

Stepping Out

Our School Travel Plan

St Alfege with St Peter's CE Primary School

London Borough of Greenwich

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Objectives of our Plan

- Increase the numbers of people walking and taking public transport to school, thereby reducing the numbers travelling by car.
- Improve awareness of safety on the school journey for those walking and using public transport.
- Make the routes to school safer and more attractive for those walking and using public transport.
- Enable everyone to enjoy the outdoor environment on the route to school through appreciation of our surroundings and reducing pollution.

Why?

- More and more people are coming to school by car
 - Children who don't walk very often don't learn how to cross roads safely. They are more dependent on their parents/carers
- Children (and grown-ups) who go everywhere by car are less likely to be fit and healthy
 - Cars are really useful, but they are making a lot of problems for all of us too – congestion, pollution and accidents. And the problems are getting worse. If we use the car less, and walk, or take public transport more, we can reverse the trend
- The Government, the Mayor of London and Greenwich Council want to reduce congestion on the roads, and are helping to make other forms of transport better.

School Location

St Alfege with St Peter's school is in the inner city and located within a commercial and residential area. It is on the busy Creek Road, a main road into London, south of the river. There is a constant flow of traffic. There is a bus lane in front of the school on Creek Road and a pelican crossing with Rosemary the School Crossing Patrol.

All parking is metered or resident permit only. There is a small school car park for staff with cycle parking facilities.

St Alfege with St Peter's is an LEA, voluntary aided primary school with 170 children and 28 members of staff. The ages of the pupils range between 3 and 11 years old. There are 19 SEN, 48 EAL and 81 FSM children. Most of our children live in Greenwich and Deptford. The school starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.30 pm. There is an After School Club which finishes at 6.00 pm. Extended learning clubs include Salsa, Homework, Safari Beats and Spotlight finish at 4.30 pm and First Aid, Football, Cricket and Uni-hoc finish at 5.00 pm. Choir finishes at 4.00 pm.

From Horseferry Place there is access to a small staff car park (maximum 10 vehicles). The pedestrian entrance for pupils and visitors is on Creek Road.

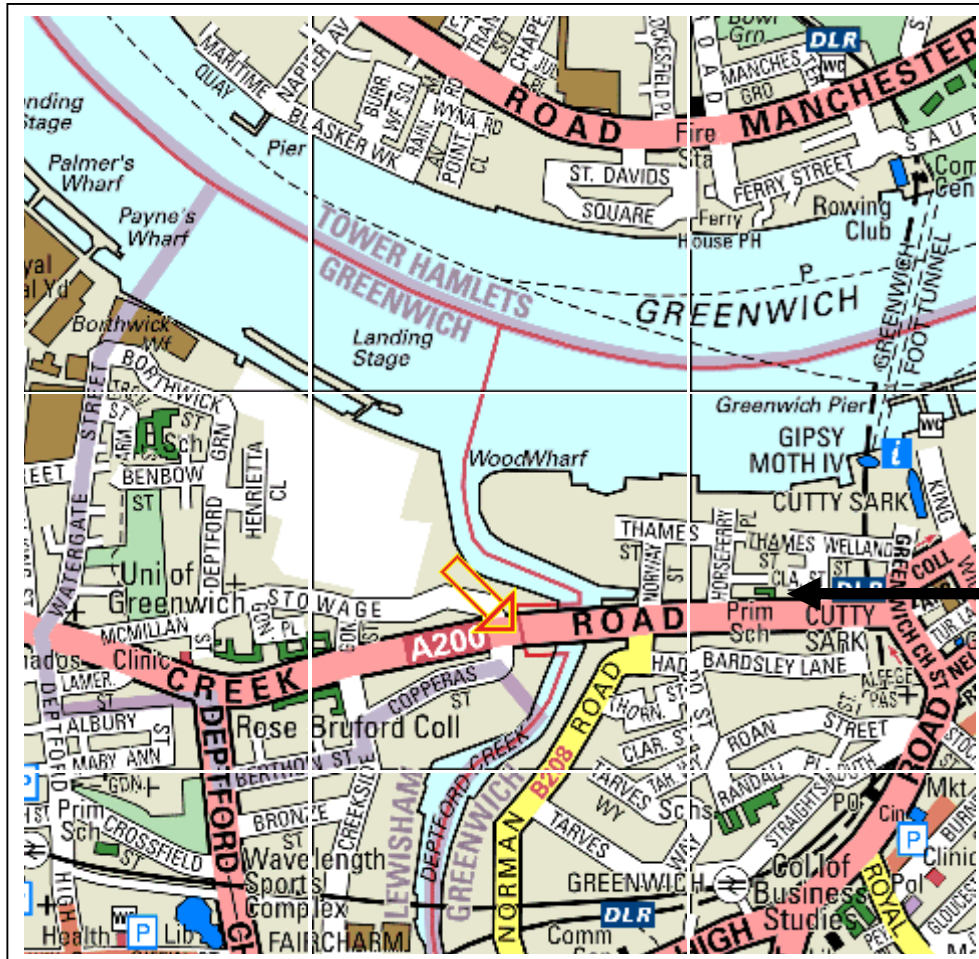
The school is served by a large number of bus links and is a 5 minute walk from Cutty Sark DLR and a fifteen minute walk from Greenwich Station. Bus routes that serve the school are as follows.

The following buses stop on Creek Road:

- **188** – every 10 minutes from North Greenwich, Deptford, Surrey Quays, Bermondsey, Tower Bridge, Elephant and Castle, Waterloo, Holborn and Russell Square areas and stations
- **199** – every 12 minutes from Catford, Lewisham, Deptford, Surrey Quays and Canada Water areas and stations

The following buses stop nearby in Greenwich town centre:

- **177** – every 12 minutes from Peckham, New Cross, Deptford, Greenwich, Charlton, Woolwich, Plumstead and Thamesmead
- **180** – every 12 minutes from Lewisham, Greenwich, Charlton, Woolwich, Plumstead, Abbey Wood and Thamesmead areas
- **286** – every 10 minutes from Sidcup, Bexley Road, Eltham, Kidbrooke, Shooters Hill, Blackheath and Westcombe Park areas and stations



Ethos of the School

The STP links in with other school policies such as:

- The School Trip policy
- The Health and Safety policy

The School is working towards the Greenwich Healthy Schools Award and linking this to the Travel Plan.

The School is exploring links to Eco-Schools, and Environmental Education forms part of the Science curriculum and the School's Energy Management.

The school is committed to the safety of pupils, the promotion of independence, the health and well being of staff and pupils, and the preservation of the environment.

Evidence of consultation and involvement

The School Travel Plan Working group meets regularly to discuss the Travel Plan. Members of the group are

Debbie Sandringham, Governor
Brian Lowther, Classroom Teaching Assistant
Rosemary Harrison, School Crossing Patrol
Nicole Parkes, Parent
Laura Hill / Camilla Olofsson, School Travel Plan Co-ordinators
Pupil representatives, i.e. the School Council.

We have considered the needs and opinions of all pupils in the consultation process. A hands up travel survey is completed with all pupils every January and June. These figures were amended in March 2008.

In July 2007 a parent survey was carried out to find out parents' views and ideas. Parents were concerned at local traffic congestion.

A staff survey was carried out in March 2008.

The governors are kept fully informed by Debbie at all governors meetings.

Rosemary the School Crossing Patrol volunteers in school regularly.

The School Council have discussed the Travel Plan and requested bike shelters. The School Council feedback to the rest of their class.

Other consultation/action includes:

- Sharing findings of questionnaires with parents, pupils and staff
- Meetings with Governors / STP working group
- School Council involvement
- Letters sent home to parents/carers
- Displays designed to publicize School Travel Plan activities
- Class discussions and assemblies about Road Safety including visits from local liaison police officer

The travel issues at our school

There is a high volume of traffic on Creek Road and many vehicles use the bus lane illegally. Large lorries often park across the crossing and the traffic speeds.

At the beginning and the end of the school day there is very limited parking space. Cars often park and drop children off in the bus lane, some take dangerous three point turns crossing two lanes of traffic, and cause delays. *The school feels that there has been a slight improvement.*

The school was originally built to serve the needs of the immediate housing estates. Today over 70 children come in from Deptford and further afield, resulting in more cars on the road.

Our recent consultation reflects that these issues are still valid. Lorries and cars do not always stop at the crossing, and that traffic congestion has increased.

Pupils (and parents) lack of road safety knowledge – pupils seem to have a generally good knowledge of road safety.

Lack of cycle storage– consultation showed a need for cycle storage at the school.

Too many children driven to school – despite best efforts children continue to be driven to school, although many walk.

Children’s lack of exercise – children have many opportunities for exercise during the school day and on the way to and from school.

Air pollution near school – the school feels air quality has improved since nearby building work has finished.

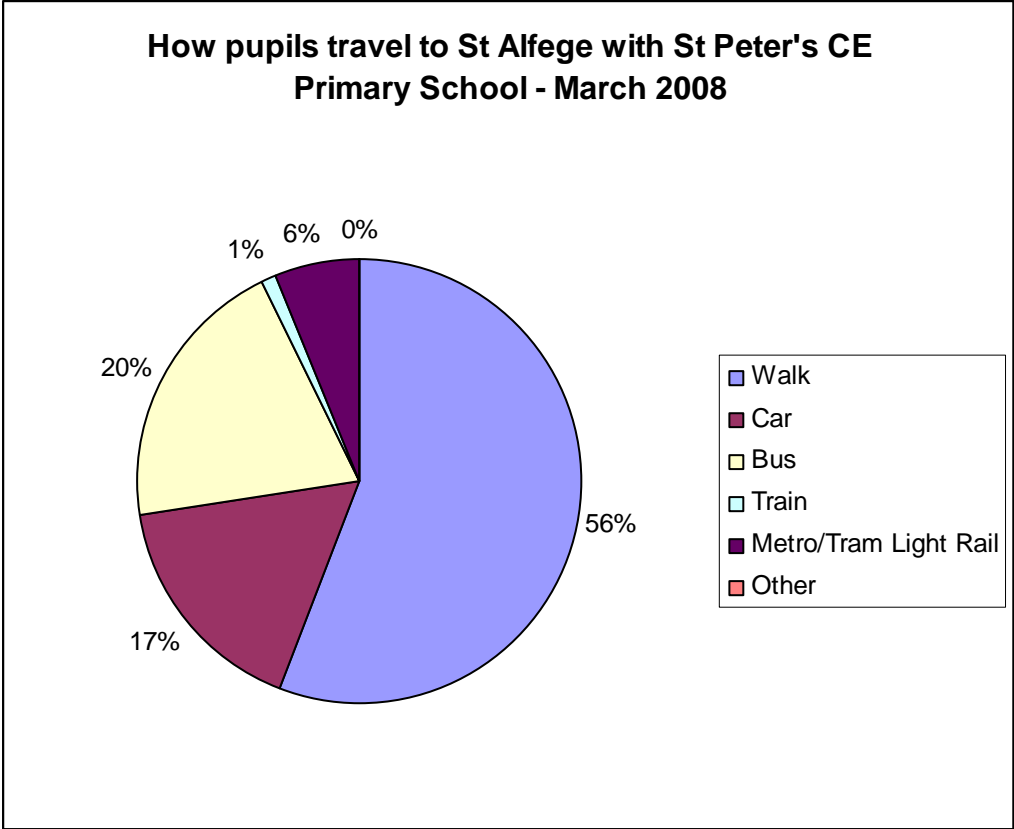
Lack of signage near school – more signs have been put up.

Lack of public transport –public transport has increased.

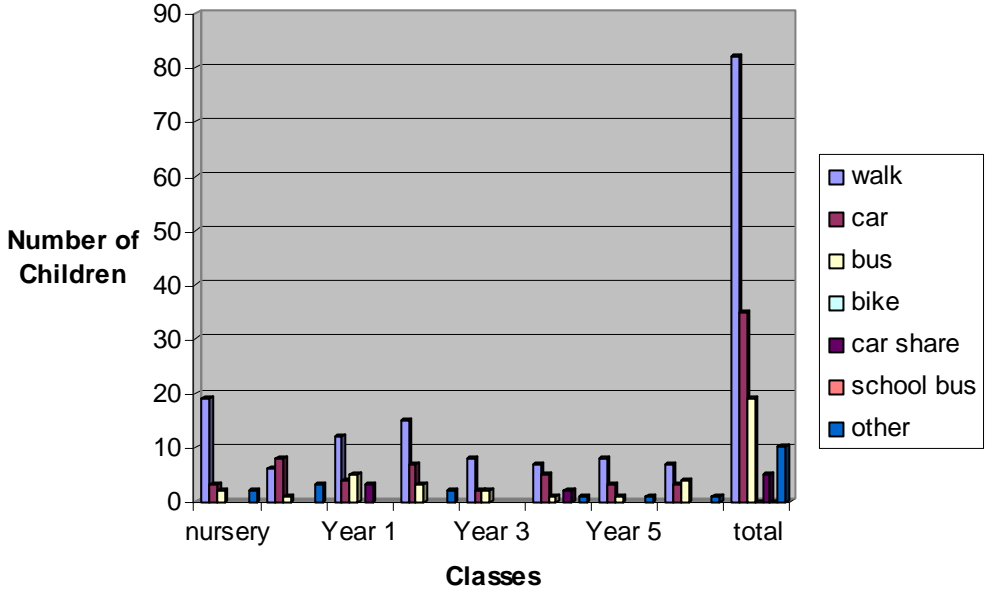
The school regularly walks to church, swimming, park and on school trips, and uses public transport where necessary.

How we get to school

We carried out a 'hands-up' survey to find out how pupils currently travel to school. These were the results (March 2008).



How Pupils travel to St Alfege with St Peter's CE Primary School - January 2007



Results of the hands up surveys done in January and June since 2001.

St Alfege with St Peters %	Sep-01	Jun-04	Jan-05	Jun-05	Jan-06	Jun-06	Jan-07	July 2007	Jan 2008
walk	65	52	60	63	61	61	54	42	50
car	24	34	30	27	26	21	23	28	15
bus	10	12	9	3	10	12	13	19	13
train	1	0	1	2	2	4	0	8	1
other	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	21
cycle	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
car share	0	0	0	5	0	0	3	3	0

REAL NUMBERS		total	walk	cycle	bus	Car/van	Car share	Rail	other
Sep-01	hands up	174	115	0	17	41*		1	0
Jul-03	hands up	75	44	2	9	20*		0	0
Jun-04	hands up	141	73	1	17	48*		2	0
Jan-05	hands up	131	79		12	39	1	1	0
Jun-05	hands up	104	65	1	3	28	5	2	0
Jan-06	hands up	118	72	0	12	31	0	1	2
Jun-06	hands up	132	81	0	16	28	2	5	0
Jan 07	Hands up	151	82	0	19	35	5	0	10
July 07	Hands up	159	67	0	45	30	5	12	0
March 08	Hands up	181	101	0	37	30	0	13	0

Staff Survey

How staff get to school?

March 2008

St Alfege with St Peters Staff	No of Staff	%
Walk	10	35.7%
Car	9	32.1%
Bus	5	17.9%
Train/DLR	2	7.1%
Cycle	1	3.6%
Car share	1	3.6%
Other	0	0%
Total	28	100%

How do pupils usually get to school?

26/01/2007
sleeting,cold

class	walk	car	bus	bike	car share	school bus	other	
nursery	19	3	2					2
reception	6	8	1					3
Year 1	12	4	5		3			
Year 2	15	7	3					2
Year 3	8	2	2					
Year 4	7	5	1		2			1
Year 5	8	3	1					1
Year 6	7	3	4					1
total	82	35	19	0	5	0	10	151
%	54	23	13	0	3	0	7	

How would pupils like to travel to school?

Class	walk	car	bus	bike	car share	rail	school bus	other	
Reception		7		2		6	2	1	
Year 1	1			6	10		4	3	
Year 2	10	6	3	5		1	1	1	
Year 3	1	4	1	1		5			
Year 4	3		5	8					
Year 5				7		5		1	
Year 6				15					
total	15	17	9	44	10	17	7	6	125
%	12	14	7	35	8	14	6	5	

What we have achieved so far

We worked with the Council engineers to introduce a raised road entry treatment, extra railings and new signage. The railings are to deter people from parking in the bus lane to drop off children.

Our School Crossing Patrol left in 2004 and was replaced in 2005 by Rosemary Harrison.

Our Area Safety Officer regularly comes into school to talk about road safely.

We continue to raise awareness of parents and children about the dangers of running across Creek Road through leaflets and discussion in assemblies given by Rosemary Harrison.

We took part in Brake's record breaking walking bus in June 2006 and 2007 which was publicized in the Greenwich Time and Primary Times.

There was a theatrical performance of The Road Race in March 07.

We received a set of high visibility tabards and these are used for school trips and by our gardening club.

Walking: the way ahead

Walking is not just a fun way to get to school, it is good for you and good for the environment. You arrive at school wide awake for the day ahead and you get really good practice at crossing roads safely.

We support National Walk to School weeks in May and October. Everyone has a leaflet to take home and there are bookmarks and stickers as incentives. Children have fun filling in diaries on their journey to school.

The school continues to support Walk to School weeks. The Walk on Wednesdays scheme began in June 2005 and continued until January 2007.

We have received information leaflets on public transport routes to our school and give these out to new starters and visitors.

Cycle skills

We do not encourage cycling to school because of busy roads. However, many children cycle during their spare time. The Council's Area Safety Officer has been into school to do a basic cycle skills course with some of our children. They were taught bike maintenance, left and right turns, overtaking and what to wear to be safe and be seen.

There has been an increase in the number of staff using bicycles. The school council and parents have requested cycle storage and that cycling proficiency training be provided in the school. This will be the next key priority for the Travel Plan.

Enjoying and protecting our environment

Creek Road is a very busy road with thousands of cars, lorries, buses, bicycles and motorbikes travelling along it every day. The Council's Air Quality Management Officer used little tubes to measure Nitrous Oxide. We found out the levels were very high by the roadside but much lower in

our playground. Car exhausts create pollution which can make people very ill.

We might be by a busy road but we still enjoy nature. Children enjoy helping out with gardening in front of the school. We also have a new performance area and flower beds. A new ball court was completed in April 2004. In 2007 a new Magic Garden was created from some derelict land adjacent to the school and this will be officially opened in September 2007.

We spent our school travel capital grant on a new 'quiet area' in the playground. This was opened in 2005 and was publicised in Primary Times.

Our school court yard was re-designed by volunteers from HSBC bank and includes vegetables, flowers and trees. HSBC have also recently given the school 28,000 pounds to re-develop the 'wildlife' area at the end of the nursery and work has begun!

We were nominated by Greenwich for the School of the Year Award at the TfL Sustainable Transport Awards in 2005.

Our targets and action plan

TARGETS 2006/07	Targets achieved/not achieved (as at June 2007)
To increase the numbers of pupils walking to school by 5% by January 2007	NOT ACHIEVED Unfortunately our results show a 7% decrease between January 2006 and January 2007. On a more positive note we have achieved a reduction in car use at the school as follows: Between Jan 06 and Jan07 there was a 3% decrease in car use for the journey to school. Between Jan 05 and Jan 07 there was an overall 7% decrease in the numbers of pupils using the car to travel to school.
To increase the numbers of staff using sustainable transport by 2 by June 2006	ACHIEVED Number bicycles tripled by September 2007 and staff cars reduced by half. To encourage less reliance on cars still further.
To have at least 1 road safety / sustainable transport Theatre in Education performance every year	ACHIEVED Road Race in March 2005 and January 2007, and scheduled for march 2008 and January 2009
To have at least one press article about the Travel Plan every year	NOT ACHIEVED Invited the press to 2006 and 2007 Record Breaking Walking Bus, didn't attend (done before). Hope to have one about new cycle shelters in 2007
To have at least two classes receiving road safety training every year or to distribute	ACHIEVED Road Safety Assembly and talks to whole school -

information.	May 2006 and scheduled for October 2007
To implement at least one more highway improvement by 2007 (extended railings)	NOT ACHIEVED We requested extended railings from Council engineers, were told not possible due to area needed as a bus stand for emergencies in town centre.
To have the School Crossing Patrol in school at least once a term.	ACHIEVED Rosemary attends STP meetings termly. To attend assemblies more in future and volunteer in school
To have at least one Environmental Education lesson with two classes every year.	NOT YET ACHIEVED Groundwork lessons to be received in 2007
To have at least two curriculum links with the environment and / or pollution.	ACHIEVED In Science and Creative Curriculum

New TARGETS for 2007/08
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To have at least two curriculum links with the environment and / or pollution.

ACTIONS 2006/07	Lead person	Funding	TIMETABLE	Update June 2007
To do a hands-up travel survey	BL	-	Now every January and June	Done to date
To take part in Walk to School Weeks each year, distributing information leaflets and bookmarks and stickers as incentives and having a special event or activity.	BL, DS, NP, RH	Resources from Council	National Walk to School Week – every May and October	Done to date –
To take part in Brake's Record Breaking Walking Bus	BL, DS	Tabbard loan from Council, resources free from Brake	Every June (15 th in 2005, 14 th in 2006, 13 th June 2007)	This event has been enthusiastically supported twice in 2005, 2006 and 2007 and has been very successful with good press coverage in the first year!
To give out public transport information to staff, visitors, parents	BL/ admin staff	Council provided leaflet	Info provided in June 2005 and ongoing	Done
To publicise the school's travel policy by giving out copies of the School Travel Plan	BL and working group	Council funded the STP booklets.	Ongoing with new starters.	Done
To publicise the School Travel Plan in the Council newspaper and local newspapers	BL	Assistance from the School Travel Advisor and Press Office	At least one article every year.	Requested press coverage for walking bus
To include school travel news in the school newsletter Mainly about Walk to School events and bus lane parking.	BL	-	Ongoing	Done regularly
To take steps to prepare Year 6 for travelling independently when they go to secondary school with distribution of 'Move on Up' and 'Making Choices' Magazine	BL / Year 6 teachers	Council to provide resources	Summer 2006	Done
To apply for sustainable transport themed Theatre in Education performances	BL	Council to fund.	Once a year as and when available from Council	Road Race 2008
To have a notice board with school travel and road safety information	BL	Council to supply	Summer 2006	Information about Walk to School Week displayed in school

ACTIONS 2006/07	LEAD PERSON	FUNDING	TIMESCALE	Update June 2007
To apply for Road Safety presentations and training available from the Council Area Safety Officers	BL	Council to provide.	At least every year for two classes Next time May 2006	Road Safety Officer attended May 2007 – assembly and class talks.
To invite the Police to talk about dealing with strangers, bullies etc. on the street and give other travel related advice	BL	Police to provide.	Ongoing – to be at least once a year for two classes	Police visit regularly – last time June 2007
To record number plates of vehicles jumping red lights to the police regularly. Ongoing discussion and awareness raising regarding bus lane parking and using the pelican crossing and SCP	RH	-	Ongoing	LH to find out process for this

ACTIONS 2006/07	LEAD PERSON	FUNDING	TIMESCALE	Update at 2007
Encourage children to use School Crossing Patrol where available and ask the SCP to come and talk to the children; identify and encourage children to use alternative safe crossings if there is no SCP	BL	Assistance from Council RSO	Ongoing – at least once a term.	Discussion re using SCP takes place in class and assembly. Rosemary now attends assembly and volunteers in school regularly.
To survey how well-lit routes are at night; work with the Council to improve where necessary	Premises Manager	-	Ongoing.	Done
To do safety audits of routes with older children, looking at crossings, obstacles, parked cars, speed of traffic etc. and reporting to the Council on the findings.	BL			Risk assessments in place. Learners reminded about hazards and control measures before and during every school visit.

To have the nursery children design posters about not dropping litter and have them made up into signs for the fence. Also to have new bins in playground and on Creek Road.	Nursery teacher	To be funded by Council 'Cleansweep'	Every October	New bins in playground. Improved street cleaning by Cleansweep. Still need more bins on Creek Road. Wildlife area has less litter due to new landscaping. Litter pledges by pupils.
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Travel diaries, filling out work sheets on journey to school etc	BL	Council to provide	Every October	ACHIEVED January 2008 ..
To learn about greenhouse gases and global warming, inviting external visitor	Year 6 teacher	-	Ongoing annually.	NOT ACHIEVED

New Action Plan 2007/08

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To do a hands-up travel survey	BL	-	Now Every January and June
To take part in Walk to School Weeks each year, distributing information leaflets and bookmarks and stickers as incentives and having a special event or activity.	BL, DS, NP, RH	Resources from Council	National Walk to School Week – every May and October
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To give out public transport information to staff, visitors, parents	BL/ admin staff	Council provided leaflet	Info provided in June 2005 and ongoing
To publicise the school's travel policy by giving out copies of the School Travel Plan	BL and working group	Council funded the STP booklets.	Ongoing with new starters.
To publicise the School Travel Plan in the Council newspaper and local newspapers	BL	Assistance from the School Travel Advisor and Press Office	At least one article every year.
To include school travel news in the school newsletter Mainly about Walk to School events and bus lane parking.	BL	-	Half termly
To take steps to prepare Year 6 for travelling independently when they go to secondary school with distribution of 'Move on Up' and 'Making Choices' Magazine	BL / Year 6 teachers	Council to provide resources	Summer 2006
To apply for sustainable transport themed Theatre in Education performances	BL	Council to fund.	Once a year as and when available from Council
To have a notice board with school travel and road safety information	BL	Council to supply	Summer 2006

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To have the nursery children design posters about not dropping litter and have them made up into signs for the fence. Also to have new bins in playground and on Creek Road, if necessary.	Nursery teacher	To be funded by Council 'Cleansweep'	New posters to be designed annually.

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To learn about greenhouse gases and global warming, inviting external visitor	Year 6 teacher	-	Summer / Autumn 2008
NEW ACTION To have cycle storage for pupils and staff	BL, DS and LM	To request TfL install via cycle shelters fund	Discussion taking place March 2008
NEW ACTION To have cycle training for Year 5 / 6	BL	To request from Council	Completed February 2008. More planned for October 2008.

Key:

BL – Brian Lowther, Teaching Assistant. Governor

DS – Debbie Sandringham, Governor

NP – Nicole Parkes, Parent

St Alfege with St Peter's School Travel Working Group

The St Alfege with St Peter's School Travel Plan Working Group continues to meet every term. It is attended by a teacher, governor, parent, the premises manager, the school crossing patrol, two school council members and often the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator. Meeting minutes are attached.

A governor attended the TfL School Travel Plan annual conference in February 2004.

Monitoring and review

The School Travel Working Group meets once a term or when necessary to monitor progress and consider whether activities need to be revised or new ones set. Updates on the 'Action Plan' section of the School Travel Plan will be published once a year in the Summer, and achievements publicised in the school newsletter. The whole Travel Plan will be completely review every three years (next time Summer 2010). The person responsible for the update and review is the designated School Travel Plan Co-ordinator. The review will consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision and that the STP will be revised as necessary.

Agreement

We support the 2007 reviewed St Alfege with St Peter's School Travel Plan:

Signed:
Chair of Governors

Signed:
Headteacher

Signed:
For Parents

Signed:
For Pupils

Signed:.....
Council School Travel Plan Co-ordinator

Signed:.....
Director of Education

Signed:.....
Director of Strategic Planning

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