



School Travel Plan – July 2024

DfE No: 892/2360

Description of Location, Size and Type of School

Glade Hill Primary & Nursery School is situated on Chippenham Road, Bestwood Park, Nottingham, NG5 5TA



Glade Hill Primary & Nursery School is a 2-form entry primary and nursery school (children aged 3-11 years). Currently there are 399 full-time children and a 30 part-time place Nursery. The full capacity of the school is 420 full-time children and 30 part-time place Nursery.

Glade Hill is situated on the northern fringe of the Bestwood Park Estate approximately 10 miles from the centre of Nottingham. The school comprises 2 buildings housing EYFS and KS1 children in one and KS2 children in the other. It is a large corner plot which is surrounded by 3 busy roads. The main car and pedestrian entrances are situated on Chippenham Road which runs around 2 sides of the perimeter. There is a further pedestrian entrance on Hillington Rise (one side of the perimeter) which is only used at the start and end of the school day. The fourth side of the perimeter is Queens Bower Road with a row of houses between the school boundary and the road. Chippenham Road and Queens Bower Road are busy bus routes between Nottingham City and Arnold.

The school serves families in and around the area of Bestwood. However, as the school has expanded we have seen more families join us from a slightly wider area than the immediate catchment.

The last school census showed the following statistics:

- 65% of children are White British or White Other ethnicity as selected by parents on the census data. Other groups include 13% of children recorded as being Black British or Black Other ethnicity, 5% of children are recorded as having Asian ethnicity and 17% of children are recorded as having Mixed ethnicity.
- 16% of children have English as an Additional Language.
- 30% of pupils have learning difficulties or other special needs which is well above the national average. 12 pupils have Education, Health and Care plans in place.
- 39% of pupils are currently entitled to Free School Meals and receive additional Pupil Premium Funding. This figure is above the national average.

Currently the school has 23 teachers (headcount) including the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and 2 Assistant Headteachers, 29 Teaching Assistants (headcount) and a PE/Outdoor Learning Specialist. We also have 4 admin staff (2 of which are part-time), 2 Site Managers, 4 cleaners and 7 Midday Supervisors. The Local Authority (LA) Catering staff also use our school car park.

The school has one car park for staff and visitors which is included in the Nottingham City Council Workplace Parking Scheme. This is situated at the top of the main driveway from Chippenham Road. Some parents and the School Transport for some of our SEND children use the car park at the beginning and end of each school day by prior arrangement.

Description of Travel and Transport Issues

The morning drop-off time is between 8.30 am and 8.45 am and school finishes at 3.00 pm. We have a cross over time for morning and afternoon nursery children at 11.45 am. We operate a Breakfast Club daily from 7.45 am with approximately 25-30 children using this facility on a daily basis. After school activities mainly run on one night per week (Wednesday) until 4.00 pm.

The school has had an historic issue with parking around the perimeter, especially on Hillington Rise (the closest entrance to EYFS and KS1). There is a single yellow line on both Chippenham Road and Hillington Rise that is enforceable between the hours of 8.00 – 9.30 am and 2.00 – 4.00 pm. We have a number of parents that choose to ignore the parking signs and we also regularly receive complaints from residents and parents who walk regarding inconsiderate or dangerous parking. We issue regular reminders in newsletters regarding parking, speak to individual parents if appropriate and also report issues to the Local Authority.

Since the introduction of the Workplace Parking Charge in 2012 some staff choose to park on the local roads, rather than pay the charge. This has added to the parking issues around school as most staff travel to school by car. We currently have 16 staff members that pay the Workplace Parking Charge.

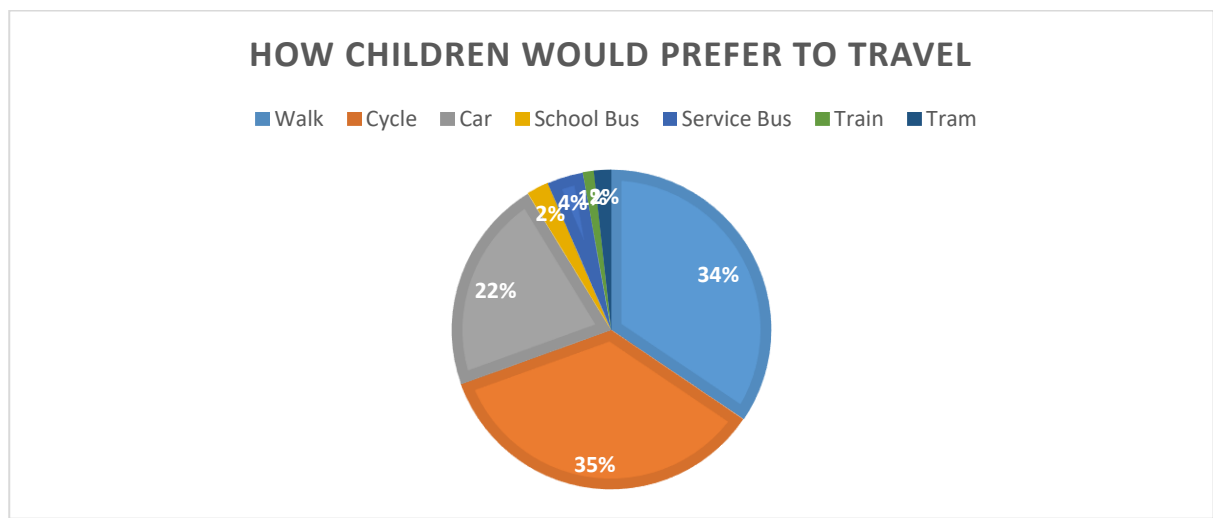
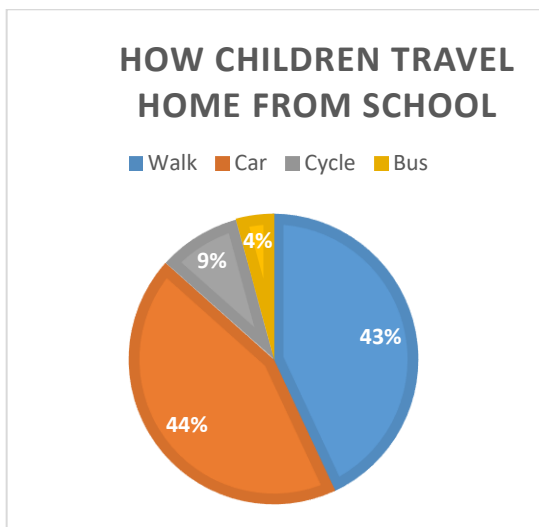
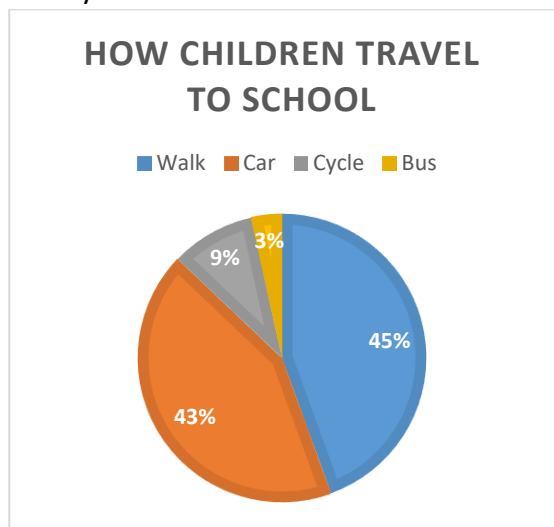
We provide bicycle and scooter racks near both of our school entrances.

As described above, all major roads around the school are bus routes and there are bus stops directly outside the main school gates. We currently do not have any school crossing patrol facilities or pedestrian crossings near the school. The school swimming bus and coaches for school trips use Chippenham Road for access.

The school has been identified by the Local Authority to provide further SEND school places over the coming years with 8 additional places above the school PAN of 420, with places issued from the LA. This expansion will include the building of a new SEN unit on site. This is currently going through the planning process and build is due to commence in January 2025 with the first 4 additional places available from September 2025. These additional places will also potentially increase the amount of specialist transport needing to use the site and additional visitors to site throughout the day. The proposed site for the new building will take away some of the parking spaces in the current car park. The project includes plans to re-purpose an old car park on Hillington Rise that is currently used as a pedestrian entrance and cycle park. These would be re-located into part of the school playing field. The new car park will be for staff use only and will have locked gated access.

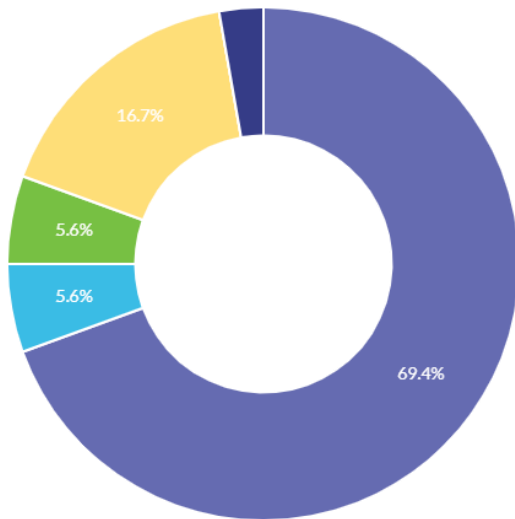
Pupil Hands-up Survey

In July 2024 we undertook a survey with all of the classes regarding their current travel arrangements and how they would like to travel to school. There were 380 pupils included in the survey.



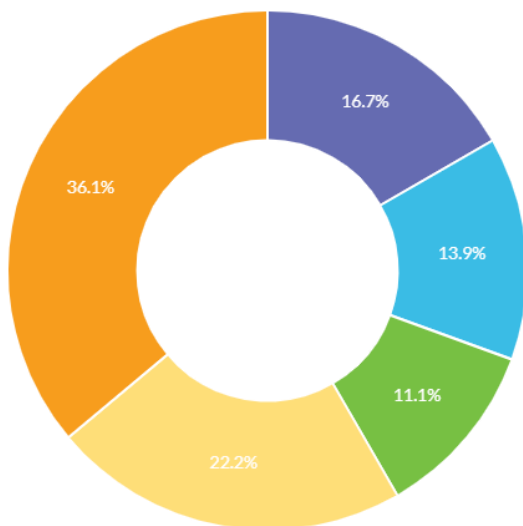
Staff Travel Survey

In July 2024 we also undertook a survey of all staff. 36 surveys were returned and the results are shown in the graphs below. The percentages of staff who choose to travel by different methods has not changed considerably since the last survey in June 2017.



Purple	Car all the way	25
Blue	Bicycle	2
Green	Bus	2
Yellow	Walk	6
	Tram	0
	Car and more than 5 mins walk	0
Dark Purple	Car Share/Dropped Off	1

Of the 26 staff that travel by car, 50% pay to park in the school car park.



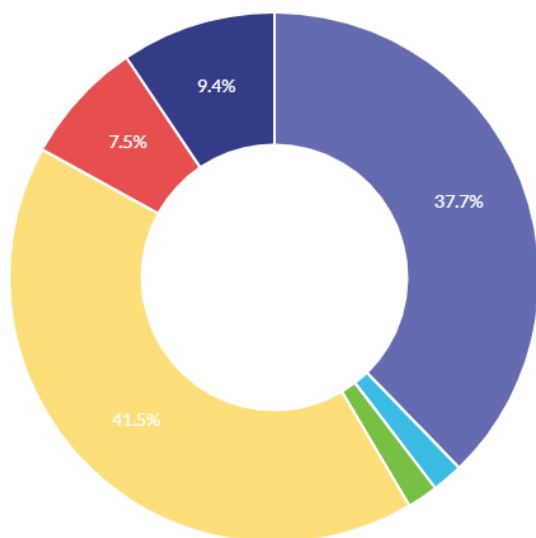
Choice	Total
Green - At least 2 miles but less than 3 miles	4
Blue - At least 1 mile but less than 2 miles	5
Purple - Less than 1 mile	6
Yellow - At least 3 miles but less than 5 miles	8
Orange - Over 5 miles	13

19 staff members said that they are able to use sustainable transport to travel to work. The other 17 members of staff are not able to use sustainable transport for varying reasons including:

- Distance from work – too far to walk or cycle (also very hilly area)
- Length of time it would take to travel sometimes using more than one bus
- Childcare arrangements

Parental Travel Survey

In July 2024 parents were surveyed about their journey to school with their children. We had 53 responses to the survey.



Choice	Total
Car all the way (Light Purple)	20
Car and more than 5 mins walk (Blue)	1
Car share (Green)	1
Walk (Yellow)	22
Cycle	0
Bus (Dark Purple)	4
Other (Red) – parents who did a combination of the above options	5

Only 52% of the parents who travel by car do so because they have a follow-on journey (eg travel to work)

We did introduce a Park and Stride scheme a number of years ago but very few families make use of this facility (only 17% of parents who returned the survey). The main reason given for not using the scheme is a lack of knowledge about it. We continue to encourage all parents to park further away from the school site and walk for the last 5/10 minutes.

Some of the suggestions from the parent survey included:

- Stricter enforcement of the parking restrictions already in place and more visible presence of enforcement officers
- Changing Hillington Rise to a one-way street
- Posts on the pavements to stop cars parking
- More incentives in school for children to walk to school

Aims & Objectives

The overall aim of this School Travel Plan is to promote travel by sustainable means and to improve the health of students by encouraging active travel to and from school. The following objectives have been identified:

- 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 increase the proportion of journeys to and from the site by sustainable modes of transport such as walking or cycling
- To improve safety for the school journey by reducing the 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
- To continue to improve the children’s road safety knowledge
- To continue to provide the Ridewise sessions in Yr 6 to assist in raising awareness of road safety and sustainable transport.

Targets & Action Plan

Target	By When	By Who	Monitoring
To increase the number of children who walk/cycle to school to at least 65% over the coming year	End of Summer Term 2025	All families	Hands Up Survey in July 2025
To promote use of the existing Park and Stride Scheme	Autumn 2024	Whole School Newsletter	Head Teacher
To ensure all families are fully aware of parking issues and encourage use of sustainable transport	Autumn 2024	Class and Whole School Newsletters Pupil Council	Head Teacher
To continue participation in Annual Road Safety Quiz	Spring Term 2025	Staff and pupils	PSHE coordinator
To look at providing additional cycle/scooter storage for staff to encourage more sustainable travel	Summer Term 2025	Head Teacher/SBM	Staff questionnaire in July 2025

Consultation Process

The school undertook the annual Hands Up survey with pupils and also did a questionnaire with all parents and staff to obtain the results detailed above. This will be undertaken again each academic year to evaluate the impact of any changes made.

Monitoring & Review

This School Travel Plan will be monitored on an annual basis. A pupil hands-up survey and parent survey will be carried out annually to monitor any changes in travel arrangements. The governing body will also monitor progress on the action plan.