

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

School Travel Plan

November 2022

Introduction

School Details	
Name of school*	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Epsom
Name of STP Champion*	Theresa Kenefick
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Address*	Rosebank, West Street, Epsom, KT18 7RT
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Type of School*	Primary
Key Stage(s)*	Foundation Stage ,Key Stage 1,Key Stage 2
Head Teacher*	Mrs Theresa M Kenefick
Pupil and Staff Information	
Age Range of Pupils*	4 to 11
Number of Pupils* including Nursery	431
Full Time Staff*	23
Part Time Staff	33
Where our pupils travel from	<p>St Joseph's is located at the top of a cul-de-sac, Rosebank, which leads off from West Street. Rosebank is heavily congested at peak times because parking bays reduce the road to single lane traffic in many sections with limited visibility in parts. There is very little turning room.</p> <p>At the foot of Rosebank there are traffic lights. The junction is busy and the main road adjoining Rosebank leads on to the Epsom one-way system.</p>

	Opening times	Closing times
School Site*	7.30am on site D2D Wrap Around Care	6.00pm
Pupils Official Times*	8.45am	3.15pm
Breakfast Clubs (if applicable)	D2D from 7.30am	D2D supervise the children to the school site just before 8.45am
After School Clubs (if applicable)	3.15pm	4.00pm
Other timings e.g. Nursery timings	All children can enter their classrooms from 8.40am.	

Working Group & STP Summary

Name	Role
Theresa Kenefick	Head Teacher
Joanne Cullen	Deputy Head Teacher
Chris	Governor
Jane	Governor
Maureen	Governor

Working Group Actions

September 2018: A new gate was opened on the perimeter to facilitate access to the school from Whitehorse Drive. This provided a more efficient route to school for those families arriving from Langley Vale, Epsom Downs and Ashted (61 families in February 2019 survey). The gate area is fully supervised, providing parents with a safe 'drop and go' option. In February 2019, we measured 130-150 children using this route each morning.

September 2018: Easy pick up arranged at a supervised gate. This allows parents, who needs to drive in from our outlying areas, to drive by and pick up.

October 2018: Change to the start of the school day for years R and 1. This allowed parents to 'drop and go' from 8.40am, significantly reducing the number of parents attempting to park around the school.

December 2018 onwards: Early access to classrooms provided for years 2 and 3. In total this means that 240 children may now arrive early, discouraging their parents from parking in the local area.

March 2019: A petition was heard at Epsom and Ewell local committee meeting requesting that parking restrictions be changed on the roads on Abelea Green at school pick up and drop off times. These empty roads would provide a calm zone for parking and walking children to school with the added advantage that the children would not have to cross any roads to access the school.

April 2019: Extensive investigations established that running minibuses from Langley Vale and other outlying areas are cost prohibitive to families. Meetings with SCC about Walking Buses came to no conclusion, as appropriate sites were not obvious to officers. However, we remain open to officers' ideas and support.

January 2020: Early access to classrooms for the rest of the school. There is now very little congestion on Rosebank due to the changes we have made.

January 2022 after school club survey: Typically about 40% of all children stay until 4.00pm. This provision ensures a staggered departure on Rosebank, thereby reducing congestion.

How many volunteers have been involved supporting the school travel plan work/ initiatives, this year?

Governors and senior staff have been central to the delivery of the Travel Plan. A good number of the parent body have been committed to delivering aspects of the Travel Plan. We have and continue to work closer with Surrey County Council Officers to develop appropriate, safe and workable solutions to any problems. We have engaged with Borough and Surrey County Councillors. Residents are in regular communication with the school about access and their views have been fully considered when developing policies and procedures. The Working Party remain committed to identifying safe access to school keeping central to all decisions the impact on the local community.

Travel & Transport Infrastructure

Facilities		
	Description	Numbers
Car Park*	Staff parking spaces*	40
	Visitors parking spaces*	2
	Disabled parking spaces*	2
Cycle Parking*	Covered Sheffield Stands*	2
	Sheffield Stands*	0
	Cycle Pod / Mini Pod*	4
	Other Cycle Spaces*	0
	Total Pupil Cycle Spaces*	50
	Total Staff Cycle Spaces*	6
Scooter Parking*	Scooter Parking Spaces*	24
Shower Facilities*	Showers available*	1
Coach Parking*	Facilities for coaches to park*	0
Details of coach parking facilities	<p>Access to the school is significantly limited by the single lane route in the section of the road just outside the school. This coupled with a tight entrance to the car park renders it almost impossible for a coach to gain access.</p> <p>The daily school bus has to wait half way down Rosebank, about 300m from the school. This is the same for any school trips which require a coach.</p>	

Transportation Links

Buses*	School bus provided by Edward Thomas Ltd. An historic relationship with the company ensures that they nowadays run a public bus which follows a previous route designed specifically for the school. While students from other schools use the bus, the route begins and ends at St Joseph's on Rosebank. A copy of the route is available from the school office. The bus will take children to Ewell and Worcester Park. The school actively and regularly promotes its use and we have seen a steady increase in use since Sept 2019.
Rail*	Epsom railway station is about 5 minutes walk from the school. It could potentially transport children from Ashted and Ewell but parents are deterred by the daily cost.
Roads*	All access to the school is via Rosebank which is narrow, with parking on one side for much of its length. Rosebank is a cul-de-sac. It leads off from West Hill.
Walking Routes*	The school can be accessed via Rosebank and via Whitehorse Drive.
Cycling Routes*	The school can be accessed via Rosebank and via Whitehorse Drive. There are no designated cycle paths accessing the school.

STARS Routes to School Audit

The STARS Routes to School Audit has been designed to assist schools with identifying the sustainable travel and transport network that surrounds the school site. The audit is a great activity to conduct with your pupils and will count as evidence towards the 'Consultation Initiatives' in your Action Plan.

Name of road (main gate)	Rosebank												
Name of other roads surrounding the school	None.												
Date of assessment	Jan 2022												
What is the speed limit of the road outside the main gate?	30mph												
What is the speed limit on the other roads surrounding your school? (please select all that apply)	30mph												
How many of the following crossings are present?	<table> <tr> <td>Pelican Crossing</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Puffin Crossing</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Toucan Crossing</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zebra Crossing</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>School Crossing Patrol</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Traffic Island</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	Pelican Crossing	0	Puffin Crossing	0	Toucan Crossing	0	Zebra Crossing	0	School Crossing Patrol	0	Traffic Island	0
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Is there any traffic calming within 500m of school, e.g. speed bumps, build outs?) **No**

Are there railings present outside or near the main gate? **No**

Is the main vehicular entrance used for pedestrians/cyclists as well as cars? **Yes** Pedestrians walk along the path which abuts the main entrance for cars.

Does the school have a dedicated car park for parents (not teachers)? **No**

Are there any dedicated cycle lanes leading to the school? **No**

What is the quality of the pavements like within 500m of the school? **Inadequate**

Please record any other obstacles or road layout issues within 500 metres of the school entrance which could be deemed as preventing young people or making it more difficult for them to use sustainable transport on the journey to and from school.

Parked cars resulting in single lane traffic on a tight bend with limited visibility.

Pedestrians are required to cross at least two roads on Rosebank en route to the main road. While the side roads are fairly quiet, Rosebank is ill equipped for pedestrians as it lacks a safe crossing place.

Travel & Transport Issues

Current Travel & Transport Issues			
Parking	<p>Since October 2018, an historic pedestrian access point and 50 space car park, adjacent to the school has been closed. This has placed significant pressure on the now only road access to the school and the residents living in the area. Working with Surrey Highways we have been investigating possibilities within the vicinity of places where parents can park and stride with their children to and from school.</p>	<p>We anticipated the problems in advance of the route closure and governors planned accordingly as far as was possible to alleviate the new pressures.</p>	<p>Local Councillors are considering a proposal to provide a few more parking spaces at drop off and pick up times within safe walking distance of the school.</p> <p>The school continues to strongly encourage parents to use green travel and avoid driving to school.</p> <p>It would be safer for the children if the former access route was reopened.</p>

Travel Initiatives

Status	Initiative	Person Responsible	Target Completion	Reporting	Completion date
Completed	C11 Cycle purchase scheme for staff	J Goss	1/1/2019	Head	12/31/2019
Completed	PT4 Private coaches for trips pick up/ set down in safe places	Admin	9/5/2016	Head	7/31/2019
Completed	R4 Scooter training	Healthy Sch Lead	9/4/2017	Head	7/31/2019
Completed	W11 Walking trips	Class teachers	5/1/2015	Head	7/31/2019
Completed	W12 Scooter storage installed	Healthy Sch Lead	9/5/2016	Head	7/31/2017
Completed	W7 Walk to school month	Class teacher	5/1/2015	Head	6/30/2019
Completed	AQ13 Anti Idling Initiative	Head	4/2/2019	Head	12/31/2019
Completed	AQ2 Car free days	Head	9/5/2016	Head	6/28/2019
Completed	PT2 School promotes public transport	Head	9/3/2018	Head	7/31/2019
Completed	W16 Other walking/scooting initiative 1	Head	9/4/2017	Head	7/31/2019
Expired	R1 Cycle training for pupils (e.g. Bikeability)	SCC	9/2/2013	Head	7/31/2014

Supporting Initiatives

Status	Initiative	Person Responsible	Target Completion	Reporting	Completion date
Completed	CU13 School collects postcode data	Head	9/3/2018	Head	7/31/2019
Completed	P6 School has achieved Eco School status	R Randall	9/5/2016	Head	3/31/2019
Completed	PR1 Newsletter	Admin	9/3/2018	Head	12/31/2019
Completed	PR18 Transition activities	Year 6 staff	5/29/2017	Head	7/31/2019
Completed - No Evidence	P5 School works with Local councillors/ Mayor/ MPs	Head	9/7/2015	Head	1/6/2020

Sign off and Formal Approval

Title	Name (for pupils a name is not required, e.g. school council)	Sign off
STP Champion	Theresa Kenefick	
Head teacher	Theresa Kenefick	
Governor	Jane Goss	