings (Appendix 1 & 2)*
- *Parents – letters home, surveys, meetings, School Fair, PTA minutes (Appendix 1, 2 & 3)*
- *Plymouth City Council – emails, meetings*
- *Governors – agenda, minutes (Minutes)*
- *Local residents – meeting (Appendix 7)*
- *Media coverage (Appendix 6)*
- *Traffic survey (Appendix 1 & 10)*

Detailed results of the information collated in the above can be seen in the relevant appendices; however in general the following common items were highlighted as areas of concern

- **High level of accidents / nears misses involving children**
- **Poor choices of parking**
- **Inconsiderate and potentially dangerous driving**
- **Unacceptable levels of congestion preventing local residents from going about their own lives**
- **Poor condition of pavements leading to the school**
- **Very high number of children travelling to school by car**

We found the poor choices of inappropriate parking that some people are making, pose a high level of risk to the safety of Widey Court's pupils. These are some of the things photographed by the City Council's Sustainable Transport Team. The School Travel Plan Adviser commented that the driving behaviour of the parents was, at that time, the poorest that he had seen outside a school.

Parents dropping off children in the road without actually stopping the car.

Adults / children crossing between moving cars despite being only a few feet away from the lollypop lady.

Parking on the pavements obstructing the children and mothers with prams etc

Parking on the roundabout, in bus bays, on corners and verges.

Parking where the children need to cross for the lollypop lady.

Drivers doing three point turns in the school entrance.

We also found a need for Road Safety Training as well as improvements to the environment.

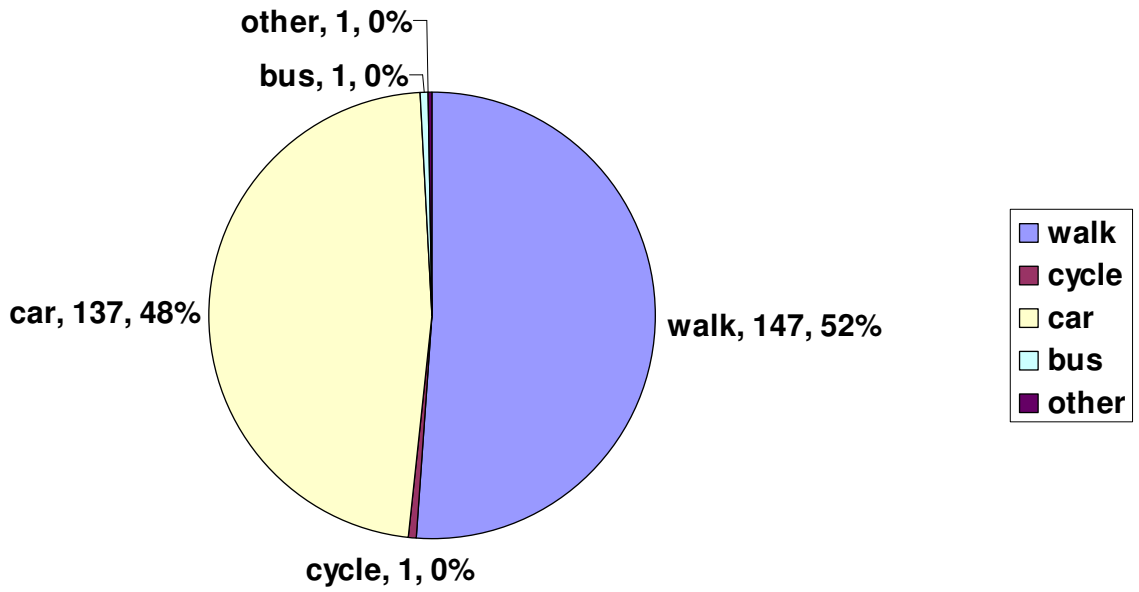
Parent's / Children's questionnaire summary - Widey Court's S.T.P.

We sent out 576 surveys to all children in the school (the school numbers have since risen) and we received 343 returns (59%)

Key points from survey:-

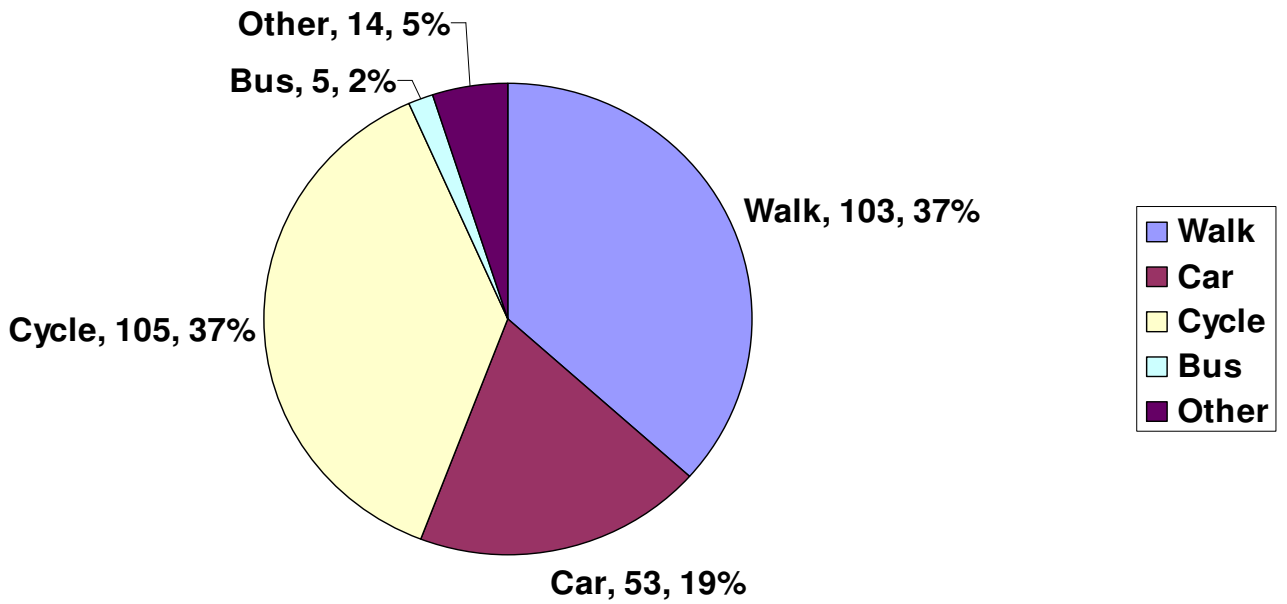
- There have been a large number of near misses / accidents 22 reported (see below).
Unfortunately this number is growing on a daily basis
- On average nearly 180 car journeys are made to / from school every morning and evening

Q1 How do you normally get to school?

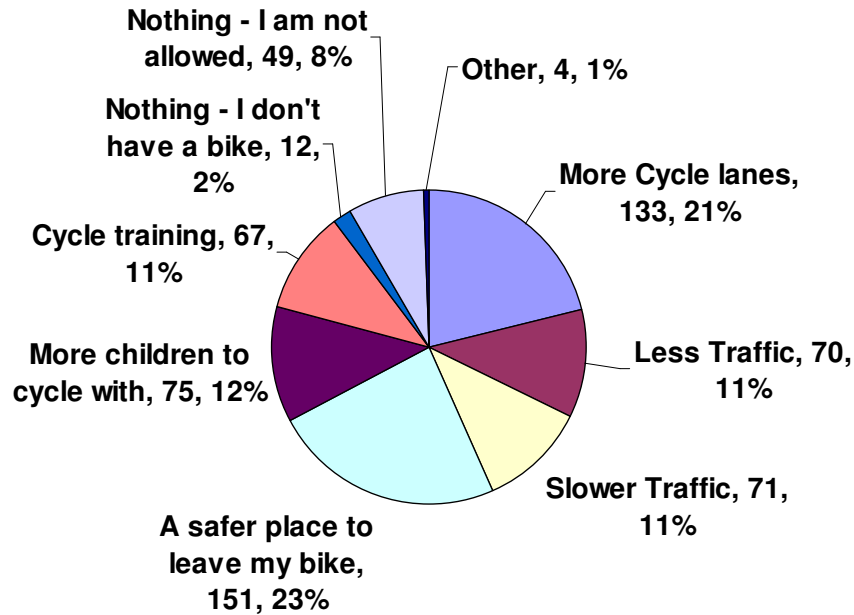


- A fairly large amount of children would like to ride bikes to school, 37% – however realistically this would only apply to Year 6 where the figure is 52%

Q4 How would you like to go to school?

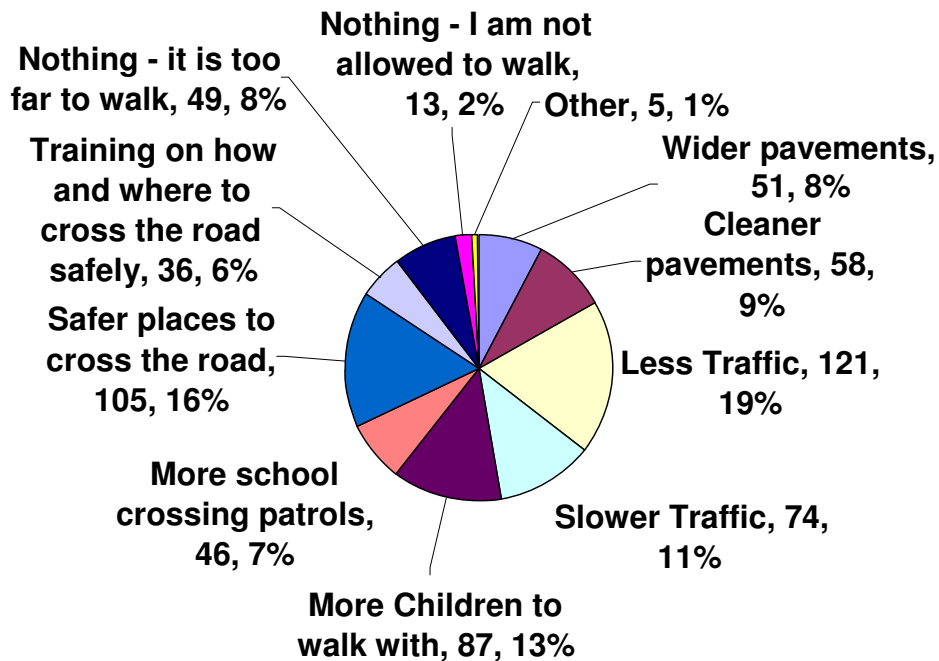


Q15 What would encourage you and make cycling to school better?



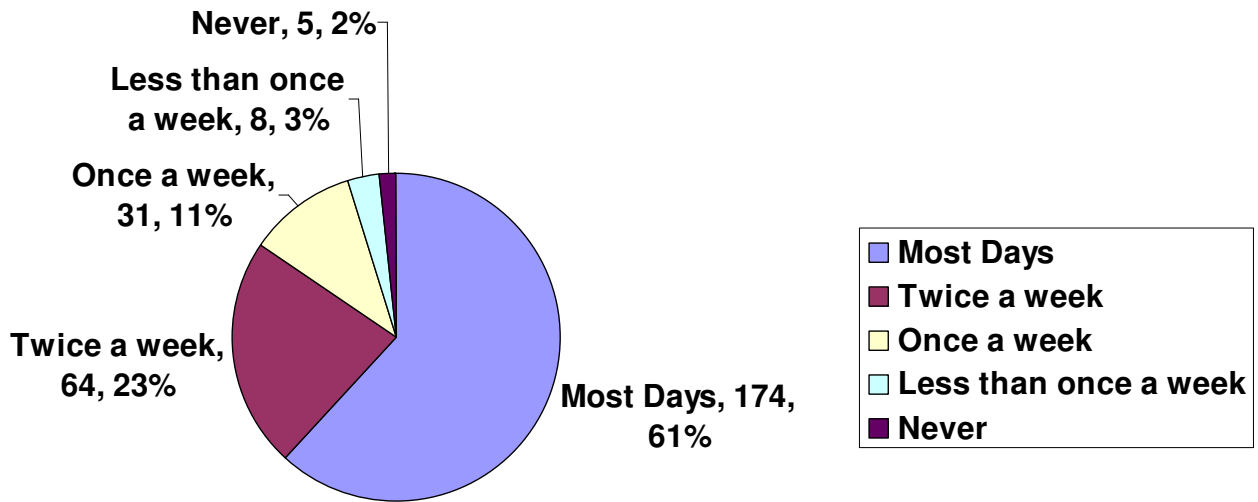
- Only 8% of children live too far from school to walk, although 48% travel by car

Q14 What would encourage you and make walking to school better?



- Wet weather, too much traffic and too much to carry are other major contributors to not walking to school
- An encouraging 61% of pupils exercise or play sport outside of school on most days and a further 23% at least twice a week
- A worrying 5% however exercise or play sport outside of school less than once a week or never

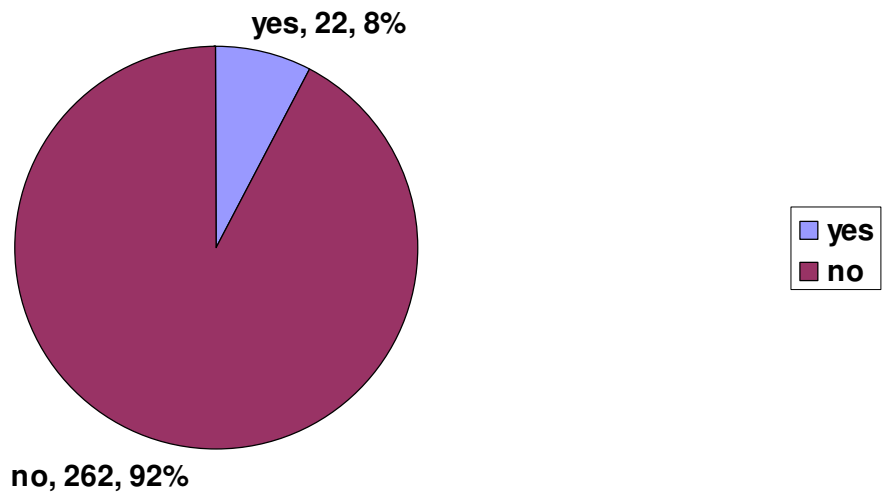
Q18 How often do you play sport or exercise outside of school hours?



Accidents / near misses to / from school over previous 12 months:-

- 2 children involved in accidents whilst in car
- 1 child hit by car
- 4 children nearly hit on pedestrian crossing on Fort Austin Avenue
- 7 children nearly hit by cars particularly Trewithy Drive and by cars coming on to pavements
- 3 children nearly involved in accidents whilst in car

Q17 Have you been involved in an accident / near miss on your way to or from school in the past year?



Our parents have been very supportive of the survey with comments and suggestions. Typical comments were:-

- The dangers of crossing various roads, in particular Trewithy Drive
- Inconsiderate parking blocking pavements, on roundabout, in bus bay etc
- Inconsiderate driving in particular driving up on to pavements
- The dangers of cars pulling in to the school drive entrance
- The Signalised Pedestrian Crossing on Fort Austin Avenue is too short
- Concern over the poor condition of pavements particularly from the woods
- Very slippery pavements particularly in the autumn

Our parents want :-

- The Police and council to enforce parking regulations around the school
- The School to promote less use of cars
- Children to be able to go to / from school safely

Staff Summary - Widey Court's S.T.P.

A response rate of 44 returned, out of 45 sent out (97%) questionnaires from teachers, TAs and support staff.

From this it can be seen that 25% walk to and from school, less than 1.5 miles for those that do walk. Of the remaining 75% thirteen share a journey with either colleagues, children or spouses. The reasons for not walking/cycling were given as too far and too much to carry, 50% for both reasons.

For suggestions to improve the Children's journey to school 25% suggested a walking bus and 16% suggesting a dedicated dropping off spot/parking area for parents.

Widey Court's School Council's Summary and Statement in support for having a School Travel Plan at their school

The School Council have shown a keen interest in the STP, when it is discussed at their meetings.

These are the conclusions they came to:

When travelling by car, traffic jams are usually encountered because there are too many cars turning into Widey Lane. There are also not enough parking spaces near the school, which causes congestion to travelling cars.

When walking to school, pupils find their pathways into classrooms blocked by adults. Pupils have to avoid dog mess on the ground when walking through the woods and they find crossing roads very dangerous, as there are too many parked cars to see the road properly.

Some children from Eggbuckland Community College spit on the ground and on cars and are generally very rude and swear a lot.

There were many suggestions made for possible improvements:

- Make dog owners more responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.
- More lanes required for cars on roads.
- Stagger start times at school.
- Only cross the road where the lollipop lady is.
- People who live near the school should walk.
- Car sharing with friends.
- Signs that say where to and where not to park.
- Zebra crossing.
- A replacement for the lollipop lady if she is poorly.
- A walking bus.
- Have a bike shed so pupils can ride their bikes to school.

In summary, the School Council fully support the School Travel Plan as it is seen as a way of making their journey to and from school safer, healthier and more enjoyable.

Residents Summary - Widey Court's S.T.P.

As part of our School Travel Plan implementation programme, we decided to hold a local residents meeting to get the views and ideas of any residents experiencing problems at school journey times

The meeting was held on Thursday 16th March in the school hall. We had fourteen out of 200 residents attend the meeting, primarily from the streets immediately surrounding the front of the school entrance.

They were encouraged to share with us the problems, which they have experienced. These include;

- 1) Cars parking across driveways so that residents are unable to get in or out of their own houses at school journey times
- 2) Cars parking in the bus bay opposite the school entrance
- 3) Cars parking on double yellow lines
- 4) Cars driving too fast
- 5) Cars parking on street corners, making it difficult to see when crossing the road
- 6) Cars parking too close to the lollypop lady

The residents were asked if they had any possible solutions to these problems. The solutions included;

- 1) Creating a 'residents only' parking scheme at certain times of the day
- 2) Having double yellow lines on one side of Bowden Park Road
- 3) Putting up bollards in Winsbury Court to stop parking on the grass kerb
- 4) Having staggered entry times for pupils
- 5) Encouraging the cars to park at the British Legion Car Park
- 6) Create larger car park in the school to discourage teachers from parking on the streets
- 7) More parking attendants
- 8) Improve the junction at Widey Lane / Fort Austin Avenue
- 9) Creating a dropping off point perhaps near Widey Woods

The meeting proved to be a great success, enabling the local residents to share with us the problems that they face every day. We were able to get a clearer picture of the main areas that need addressing so that we can continue to improve safety on the school journey.

Team Work So Far

- Sustainable Transport Team (STT) invited to give presentation to Governors
- A Steering Group formed with representatives from all relevant parties to set up a STP and meet regularly with STT (**Appendix 2 & website**)
- STP Champion attended relevant conferences and governor training courses i.e. Every Child Matters, Working with the Police etc
- STP section in prospectus updated (**enclosed**)
- 200 invitations sent out and a meeting held at school, for local residents to give their views (**Appendix 7**)
- Liaised with Eggbuckland Community College's Champion (**Email & questionnaire examples**)
- The Royal British Legion (Tailyour Road) confirm use of their car park during school journey times (**Appendix 2 & 3**)
- The Widey Court STP Newsletter launched and regularly sent out to update parents and staff (**Appendix 2**)
- The STP given it's own site within the school website for all to access (*see website*)
- Coverage of congestion problems etc *in Herald and on local radio* (**Appendix 6**)
- STP Champion interviewed on Devon Radio (**Appendix 6**)
- Widey won 1st STP Champion of the Term (*STT Newsletter*)
- A notice board displaying STP info and a map plotted with pupil's addresses *went up in the hall and Steering Group plotted congestion areas and journey routes* (**Appendix 1b**)
- Head Teacher and Mike House (STT) explained the STP to pupils during school assembly
- Mike House (STT) invited to Summer Fair with information stand and to give advice to the public, explaining the power-point displaying data from Widey Court's STP (**Photo's**)
- Introduced water bottles (encouraging drinking), School Caps (for protection from the Summer sun) and woolly hats and scarves (for walking to school in the Winter) (**Appendix 1, 2 & 3**)

Continued....

- Safety School set up and a leading Martial Arts Academy taught a 6 week course to pupils, covering most common dangers (**Evening Herald article**) (**Appendix 6**)
- Purchased 34 high-viz waistcoats with "Widey Court Primary School" embroidered on back (**Appendix 2 & 3**).
- Negotiated and distributed vouchers for all pupils and staff (local cycle store) for discount and free cycle check (**Appendix 8**)
- Cycle Training was offered to all Y6 pupils and took place on the other side of Widey Woods in a risk assessed area (**Evening Herald article**)
- Varied lunch-time and after School Clubs (**Appendix 9**)
- Widey Walk trialled for "National Walk to School Week" and actioned to continue in Spring 07 (**Appendix 1b**)
- School Choir recording a "Widey Walk" song (**Appendix 5**)

Current

- Cycle Rack to be ordered and an appropriate site agreed
- Invited by RST to give presentation to other schools
- Organising a walking bus (Widey Walk) from the RBL to begin in Spring 07 (**Appendix ?**)
- *New Safety School Course*
- New gate for middle playground entrance
- New information board for parents

Up ahead

“Widely World Newspaper” written by the children coming soon. They have agreed to back the STP with articles and interviews (**Appendix 3**)

- A pavement demonstration (gimmick) with children and adults issuing leaflets (not parking tickets) to offenders
- More Parking Attendants and police requested
- Looking in to the legalities and practicalities of opening half of the top gate to pedestrians and cyclists at school journey times
- Cycle Training for current Y6
- Anti-Bully membership cards to be issued to all pupils
- Repaint markings in car park

In the Distance

- Set up “Walk wise” pedestrian training for Y2 & Y3
- Green cross code training for Foundation and Y1 – Foundation Resource Box
- Off Road Cycle Training for Y4 & Y5

Implementation Programme, Targets & Action Plan

When	What	Who	Comments
<i>Jan 06</i>	STT gave presentation to Governors	<i>PCC/HM</i>	
<i>Jan 06</i>	Steering Group formed	<i>HM</i>	
<i>Feb 06</i>	Safety School	<i>HM/AH/JM/CR</i>	<i>Funded by PTFA</i>
<i>Mar 06</i>	Liaise with Eggbuckland Community College	<i>HM</i>	<i>Contacted Becky Knight February 06</i>
<i>Mar 06</i>	200 invitations sent out and a meeting held for local residents	<i>JM/HM</i>	<i>14 attended</i>
	Steering Group Meeting		<i>These meetings were co-ordination meeting in order to discuss and agree actions going forward to deliver STP and items below</i>
<i>March 06</i>	The 1 st Widely Court STP Newsletter launched	<i>HM/AH</i>	<i>Explaining the STP to everyone</i>
<i>April 06</i>	Discount and free cycle check	<i>Plymouth Cycle Scene</i>	<i>Voucher for all staff and pupils (Cycle Scene)</i>
<i>April 06</i>	The STP given it's own site within the school website	<i>HM</i>	<i>For everyone to access updates especially the residents</i>
<i>April 06</i>	Attended Cycle Trainer Course	<i>HM</i>	<i>At Marjons</i>
<i>May 06</i>	Cycle Training	<i>HM/AH</i>	<i>Offered to all Y6 pupils (Appendix 8)</i>
<i>May 06</i>	Map plotted with pupil's addresses	<i>AM/HM/AH/CR</i>	<i>Display in hall (Appendix 1b)</i>

May 06	STP explained to pupils	MH/Head	During school assembly
June 06	Widey won 1 st STP Champion of the Term	HM	Photo / story in STP News
June 06	Feed back to governors	AM/HM	Power-point presentation
June 06	STP section in prospectus updated	Head/HM	Enclosed
June 06	Summer Fair information stand	MH/AM	To give advice explaining data from Widey Court's STP
May 06	Water bottles and School Caps	HM/AH/CR/JM	Encouraging drinking and protection from the Summer sun funded by PTFA
Sep 06	"Working with Police" meeting	HM	Relevant to liability, entrances etc.
Oct 06	Meeting with Mike House	MH/HM/AH	
Oct 06	Steering Group sub meeting	HM/AH/AM	Action plan draft, map, presentation
Oct 06	Purchase and sell woolly hats and scarves	HM/CR/JM	For walking to school in the Winter funded by PTFA
Oct 06	Purchased 34 high-viz waistcoats	HM	"Widey Court Primary School" embroidered on back funded by PTFA
Oct 06	Widey Walk trialled for "National Walk to School Week"	HM/AH	70 from RBL and 15 from Great Berry (Appendix 1b)
Oct 06	School Choir recording a "Widey Walk" song	HM/Deputy Head	Own version of "Lambeth Walk" (Appendix 5)
Oct 06	New gate for middle playground entrance	Caretaker	
Nov 06	Steering Group Meeting	HM/MH/AH/CR/JM	Discussion/views on draft STP
Nov 06	Fix and lengthen timer on Pelican Crossing	HM/PCC	UTC have replaced a broken light bulb and will assess the crossing timings when the Walking Bus is Formalised.
Nov 06	Attend and give power-point presentation in Guildhall	HM/AM/AH/Head/PCC	Received award from PCC 'PASST Commitment To Change' – (Appendix 1b)
Nov 06	Feed back to governors	HM/AM	Minutes of meeting available on request
Jan 07	Give STP Power-point presentation to whole school assembly	HM/Head	Positive reception from staff and children
Jan 07	Memory Sticks with STP data given to class teachers	AM	Donated by Bombardier Transportation to cut down on amount teachers carry to allow car share and/or cycling etc.
Early 07	New Safety School Course	HM/PTFA	Date to be arranged
Feb 07	Demonstration against bad parking	School News team	Handing out fliers and interviewing
Feb 07	Anti-Bully membership cards	HM/AH	To be issued to all pupils
Mar 07	Cycle Training for current Y6	HM/AH	On curriculum
Apr 07	Place order for Cycle Rack	HM/School Secretary	

Sept 07	Repaint markings in car park	Buildings Committee	
Oct 07	Set up "Walk wise"	Steering Group	Requesting information on Pedestrian training for Y2 & Y3
Oct 07	Green cross code training	Steering Group	Requesting information on Pedestrian training for Foundation and Y1
Mar 08	Off Road Cycle Training	HM/AH	Awaiting information on Cycle training for Y4 & Y5

STPA = School Travel Plan Adviser Mike House,
 Hayley Masters = Governor / PTFA, Andy Moore = Governor, Ashley Hood = PTFA,
 Julie McDonald = Resident / PTFA, Steve Dykes = Community PC, Clare Robbins = Resident / PTFA,

Targets & Action Plan

For each aim an action plan with measures and a timetable for implementation including responsibilities to achieve our targets is set out below.

Objective 1.				
To decrease congestion around the school entrance and improve safety when accessing site				
Current Position	Actions	Time Scale	Responsible Person	Success Criteria
Congested (front 2) entrances	Open new (2 part) top gate for walkers, cyclists, wheelchairs etc	Jan 07	Caretaker/MH	Relieve pressure on front 2 entrances (Widey Lane) with new access point.
Parking on the pavements(obstructing) Parking on the roundabout, in bus bays, on corners and verges.	Newsletters / flyers to educate drivers Demonstration	Every term Feb 07	HM/AH Steering Group/WWN	Decrease in number of cars parking inappropriately (monitored monthly)
	Seek enforcement and parking on pavements initiative	Sept 07	MH (PCC)	Work carried out and parking obstructed
Parking where the children need to cross for the lollypop lady.	To investigate the extension of Yellow lines and add bollards along kerb	Sep 07	MH (PCC)	“ “
Drivers' doing three point turns in the school entrance and parking on zig zags.	Seek an enforcement order and engage traffic wardens to patrol area.	Feb 07	MH/SD	Entrance kept clear (Monitored monthly)
	Re-route pedestrians so they cross inside the gate.	Feb 07	Caretaker/HM	Avoid children having to step into main road at front entrance

School not visible enough	Request flashing school signs for Widey Lane	Mar 07	Sue Mallone	High-light the speed zone and increase the school's visibility
Children have to cross busy side streets	Pedestrian training and other road safety measures	Sep 07	PCC/MH	Enable children to safely cross busy side street
Cars block disabled access and delivery bay.	Re-allocate markings to keep disabled access clear and provide parking for Head teacher	Mar 07	Caretaker/HM	Ease congestion in car-park (front of school)
Hazards on paths leading to school	Resurface path running through Widey Woods and add lighting	Sep 07	MH/PCC	Encourage walking and improve safety
	Widen path leading to middle playground	Sep 07	MH/PCC	“ “
Blocked drives	Residents parking zones	2008	PCC	Improve quality of life for residents
Gridlock in Widey Lane at school journey times	Improvement to road junction	2009	PCC	Improve (quicken)exit from Widey Lane end ease congestion
Cost Implications: Gates = £1800 Car park painting = £500 Printing = £300 + PCC Work/signage				

Objective 2: <i>To educate parents and pupils in road safety and increase fitness by encouraging walking and cycling to school (Increase walking and Cycling by 5% / March 08)</i>				
Current Position	Actions	Time Scale	Responsible Person	Success Criteria
Parents dropping off children in the road without stopping.	Newsletters / flyers / website	Termly	HM/AH	Educate on safety and encourage walking and cycling
	Safety School	Jan 07	PTFA/HM/AH	
	Widey World News articles	Termly	WWN	
Adults / children Crossing between moving cars and miss-using the SCP	Investigate “Walk wise” programme	Feb 07	HM	Reduce bad road practises and promote road safety and stranger safety
Survey showed a number of children not wearing cycle helmets etc	Y6 Cycle Training (yearly)	May 06/07/08/09	HM/AH	Teach children how to ride a bike safely
	Provide Cycle Racks	Apr 07	HM/AH	Keep bikes safe
	High-viz waistcoats	Sep 06	PTFA/HM	To be seen on field trips and during cycle training, walking bus etc
	Reminders through school council? Cycle Permit Scheme / Agreement			
Too many people coming by car	Apply for grant Start Walking Bus	Dec 06 Apr 07	PM/PCC Steering Group/PTFA	5% Less car journeys and more fitness
Cost Implications: Printing = £200 Safety School = £500 Cycle racks = £1000				

Objective 3: <i>To encouraging health, fitness and an interest in the environment</i>				
Current Position	Actions	Time Scale	Responsible Person	Success Criteria
Perceived lack of healthy eating amongst school children	Introduce free fruit to KS1	2004	Head	Encourage healthy eating pattern
	Provide fruit at school disco's etc	2006	PTFA	
	Revise lunches	2006	Kitchen/ School Council/PM	Improve healthy lunch choice
	Water bottles	Spring 06	PTFA/AH	Encourage more drinking of water with new "House" coloured bottles
Need of encouragement to walk more	Summer caps	Summer 06	PTFA/HM	Protection from sun
	Winter hats & scarves	Winter 06	PTFA/HM	Keep warm
Small percentage of children do not get enough exercise	More outdoor clubs / sports at lunch-time and after school	Spring 06	PM	Encourage more children to get fresh air and improve fitness
Potential to become a "Green" school	Provide recycling facilities throughout the school	Spring 06	PM	Help the environment
	Outdoor club started to use recycled material to brighten up school	Sept 06	PM	Encourage recycling and show what can be done with used materials
Charity	Support many charities	Termly	School Council	To encourage Caring / sharing

Other things to consider:

Education, i.e. embedding in Curriculum

Publicise through leaflets on Walking, Cycling, Less Car Use, and Health Etc.

Take Part in Walk To School Weeks.

Healthy School Week.

Capital Grant Money

Approximately £6000 from STP
£1000 for a (Walking Bus” per year (3 years)

Monitoring & Review

The STP will be monitored termly by the Steering Group and reviewed in the Spring term with the Head teacher.

We will monitor and review our School Travel Plan in the following ways:

- Repeat appropriate surveys annually
- Submit our revised plans each year and use the PASST framework for development
- Include our School Travel Plan in our School Improvement Plan
- The review will consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision and the travel plan will be revised accordingly
- Complete the Mode of Travel section in the PLASC submission (School Census)
- Monitor Widey Lane congestion termly and update newsletters

Portfolio of Evidence

- (1a) Power point 1 (1b) PowerPoint 2
- (2) STP Newsletters
- (3) PTFA Newsletters
- (4) Surveys / questionnaires
- (5) CD
- (6) Media
- (7) Invitation to residents & results
- (8) Cycle vouchers & Cycle correspondence
- (9) After school clubs time-table
- (10) Gate Census report

Supporting Statements

Widey Court Primary School's Governing Body supporting the School Travel Plan

This statement should confirm the full support of the Governing Body at Widey Court Primary School for the creation and maintenance of a School Travel Plan.

To date the Governing Body have supported this initiative through the following actions:

- Through liaison with Plymouth City Council a steering group has been formed to drive the project forward
- Cycle training has been introduced for year 6
- Safety School training implemented
- Local residents and the wider community surveyed for their opinions and requirements

The expected benefits of this project, in the first instance, would be to improve traffic congestion around the schools immediate vicinity and its wider surrounds and to provide students with safe routes to enable them to cycle to school, thus improving their health and ability to study.

The Governing Body is further committed to supporting the ongoing requirements of this initiative and to continue with such support in order to maximise the benefits of the project to students, staff, parents and the community as a whole.

Senior Management supporting the School Travel Plan

A "we respect and care for one another" (one of our golden values) in our school, how our children are cared for on the way to and from school is very important to us.

The school has over 600 children and it is vital that improvements are made to what happens outside the main school entrance. The health and safety of the children particularly at the start and the end of the school day is of paramount importance. The School Travel Plan links very closely with many aspects of our school life. The situation at the moment is an accident waiting to happen and therefore everyone in the community needs to take responsibility for their actions.

Widey Court is currently putting together a portfolio for the Healthy Schools award and the School Travel Plan will form an important part of this document.

The Senior Leadership Team are supporting the STP in the following ways:

- Parents have been consulted through a questionnaire.
- The Steering Group are devising ways to combat the main issues highlighted from their research.
- The school will communicate ideas through newsletters and assemblies.
- The risks associated with travelling to school will be discussed with the children and displayed in the hall.

We strongly urge parents to support this initiative.

The Road Safety Team's support statement for Widey Court Primary School

"The Road Safety Officer / School Travel Plan Advisers role is to promote and initiate the development of STPs. In order for a plan to be successful it is imperative that the school /steering group has ownership of it. An RSO/STP Adviser's role is to support and direct the school, enabling them to develop a good quality plan that meets the DfES / DfT criteria. This involves supporting the school to conduct a detailed survey: providing advice and support, on how to set up initiatives (e.g. incentive schemes, park and stride, publicity etc.) and to give guidance on how to write the plan."

Taken from the current version of the PCC 'School Travel Plan Manual'

Michael House's involvement with Widey Court Primary School has included:

- Promoting School Travel Plans through Meetings, Presentations and attending assemblies, the Summer Fair, distributing Road Safety educational resources.
- Advising on various aspects of road safety, Travel Plan requirements and possible initiatives.
- Conducting reports and surveys to be included in the STP.
- Liaising between the school and various parts of PCC.

Letter of support from local residents for WIDEY COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL's SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

Julie McDonald
Widey Lane
Crownhill
Plymouth

I have become involved with Widey Court Primary School in the capacity of Local Resident.

All the local residents have expressed deep concerns about the traffic problems in the area during school journey times.

These problems include:

- Parking on street corners, on double yellow lines and in bus bays
- Obstructing driveways
- Parking too close to the lollypop lady and obstructing the view for crossing the road

Our aims, through the School Travel Plan, are to make our roads around the school a much safer place for the children travelling to school and also the residents

We will inform all parents of the problems the local residents have and put in procedures to make sure these problems are resolved.

Local residents will be kept informed of the progress of the School Travel Plan and we will lend our full support and help to make sure our roads become a safer place to travel.

DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

Subject REFERENCE TRAVEL PLAN AND PARKING ISSUES :

I am Pc 5510 Steve Dykes of Crownhill police station, Plymouth.
I'm the neighbourhood beat manager for Crownhill / Manadon, which also has Widey Court Primary school on my patch, in Widey lane, plus Fort Austin Ave, up to the British legion.

I fully support the school and Plymouth City Council's plan to have a School Travel Plan in place, along with the possibility of the school children cycling and walking to school.

I myself am only too aware of the issues that the increase in vehicular traffic has caused, being a parent of children who attend the school as well as being the local police officer for the school.

I see on an almost daily basis the congestion caused, particularly at 1530hrs to 1545hrs, from the school gates up to and beyond the junction of Widey Lane.

The main issues are vehicles being parked in dangerous positions, for example, on the corner of Widey Lane into Winsbury Court, restricting view of drivers on Widey Lane approaching the mini roundabout.

Opposite the school main gates, there is a school crossing patrol which a lot of the children use, however, just down the road towards Courtlands School, there are a number of vehicles who park half on the road, half on the pavement. This restricts the width of the road, causes traffic to back up along Widey Lane, and has safety implications, and a knock on effect is that vehicles will be on Widey lane for longer periods.

My colleagues and I will be carrying out patrols in the area and warning drivers to move on, this will be at the main congestion times, and after warnings given, tickets will be issued to offending vehicles.

There thankfully has not been a road traffic collision as such involving a child with a car recently in the area, and everyone involved would hope that stays the way, however it can only be a matter of time before there is a collision between child V car, if the dangerous and thoughtlessness of the drivers continues.

The end result could be, with consultation with Plymouth City Council and highways is to make the area and surrounding streets, resident only parking, coupled with bollards placed in Winsbury Court to prevent parking totally.

I am aware of the British Legion in nearby Tailyour Road, offering numerous parking spaces as well.

This should be used more, as should the fact of walking a short distance to the school.

As stated at the beginning of this report , the aim to introduce a School Travel Plan and increase the amount of pupils walking to school will be a great benefit to the school, the school's neighbours, the children's health and of course the environment.

But that said, a factor in ensuring safety of the children will have to be a significant reduction in traffic on the surrounding roads at the peak time.

This can be done if all parties involved, help towards this aim, and park away from the school and when parking , to park safely and not illegally.
It is to be noted that the parking on yellow zig zags and double yellow lines, is now not in the remit or jurisdiction of police officers, or Devon and Cornwall constabulary traffic wardens, however with a telephone call Plymouth City Council parking department will oblige, and are usually very helpful in this area.

PC 5510 STEVE DYKES

Neighbourhood beat manger
Crownhill /Manadon

Approval

We agree to adopt and implement this School Travel Plan

Signed	Chair of Governors	Date
Signed	Head teacher	Date
Signed	School Champion	Date
Signed	School Council Rep.	Date

In partnership with:

Signed	Children's Services Representative	Date
Signed	Sustainable Transport Team Manager	Date

This School Travel Plan is now complete and ready for submission to the DfT/ DfES

Signed	STPA / RSO Plymouth City Council	Date
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