



## **Rush Common School**

Travel Plan, produced 09/09/24

**Current Accreditation Level Good TP**

**Accreditation Expiry Date 09/09/2025**

## **Introduction**

### Site Details

Type of Site	School
URN	137920
Name of site	Rush Common School
Travel Plan Coordinator	Kristen Fawcett
Telephone Number	01235533583
E-mail address	<a href="mailto:headteacher@rushcommon.school">headteacher@rushcommon.school</a>
Address	Hendred Way, , Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 2AW
Website	<a href="http://www.rushcommonschoool.org/">www.rushcommonschoool.org/</a>

### Site Introduction

The site is located in a residential area and is accessed via two entrances off residential roads. The main entrance to the school is off a dead end road. The second entrance is off a through road with lots of traffic unrelated to the school.

The majority of families live in neighbouring estates, with some travelling from across Abingdon.

The site is accessed by pupils, parents/carers, school staff and central office Trust staff.

#### Site Details

Location Type	Predominantly Urban
Local Amenities	There is a church on Hendred Way and a pub on an adjacent road - Appleford Drive. There are two playgrounds nearby the school. Abingdon United Football Club and Northcourt Road shops (including Co-op) can be accessed within a 10 minute walk of the school.
Type of School	Primary
Education Level	Early Years/Foundation,Key Stage 1,Key Stage 2
Head Teacher	Kristen Fawcett

#### Student Information

Age Range of Students	2-11
Number of Students	416

#### Staff and Volunteer Information

Number of Full Time Employees	49
Number of Part Time Employees	22
Number of Volunteers	

Volunteers who have been involved in the delivery of your Travel Plan

	Opening times	Closing times
Monday	07:30:00	18:00:00
Tuesday	07:30:00	18:00:00
Wednesday	07:30:00	18:00:00
Thursday	07:30:00	18:00:00
Friday	07:30:00	18:00:00
Saturday		
Sunday		
Students' Official Start Time	08:30:00	

	Opening times	Closing times
Students' Official Finish Time	15:00:00	
Breakfast Club Starts	07:30:00	
Breakfast Club Finishes	08:30:00	
After School Club Starts	15:00:00	
After School Club Finishes	18:00:00	
Other Timings		

#### Site Details

Site Occupation      Rush Common School site is also the site of the Abingdon Learning Trust head office.

Site Ownership

Site Size

Other site details

#### Additional Information

Local Authority Officer Working at Site

Other Information

## Aims and Objectives

Aims & Objectives of Travel Plan	
Aim	To create a safer and healthier environment for children and their families coming to school
	To develop a walking and cycling zone around the school
Objectives	To increase the number of people walking and cycling to school
	To increase pupil road safety knowledge

## Working Group & STP Summary

Name	Role
Working Group Actions	

## Site Audit

Transportation Links	
Does the school have a School Street in place?	No
Details of Walking Access to site	<p>Rush Common main entrance is located on Hendred Way. There are a series of footpaths and alleyways that connect to the surrounding residential area; the alleyway between Hendred Way and Chilton Close directly opposite the school drive is a popular route. Most crossings of residential roads have dropped kerbs and tactile paving.</p> <p>Rush Common can also be accessed via its back entrance on Norman Avenue. Continuous footpath provision is provided between this entrance and the surrounding residential area.</p> <p>Access to the school site is via the playground and there is no mixing between people walking/ cycling/ scooting and driving.</p>
Details of Cycling access to site	<p>There is no dedicated cycle provision within the vicinity of Rush Common - cycling must take place on the carriageway. People must walk their bikes on the school site.</p>
Details of Bus access to site	<p>Bus stops are located on the Oxford Road at the junction with Appleford Drive and served by Oxford Bus Company X3 and Thames Travel X2, which provide connections between Abingdon, Oxford and Didcot. Buses are approximately every 10 to 15 minutes. These bus stops are an 8 minute walk from Rush Common main entrance on Hendred Way via a pelican crossing and footpath. North and southbound bus stops have real time information, seating and shelters.</p> <p>Bus stops are located on Radley Road at the junction with Norman Avenue and served by</p>

## Transportation Links

	Oxford Bus Company 35, which provides a connection between Abingdon, Radley and Oxford. North and southbound bus stops have real time information, and the southbound bus stop has a shelter and seating. Buses are approximately every 20 minutes. These bus stops are a approximately a 3 minute walk from the back entrance on Norman Avenue.
Details of Rail access to site	The closest train station is Radley Station, which provides connections between Oxford and Didcot. At almost 2 miles from Rush Common this is a less feasible option for school travel.
Details of Road Access to site	Rush Common is accessed via Hendred Way for vehicles. The A34 northbound junction is 1.5 miles from the school and the southbound junction 3 miles. The south of the county can be accessed via travel through the town centre.

## Facilities

	Description	Numbers
	Total Student Cycle Spaces	30
Cycle Parking	Total Staff Cycle Spaces	10
	Total Visitor Cycle Spaces	
	Details of on-site Cycle Parking	Covered Sheffield stands are located in the school playground - there is a designated shelter for staff (that visitors can also use), and designated shelter for pupils. During the school day access to the school playground and therefore the cycle parking is locked.  A scooter parking rack is located next to the pupil cycle parking.
Scooter Parking	Scooter Parking Spaces	20
Storage Lockers	Storage lockers for equipment	0
Parent Shelter	Number of Parent Waiting Shelters	0
Shower Facilities	Showers available	0

## Facilities

Motorcycle/scooter	Parking facilities	N/A
Coach Parking	Facilities for coaches to park	0
Details of coach parking facilities	Buses for school trips pick up and drop off pupils on the school drive on Hendred Way. Continuous footpath provision between the school and bus pick up and drop off area is provided.	

## Car Travel

Accessible parking spaces	1
Car Share Parking Bays	0
Car Club Parking Bays	0
Electric Vehicle Parking Bays	0
Electric Vehicle Charging Points	1
Staff Parking Bays	20
Visitors parking spaces	
Other car parking details	Staff car parking is located at the front and side of the school accessible from Hendred Way. Visitors can park in this car park, although there is no designated space.

## Fleet Vehicles

Bus/Minibus	0
Pool Bicycles	0
Other	0
Further Information	N/A

## STARS (Sustainable Travel and Road Safety) Audit

Name of road (outside main entrance)	Hendred Way
Name of other roads surrounding the site	Main entrance - Dorchester Crescent, Rutherford Close, Upton Close, Chilton Close, Culham Close, Harwell Close, Appleford Drive Back entrance- Norman Avenue
Date of assessment	17/06/2024
Speed limit of the road outside main entrance	20mph
Speed limit on other roads surrounding your site	20mph

## How many of the following crossing facilities are present within 500m of your site?

Pelican Crossing 1

Puffin Crossing

Toucan Crossing

Zebra Crossing

School Crossing Patrol

Pedestrian Refuge

## Further Questions

Is there any traffic calming within 500m of the site, e.g. speed bumps, build outs	No
Are there railings present outside or near the main entrance?	No
Is the main vehicular entrance used for pedestrians/cyclists as well as cars?	No
Are there any dedicated cycle lanes leading to the site?	No
What is the quality of the pavements like within 500m of the site?	Average
Any other obstacles or road layout issues within 500 metres	The quality of the pavements to the main school entrance is good overall. The quality of the pavements on Norman Avenue is poor in places due to tree roots.

## Engineering & Planning Measures

Cost

Date From

Date To

## Engineering & Planning Measures

### Details of Measure





# Surveys, Modal Shift & Targets

## Student Travel Modal Shift

Modal Split		Walk	Cycle	Scoot	Bus (Public)	Bus (School)	Park & Stride	Train/Metro	Car Share	Car	Motorbike	Total
2023/2024	Number	261.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151.00	0	412.00
	%	63.35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36.65	0	

## Staff Travel Modal Shift

Modal Split		Walk	Cycle	Scoot	Bus (Public)	Bus (School)	Park & Stride	Train/Metro	Car Share	Car	Motorbike	Total
2023/2024	Number	32.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.00	0	63.00
	%	50.79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.21	0	

Targets

Status	Type	Mode of Travel	This Year's %	Preferred %	Target %	% Change	Percentage Points	Due Date	Target
Registered	Other			0				2024 / 2025	To implement a walking and cycling zone around the school and have communicated this to parents and residents by the new school year in September 2024
Registered	Student Mode of Travel	Walk			70	0	70	2024 / 2025	Increase the number of children walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling, and park and striding to school from the 63% currently to 70%

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## Consultations

Status	Type	Action	Responsible	Target Completion	Reporting	Completion Date
Planned	Parents	PA1 In-depth parents' surveys take place	Headteacher	26/06/2024	Parents/ carers were asked about the journey to school and if there was anything that could improve this	
Completed - No Evidence	Pupils	P6	Headteacher	14/06/2024	The most common mode of travel to school for pupils was collected - this was split between car and active/ sustainable travel	14/06/2024
Completed - No Evidence	Staff	S3 Other Staff Consultation	Headteacher	21/06/2024	Staff were asked how they typically travelled to work	17/06/2024

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# Travel & Transport Issues

## Current Travel & Transport Issues

Status	Details of Issue / concern	Date of Issue	Category
Current	Road safety concerns arising from people driving up to the school gate and manoeuvring where children and their families are travelling to and from school and crossing the road, particularly to access the alleyway to Chilton Close.	17/06/2024	Road Safety

## Travel Initiatives

Status	Type	Action	Person Responsible	Target Completion	Reporting	Co
Planned	Air Quality	AQ4 Park and walk/stride scheme	Headteacher	02/09/2024	We are working to establish formal park and stride locations with local establishments, namely the Boundary House and Methodist Church. We will work with Oxfordshire County Council to do this.	
Planned	Walking & Scooting	W8 5 / 10 minute walking zone in place	Headteacher	02/09/2024	We are working with Oxfordshire County Council to establish a safe active travel (car free) zone at the Hendred Way entrance to the school. The aim of this is to remove the road safety risk posed by manoeuvring parent/ carer cars and consequently create a safer environment for travelling to and from school.	
Completed - No Evidence	Cycling	C2 Cycle parking installed	Site manager	14/06/2024	Cycle parking is installed in the school playground for pupils, staff and visitors to use. This cycle parking is covered and secure.	14/
Completed - No Evidence	Cycling	C22 Bikeability level 2	Headteacher	14/06/2024	Pupils in year 5 are offered Bikeability training	14/
Completed - No Evidence	Cycling	C4 Opportunity to practice cycling skills at break time	Early Years Staff	28/06/2024	Pupils in our Early Years classes have the opportunity to practice their cycling skills during play times. We have an outdoor track in the Early Years playground to support with this.	28/
Completed - No Evidence	Public Transportation	PT4 Private coaches for school trips pick up and set down in safe / accessible places	Headteacher	28/06/2024	Private buses for school trips pick up and set down in the driveway outside the school gate on Hendred Way. There is a footpath between this location and the the rest of the school meaning there is safe access to/ from the bus and no conflict with other vehicles.	28/
Completed - No Evidence	Road Safety & Training	R11 School invites experts/organisations to talk about personal safety	Headteacher	17/05/2024	The Fire Brigade have visited to discuss road safety with KS1 (May 2024), and preschool (March 2024)	17/
Completed - No Evidence	Road Safety & Training	R18 Road Safety Day/Week	Headteacher	19/06/2024	We took part in Brake's Kids Walk, this enabled pupils to learn important road safety messages, and also about the importance of making healthy journeys.	19/
Completed - No Evidence	Walking & Scooting	W11 Walking trips	Headteacher	21/06/2024	For local trips we travel by walking. Recent trips include our Y2 trip to Abingdon Museum and visit to Abingdon Nature Reserve - we reached these destinations by walking from and to school.	21/
Completed - No Evidence	Walking & Scooting	W12 Scooter storage installed	Site manager	14/06/2024	Scooter parking (in the form of scooter racks) for pupils is installed. This is located next to the cycle parking on the school playground.	14/
Completed - No Evidence	Walking & Scooting	W9 Educational / Curriculum Walks	Early years/ KS1 staff	21/06/2024	Our Early Years and KS1 pupils take part in Forest School. We have our own dedicated space for Forest School.	21/
Completed	Cycling	C21 Bikeability level 1	Headteacher	23/02/2024	Year 4 pupils are offed a one-off Bikeability session at level 1 - this teaches them basic skills and features of the bike and prepares them for Bikeability level 2 sessions in year 5. These sessions featured in the school newsletter- <a href="https://www.rushcommonschoool.org/assets/Documents/Letters/Newsletter-final-23rd-Feb-2024.pdf">https://www.rushcommonschoool.org/assets/Documents/Letters/Newsletter-final-23rd-Feb-2024.pdf</a>	23/

## Supporting Initiatives

Status	Type	Action	Person Responsible	Target Completion	Reporting	Completion date
Completed	Partnerships	P10 Other Partnerships 1	Headteacher	28/06/2024	The Pupil Parliament are drafting a letter for local establishments (Church and Pub), to ask whether their car parks can be used as a park and stride donation	24/06/2024
Completed	Promotion	PR1 Newsletter	Headteacher	08/03/2024	Messages about safe driving and parking have been included in the newsletter to parents/ carers e.g. <a href="https://www.rushcommonschoool.org/assets/Documents/Letters/Newsletter-final-8th-March-2024.pdf">https://www.rushcommonschoool.org/assets/Documents/Letters/Newsletter-final-8th-March-2024.pdf</a> . Messaging to parents is ongoing.	08/03/2024
Completed	Promotion	PR22 Other promotion method 1	Headteacher	21/06/2024	We have a cycle and scooting policy and this can be found on our school website - <a href="https://www.rushcommonschoool.org/assets/Documents/Attachments/Cycling-PPD.pdf">https://www.rushcommonschoool.org/assets/Documents/Attachments/Cycling-PPD.pdf</a>	21/06/2024
Completed - No Evidence	Curriculum	CU1 School takes part in competitions promoted by others	Headteacher	21/06/2024	We took part in OxTrail 2024. This involved completing a sponsored walk, run, or skip to raise money for Sobell House in January (2024). We successfully raised enough money and were therefore able to design our own Ox for the trail this summer. The OxTrail also enables pupils to practice map/ navigation skills and learn the health benefits of being active.	21/06/2024
Completed - No Evidence	Curriculum	CU13 School collects postcode data	Headteacher	21/06/2024	We have collected postcode data for where all pupils travel from to school. This will be used to understand the catchment area of the school and travel behaviours and help to guide initiatives.	21/06/2024
Completed - No Evidence	Curriculum	CU2 School teaches the health benefits of safe / active travel	Headteacher	21/06/2024	The benefits of being active and having an active lifestyle are included in the curriculum and taught to all pupils.	21/06/2024
Planned	Promotion	PR17 New parent pack	Headteacher	02/09/2024	We will include information about travelling to school in our new parent information packs	
Planned	Promotion	PR2 Info sent to residents / school communicates with residents	Headteacher	02/09/2024	We will keep residents up to date on plans to establish a safe walking and cycling zone around the school	

Gold Standard Initiatives

Status	Type	Action	Reporting	Completion date
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Excellent/Outstanding Standard Testimony

Testimony
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## Sign off and Formal Approval

Title	Signoff
Senior Management Team - Name	Kristen Fawcett
Senior Management Statement of Endorsement	This is supported thoroughly by the leadership team, as it will improve road safety around the school and increase walking and cycling habits of children and parents.
Senior Management Team Sign Off	Y
Local Authority - Name	
Local Authority Sign Off	N

## Planning Applications

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### Planning Application

Planning Application Number

Date of Application

Development Name

Date Application Approved

Proposed Date of Occupation

Outline timescales for occupation and details of any phasing of development

Occupation Status

Date of Occupation

Development Overview

Planning Status

Development Proposal

Please specify

Secured by Condition

Monitoring Fee

Monitoring Proposals

Date of Annual Monitoring Visit

Length of Application (YEARS)

Sanctions/ Performance Bonds

Travel Plan Champion

Travel Plan Author

Contact details for the Travel Plan Author

Objectives of the Travel Plan

Transportation Summary

S106 Summary

Details of SEN Students (number) and if They Have A Transportation Statement

PTAL Input

Baseline survey information

## Planning Application

Future Development Likely to Increase  
Traffic Levels or Influence Travel Patterns

## Site Changes

	Current	New
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Full-Time Staff Roll		
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Part-Time Staff Roll		
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Description of changes to accesses (e.g. pedestrian, cyclist, vehicle		
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Electric Vehicle Car Parking Bays		
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Visitor Car Parking Space(s)		
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Staff Car Parking Space(s)		
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Accessible Car Parking Space(s)		
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Student Cycle Space(s)		
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Staff Cycle Space(s)		
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Visitors Cycle Parking Space(s)		
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Scooter Parking Space(s)		
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Site Changes

Public Transport Drop off Arrangements

Motorcycle/Scooter parking facilities

Storage Lockers

Shower Facilities

Opening/Closing Times

Current Opening/Closing Times	Opening Times	Closing Times
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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

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Saturday

Sunday

Opening/Closing Times

Details of opening and closing times

Proposed Opening/Closing Times	Opening Times	Closing Times
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Student		
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Breakfast Clubs		
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After School Clubs		
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Other		
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## Opening/Closing Times

Details of opening and closing times