

School Travel Planning

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Initiative Background

- 29% of children travel to school by car. This has doubled in the last 20 years.
- The 'school-run' = 20% of peak hour traffic.
- ***Travelling to School Initiative*** encourages schools to produce a School Travel Plan.
- A ***School Travel Plan*** ~ document setting out what the school will do to tackle this alarming increase in car use, improve road safety and children's health.

How is Milton Keynes Council implementing the Travelling to School Initiative?

Our Vision

To increase use of sustainable modes of travel, in particular, raise numbers of pupils walking and cycling to school and to support schools to deliver quality Road Safety education to children at all phases of education.

We aim for **every school*** in Milton Keynes to have a **School Travel Plan** in place **by 2010**, in line with the Travelling to School Initiative objectives.

* Including independent, SEN and PRU

Progress So Far

77 schools engaged

- March '04 - 5
- March '05 – 9 (14)
- March '06 – 20 (34)
- PROJECTED March '07 - 25 (59)
- A further 18 are in progress but have not committed to a specific date.

Mode share change 2003-2006

Primary

- ✓ Car use has fallen from 40% to 37%
- ✓ Cycling has increased from 3% to 5%
- Bus use has remained steady at 3%
- x Walking has fallen from 54% to 51%

Secondary

- ✓ Car use has fallen from 31% to 21%
- ✓ Walking has risen from 46% to 57%
- ✓ Bus use has risen from 6% to 10%
- x Cycling has fallen from 16% to 9%

All pupils

- ✓ Car use has fallen from 38% to 34%
- ✓ Cycling has risen from 5% to 6%
- ✓ Bus use has risen from 3% to 4%
- Walking has remained the same at 52%

Achievements to date

- On target
- Guidance folder, templates and document library
- Regular progress meetings with schools
- Workshops held for Primary, Secondary and SEN schools
- Two part time staff appointed
- W2SW receiving media attention
- WoW trial has commenced
- Supporting Safer Routes to School initiatives
- Improved liaison with schools and internal stakeholders
- Improved MK's profile through regional lead.

On the horizon

Watch out for our updated school travel strategy; this is being updated and will be going to consultation once targets are finalised.

Your input is essential to the success of this initiative; when the strategy is sent out to consultation please do comment.

On a local level, schools need your support and valuable input when writing their School Travel Plan.

Any Questions?