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New City Primary's School Travel Plan

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New City Primary School
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Below: Bike to School Week picnic at Central Park, April 2006.

Introduction to New City Primary School Travel Plan

New City Primary School is a community school, situated in the London Borough of Newham its DFES reference number is 102734. The school first opened, as an all age school, in 1897. It is the centre of the local community and is used for religious meetings, scouts, karate and Community Links, for an after school club and holiday club. There are 574 pupils on roll, of which 25% are from a British white background, 12% are refugees and others are from many parts of the world. The pupils speak a total of 20 different languages, from Punjabi, Bengali and African languages to Chinese and Lithuanian, to mention a few. A total of 68 staff work in the school on a full or part time basis.

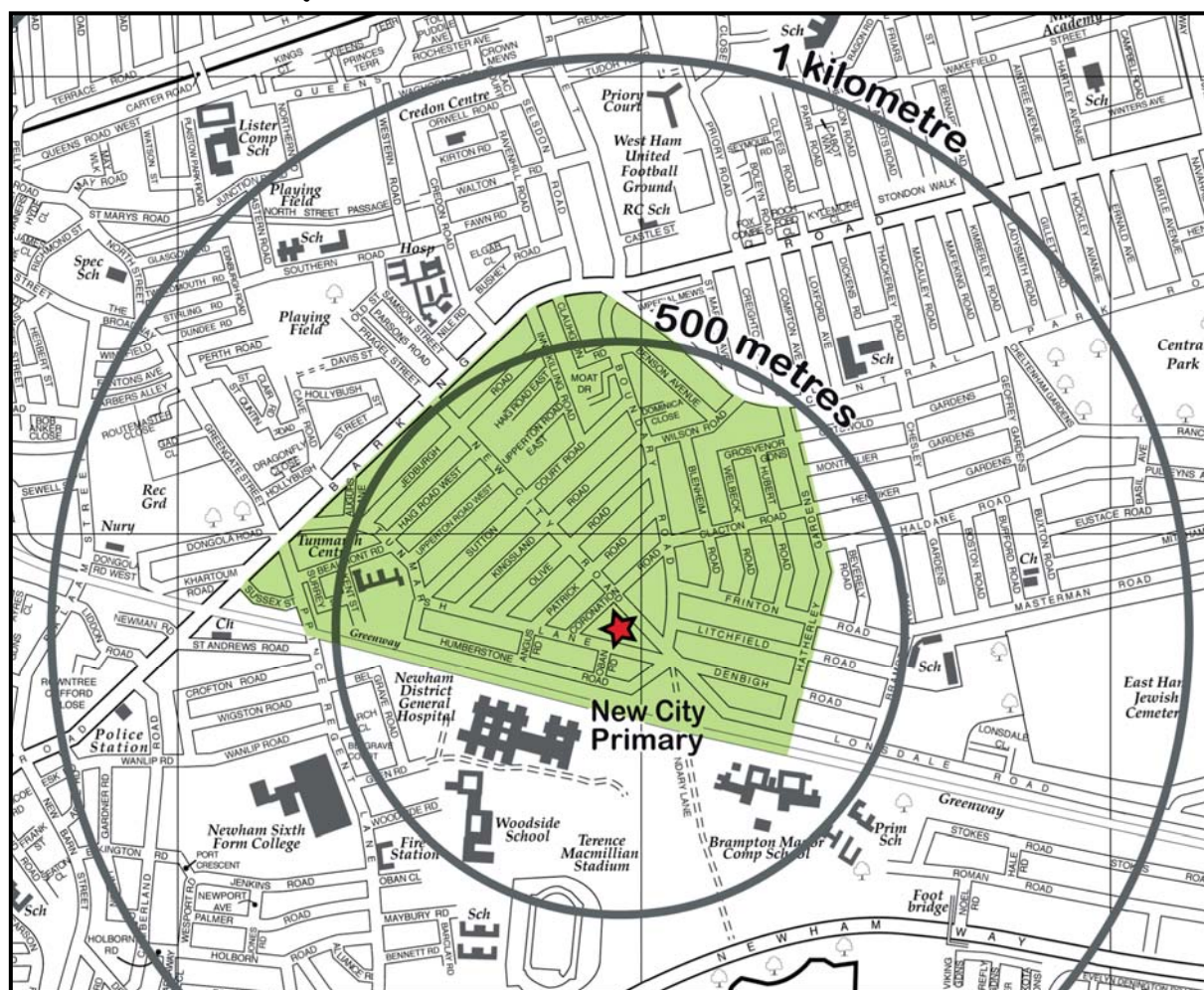
There is a strong corporate identity and ethos in partnership with the pupils and local community. Whenever there is a problem, a chance to celebrate or a need for comfort, families look to the school and particularly the learning mentor and the established support staff and teachers. The school is well run and has a strong management team, lead by the head teacher, Mrs Jackie Withnall. There is a dedicated staff of teachers and support staff, who give of their time generously to run clubs and support the school in many ways.

Mission Statement

The Department for Transport has defined a School Travel Plan *as document setting out a package of measures for reducing the number of car trips made to a school or a group of schools by parents and staff and for improving safety on the school journey.* New City School's Travel Plan aims to

- Reduce the number of staff travelling to and from school by car
- Reduce the number of pupils travelling to and from school by car
- Increase the numbers travelling by bicycle
- Increase the numbers walking
- Improve road safety for the pupils' journey

New City School's Catchment Area (in green)



New City School is situated in the middle of three roads, New City Road, Tunmarsh Lane and Coronation Road and opens at 8.55 a.m. and finishes at 3.30 p.m. There are 37 after school clubs which finish no later than 4:30 p.m. (See Appendix 1). Year 3 children go by bus to the Newham Leisure Centre for swimming sessions once a week.

- We have a school crossing patrol on New City Road and Tunmarsh Lane every morning and evening.
- Most of the pupils live within easy walking distance of the school. The school has three pedestrian entrances and one for cars.
- There is parking for 8 cars at one end of the infant playground but the main gate is locked for most of the school day. There is parking available in the surrounding streets for staff and visitors.
- There is safe cycle parking for up to 40 bicycles and helmets. The school has containers situated on the school site that can hold up to 100 bicycles.
- 80% of children live within 500 metres of school.
- 15% live within 1 kilometres

- The rest live over 1.5 kilometres away.

Consultation with the school and community

In developing our Travel Plan, New City School have consulted with a wide body of interested parties and since our plan has been approved we have continued to strengthen our links within wider London and our local community.

- **Pupils** were involved in the "Hands Up" survey in the classroom.
- **Parents** were involved with the "Take Home" survey in 2005 and we will conduct another parents survey in March 2008
- **Road Safety Officers** were involved with giving out and collection of the parents' surveys.
- **The Governors** meeting was attended for their views of the Travel Plan.
- Discussions were initiated with the **Premises Manager** and the School.
- **Crossing Patrol Persons** for their views on road safety around school.
- Regular meetings were held with **Helen McAuley, Travel Plan Adviser for the London Borough of Newham**, for help and advice in revising the Travel Plan for New City School.
- **A number of training days have been attended including,**
 1. 19th October 2005 Training day for School Champions
 2. 16th October 2005 Cycle Show at Excel
 3. 26th January 2006 Travel Plans Conference, Westminster
 4. 23rd February 2006 Walk to School Conference, London Bridge
- **Andrew Wood of ESP** (*Education and Special Projects Ltd.*) has been consulted for ideas for improving the environment outside school with markings and design for encouraging road safety.
- **A parent** has offered to design signs for the pavements and area around school.
- Consultations have taken place with the **Head and Deputy Head** for their views on the Travel Plan and ways of making the pupils' journeys safer and parents' waiting places more attractive. This will all link in with the extensive plans for improving the Junior Playground.
- The overall plan has been discussed at a **staff** meeting.
- The **Metropolitan Police** and **Parks Police** have assisted the school in a ride to Central Park and they have attended all day sessions of Bike maintenance.

- The **Newham London Cycling Group** have also been involved and have helped with rides the school has had.
- Lucy Davis from the **LCC** has given the school advice and we have consulted on future ideas and plans for the Bike Club at the school.
- **Bike Week** organisers are canvassed for views on cycling and how we can organise events and also advertise them on the Internet.

I foresee a number of consultations with the Newham Borough's engineers for improving safety on the roads around the school. The New City Scheme which has been approved will lend to improving the safety around the school and should be implemented in this financial year. A PTA has been formed in the school during the last year and the Travel Plans have been on the agenda.

Travel Initiatives for 2005/2006

This list includes our original travel initiatives as well as ones we have take up over the past year:

- We took our older cyclists to Thames Barrier Park
- We have had our drains and playground surveyed and plans drawn up for works to be completed summer 2006.
- ESP have given us a comprehensive layout of markings, cycle lanes for our new playground.
- Cycle training continues on a regular basis.
- Walk on Wednesday has been a huge success in the school and increased numbers have walked and cycled to school as a result
- We had had adult bikes from Good Going which has increased the numbers of adults cycling with children to school
- We had a hugely successful Bike to School Week with a compu-trainer visit and capped it off with a 2km bike ride from our school to Central Park. We were escorted by the local police and had a picnic lunch on arrival.
- We also took part in the WoW badge design competition
- We have also taken part in the twice yearly Walk to School Weeks.
- We took a group of pupils to the Excel Cycle Show.
- The school took a group of parents to the CTC cycling weekend in Bala in Wales.
- The school now has cycling on the curriculum for Reception and Year One which has been a major milestone.
- There is a strong continuing tradition of Junior Road Safety Officers who are chosen from children in Year 5,

Despite these initiatives there is still a lot of congestion around the entrances in the morning particularly, making it very difficult for pupils to cross the roads, even with the help of the crossing patrol persons. Efforts have been made by the Junior Road Safety Officers with the Deputy Head and the coordinator for PHSE to educate parents about car use and parking but there is still a lot of work to do. The past year however we have realised and taken further steps towards this change as evidenced by our modal shift survey data.

The Hands-Up Survey

This survey was done at the end of November 2004 and reflects the results on that day alone. It involved asking pupils and staff how they travelled to and from school. It also asked then if they had a choice how they would prefer to come to school. It included all the children and any staff in the classrooms at the time.

	To School		From School		Preferred mode	
	Score	%	Score	%	Score	%
Car - alone	60	11.9%	46	9.1%	35	7.0%
Car - Share	66	13.0%	74	14.6%	40	8.0%
School Bus	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	51	10.2%
Rail	6	1.2%	7	1.4%	22	4.4%
Bus	14	2.8%	14	2.8%	6	1.2%
Bike	7	1.4%	8	1.6%	153	30.5%
Walk	353	69.8%	356	70.4%	172	34.3%
Other	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	22	4.4%
Total	506	1	506	1	501	1

- Around 70% had walked to and from school
- Nearly 25% of staff and pupils had travelled to or from school by car either as the only occupant or with others
- Nearly 3% had travelled by bus
- Nearly 1.5% had travelled by bike

Although the children had many wonderful ideas of how they would like to travel to school the most significant was the number who wanted to cycle, around 30%.

That would mean over 100 cycles in school. This could be accommodated in the present new storage units, which officially hold 40, but could contain at least double that number of children's bikes. The Cycle Club, which used to just run in the summer term, has continued throughout the winter with early morning rides and training in the playground. We have a membership of over 120 and many of these children already cycle to school. We have started an Under Fives cycle club on a Saturday morning which is attended by children from all over the borough.

Table 2: New City Primary School results, March 2006 for annual review.

	To School		From School		Preferred mode	
	Score	Percentages	Score	Percentages	Score	Percentages
Car-alone	35	7.0%	36	7.2%	47	9.6%
Car-share	59	11.7%	52	10.4%	19	3.9%
School Bus	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	75	15.4%
Walk	363	72.2%	354	70.5%	132	27.0%
Bus	9	1.8%	15	3.0%	7	1.4%
Train	2	0.4%	1	0.2%	18	3.7%
Bicycle	34	6.8%	44	8.8%	182	37.3%
Other	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	8	1.6%
Total	503	100.0%	502	100.0%	488	100%

From the surveys it can be seen that:

- Around 70% of pupils are walking to and from school in the morning and afternoons.
- Almost 7% of pupils are cycling in the morning and 8.8% in the afternoons.
- 1.8% are going by bus in the morning and 3.0% in the afternoon

From the preferred mode travel it can be seen that the most favoured mode for travel by pupils is bicycle at 37.3% and second favoured 27% walking.

Summary of Results from 2005 Travel Plan to Annual Review

New City Primary results reflect improvements in walking and cycling and a corresponding reduction in car use.

Walking

It can be seen that walking has increased by **2.4%** in the journey into school and **0.1%** in the afternoons.

Cycling

It can be seen that cycling has increased by a massive **5.4%** in the morning and **7.2%** in the afternoons.

Car alone and Car Share

Car alone and car share has fallen from 24.9% combined in the mornings to 18.7% which is a **6.2% reduction** and has also fallen in the afternoons from 23.7% to 17.6% which is a **6.1% reduction**

Bus and Rail use

Both bus and rail use have fallen slightly in the past year, however bus use has increased slightly to 3.0% in the afternoons.

As a preferred mode of travel by pupils cycling continues to be the most favoured option, with an increase from 30.5% to 37.3%. This reflects the continuing popularity and growth of the New City Bike Club. Walking is still preferred by pupils as well further reflecting the success of the WOW scheme. The car as a preferred mode of travel has fallen as well from 15% to 13.5%.

The numbers of pupils and staff surveyed are practically the same as last year and is a canvas of the whole school population.

The Take Home Survey (2005)

Nearly 40% of the Take Home Surveys were returned and considering how many children have siblings in the school, where only one was returned for the family, we were very pleased with this response. From the surveys it was clear that,

- Most children walking to school are with someone from their own family.

Travel Companions	Tally	%
On my own	9	4.8%
With other children	9	4.8%
With an adult	163	87.2%
With another family	6	3.2%
<i>total</i>	95	

- There were considerably more children dropped off at school by car in the morning than those picked up at night.
- Percentages were still high for those pupils who wanted to travel by bike. This result was probably helped by the high level of bike ownership at New City School.

Bike ownership	Tally	%
Yes	116	62.7%
No	69	37.3%
<i>total</i>	77	

- Safety is the key concern for parents on the school journey. The most popular response to the question '*What would make walking/cycling better, or encourage your child to do so*' was **Safer places to cross the road.**

Parents' comments and concerns

The following points cover most of the parents' concerns and comments and have helped to form the action plan for this document (see appendix 2)

- A number of children are dropped off by car near school in the morning as their parents are on the way to work.
- Parents have found a crossroad junction that has been recently changed to a mini round about is now very difficult to cross.
- Tunmarsh Lane is a "rat run"; even though there are humps, traffic is still going at an unacceptable speed for children to cross safely anywhere but with the Crossing Patrol Person.
- Dogs' mess around the pavements is disgusting.
- Some parents would like school to start earlier or drop their children at a Breakfast Club so they could get to work.
- Some parents would like parking wardens to visit the school to enforce the zigzag lines.

We will complete another parents survey in March 2007 to canvas parents opinions and see make amendments to our plan based on that.

New City Schools Travel issues

Through consultation and surveys the following travel issues emerged in 2005.

- Most children live within walking distance from school - around 80% live within 500 metres. Yet many still come by car for various reasons for example; parents are dropping them off on the way to work.
- Congestion around the entrances just before and after school is bad and a danger to pedestrians and cyclists.
- Some parents park right outside the gates to drop off their children.
- Some parents mentioned that there was dog mess around the pavements near school and this certainly needs to be addressed by the council cleansing department and with the dog owners.

One year on in March 2006 the following are issues for the school:

- Car use is still an issue for the school although one year on we are experiencing success in reducing cars from the school area.
- Congestion has eased somewhat over the past year as we are now educating people to not park near the gates, we have nominated pupils as yellow line officers and they patrol the yellow lines and discourage parents from parking there.
- Dog mess around the school has not been as bad as it was previously.
- Most staff, who use a car, come early and drive across the infant playground but this is not a risk to pupils as they come in later. Last year, some parents who came to collect their children from the Community Links and after school clubs drove into the playground to pick them up but now we have automatic gates, which are closed after school, and parents cannot drive in.
- A huge issue over the past year has been our playground. It has been flooded and we have had to cancel Bike Club and change activities as a result. However with the planned works at the school we will be able to see this remedied and the further expansion of Bike Club.

New City's Action Plan

Objectives

1. To increase walking and cycling as a means of travelling to and from school by staff and pupils.
2. To improve the environment in the vicinity of New City School.
3. To make staff, pupils and parents aware of the health advantages of walking and cycling.
4. To ensure the Travel Plan is continued to be successfully integrated into New City School.

Objective 1:

To increase walking and cycling to school

Targets:

- To increase to 75% total by July 2008
- 90% of Year One pupils trained to National Standard Level 1A by July 2007.
- To have cycling on the curriculum for Year 2 to 6 by March 2007
- To increase Bike club membership to 300 by September 2007
- To increase cycling numbers to 15% of total modal shift by March 2007

Actions	What is required	By whom	By when
1. Organise bike/walk to school weeks each term and continue with the whole family trips the school runs to Bala, Wales.	Publicity materials from the borough, promote within the school.	Junior Road Safety Officers and Liz Bowgett	Each term in school year
2. To increase the range and type of bicycle, tricycle or tandem available to include everyone.	Source and research a range of bicycles for purchase. Use our BSP money to purchase new bikes.	Enrichment and resources coordinator	July 2006
3. Train more staff as cycle instructors and train more	To find grants for training staff as	Enrichment and resources	July 2007

parents to National Standards Level 2 or 3.	instructors and organise class lessons for cycling. We will get funding from CTC of £300 per adult for training. It is recognised our club will continue to grow if we involve parents at all stages and train them.	coordinator	
4. To increase the number of parents cycling regularly with pupils.	To provide bikes for hire or to buy at very reasonable costs. Promote benefits and invite parents on rides.	Enrichment and resources coordinator	July 2008
5. To continue with the Walk on Wednesday Scheme	Co-ordinate with Newham Council, continue to involve Junior Road Safety Officers to count out badges	STP coordinator	September 2006
6. Train more children to National Standards, Nursery to Year 1 to Level 1B, Year 2 to 6 to Level 2B or 3A	Take part in Borough training for older pupils and then hold our own in-school training	STP Co-ordinator	July 2006
7. Organise to have a sponsored walk to increase interest in walking and raise funding for playground improvements and maintenance.	Setting a date, work with the school council and the PTA. Organise promotion through Borough Adviser.	School Council Co-ordinator teacher	July 2007

Objective 2: To improve the environment near New City

Targets:

- To have three improvements to traffic calming through New City scheme by March 2007.

Actions	What is required	By whom	By when
1. To put up signs about fouling the pavements	Notices around the vicinity of New City, competition to be run within the school and for it to be a student led design.	The Borough with Liz Bowgett	December 2006
2. To mark pavements to encourage pupils to use the pedestrian entrances	Signs designed and made for use on pavements. Continue with the yellow line monitors run through Junior Road Safety Officer Programme	Parent in conjunction with ESP	July 2006
3. To look at danger spots as pointed out by parents	Consultation with Newham Borough engineers, but we will realise a considerable amount of change with New City Scheme	Enrichment and resources Co-ordinator	July 2006

Objective 3: To make everyone aware of healthy travel

Target:

- To decrease the numbers of cars around the school in the mornings and evenings to 10% by 2008.

Actions	What is required	By whom	By when
1. Set up displays in school for walking and leaving the car at home	Assemblies, competitions	PSHE co-ordinator, with Road Safety Officers	July 2006
2. Continue lessons for Juniors to examine where they live and how they travel	Lessons plans for PSHE, Geography and Science	PSHE, science & geography Co-ordinators to work together	December 2006
3. Have a 'no car day' once a year	Encourage staff and pupils to use public transport, walk or cycle and have no cars near school for just one day. After an initial launch make it a once yearly event!	Lots of publicity, bus maps, prizes for the best class to be run by Liz Bowgett	July 2007
4. To open another pedestrian entrance on Tunmarsh Lane for Community Links	Consultation with Head Teacher, School Keeper and Com. Links	Facilitated by Enrichment Co-ordinator	July 2005
5. Undertake traffic counts outside school gate to get baseline data on congestion	Discuss process at meeting	STP Working Party	Before end of 2006

Objective 4: To continue to ensure our STP is successfully integrated into New City School

Targets:

- To continue to ensure we meet the objectives of our School Travel Plan

Actions	What is required	By whom	By when
1. Appoint Travel Plan Coordinator	COMPLETED	Liz Bowgett appointed	January 2005
2. Continue our termly PTA meetings of the School Travel Plan Working Party		STP Co-ordinator	Each term 2006
3. Take part in Newham's annual travel survey held every March	Participate in Survey	STP Working Party	Yearly in March, next one March 2007
4. Review our STP Action Plan every year	Full review of STP complete this year. Will complete again next year.	STP Working Party	Yearly in April
5. Link School Travel Plan to relevant educational award schemes	Involve the Healthy Schools Co-ordinator in the process	STP Working Party	July 2006

Monitoring and Review

We will continue to monitor the progress of our travel plan through termly meetings of our School Travel Plan Working Party. New City School's working party consists of the Co-ordinator for Resources and Enrichment, the Head or Deputy Head Teacher, a member of the Governing Body, a member of the PTA, one of the Support staff, and Newham Council's School Travel Plan Officer.

Every year in March as evidenced in March 2006 we will continue to undertake a hands-up survey of our students. This survey will be co-ordinated by Newham Council Road Safety Team. This survey will continue to help us assess how our travel plan is progressing. We also review our Action Plan every year and update Actions as required.

The working party will continue to report back to the School's Governing Body and keep the school community updated with regular articles in the our parents' newsletter. We will continue to seek our media coverage for our efforts to inspire other schools and to celebrate School Travel Plans.

Our Travel Plan will be incorporated into New City School's School Improvement Plan and continued revisions that maybe made to this.



This pledge observes that the pupils, parents, staff
and governors of
New City Primary School

Have agreed to implement this School Travel Plan

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Enrichment and Resources Coordinator

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Date

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PHSE Coordinator

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Head Teacher

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Chair of Governors

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Assistant Director of Newham Education Authority

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Assistant Director of Newham Transport Authority

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Date

Appendix 1 –School Clubs at New City School

Club	Staff	Location	Time and day	Year
1. Football	Mr Wareham	Junior playground	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	5 and 6
2. Homework	Miss Tucker	Magenta	Tuesday 12.30 - 1pm	3 and 4
3. Treble recorders	Mrs Cockerton	Classroom	Thursday 12.30 - 1pm	5 and 6
4. Homework	Mrs Wilson	Indigo	Thursday 12 - 12.30	1 and 2
5. Library	Mrs Fisher	New library	Monday 12.30 - 1	3 and 4
6. Library	Mrs Fisher	New library	Tuesday 12.30 - 1	5 and 6
7. Beginner recorders	Mrs Whiteman	Olive	Thursday 12.30 - 1pm	3 - 6
8. Word Search	Mrs Whiteman	Olive	Friday 12.30 - 1pm	3 - 6
9. Art	Tracy Oldham	Orange	Thursday 3.30 - 5pm	5 and 6
10. Chess	Tracy Davis	Scarlet	Friday 12.30 - 1pm	3 to 6
11. Basketball	Miss Crane	Top Hall	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	3 to 6
12. Homework	Miss Crane		Tuesday 12.30 - 1	5 and 6
13. Tag rugby	Miss Crannitch	Top Hall	Monday 12.30 - 1	5 and 6
14. Dance	Mandy	Top Hall	Tuesday 12.30 - 1	5 and 6
15. Athletics	Miss Crannitch	Top Hall	Wednesday 12.30 - 1	3 to 6
16. Choir	Mrs Cockerton	Top Hall	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30	5 and 6
17. Choir	Mrs Ridout and Mrs Rider	Crimson	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	3 and 4
18. Orchestra	Mrs Ridout and Mrs Withnall	Top Hall	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	3 to 6
19. Tennis	Miss Flowers	Middle hall	Tuesday 12.30 - 1	3 and 4
20. Football	Mr Paul Archer	Middle hall	Wednesday 12.30 - 1	5 and 6
21. Intermediate Recorders	Mrs Withnall	Head's room	Thursday 12.40 - 1	3 to 6
22. Puzzle	Miss Early	Scarlet	Wednesday 12.30 - 1	3 to 6
23. Books	Miss Moorby	Turquoise	Wednesday 12.30 - 1	3 and 4
24. Cycling	Mrs Bowgett	Playgrounds	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	2 and 3
25. Cycling	Mrs Bowgett	Playgrounds	Friday 3.30 - 4.30	4, 5 and 6
26. Cycling	Mrs Bowgett	Playgrounds	Saturday 10 - 11.30	R - 6
27. Netball	Coach	Bottom Hall	Monday 3.30 - 4.30	3 - 6
		Infant playground		
28. Art	Miss Burden	Yellow	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	1
29. Maths Puzzles	Miss Early	Scarlet	Thursday 12 - 12.30	2
30. Knitting	Mrs Bamford	Pink	Mondays 12 - 12.30	3
31. Booster Maths	Mrs Wilson	Indigo	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	2
32. Keep Fit	Mr Muquith	Bottom Hall	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30	2
33. Recorders	Mrs Bowgett	Pink	Thursday 12 - 12.25	2
34. Literacy Puzzles	Mrs Whiteman	Amber	12 - 12.30	R, Y1, Y2
35. Cookery	Miss Nunweiler	Kitchen	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	1
36. Maths	Mrs Wilson	Indigo	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30	2
37. Craft	Mrs Whiteman and Mrs Bamford	Amber	Tuesday 3.45 - 4.45	5 and 6

Appendix 2 – Parents Comments

There were 87 separate parent comments, as record verbatim below:

1. Parking needs to be made available for parents. At the moment, parents park dangerously because the only other option and pay & display which are always full or way down a side road.
2. We ride to school on our bikes along the Greenway which is a good journey very safe
3. I often take my child to school. We are happy to walk because this is safe and good.
4. From the school to forwards Lonsdale Avenue as each side of the roads that plunged to the main road should have either a zebra crossing or a pelican crossing so children would know about the Green Man so children can cross safely by pressing the button.
5. Pavements need to be clear of any rubbish to enable the children to walk through without obstruction. Also the amount of dog mess. When cars park make sure that they are not obstructing the children from crossing safely at the end of the road, especially at the crossing of the roads.
6. Our children go to school by walking with their parents and we find walking to and from school very enjoyable.
7. My children have 7 roads to cross on their way to school. All obstruction are placed cars & vans, so there is no way they can walk to school on their own.
8. A new round-about has been placed at the junction in Boundary Road and between Clacton/Carpenter Road their many dangers to cross the road as car user give priority to other car users and gives to pedestrians there was not a problem before now it is one.
9. I walk to school because we live 4 roads away, it only takes 5 minutes that 5 minutes really wakes you up.
10. It would be better if there was more car parks in a separate safe place, out of the way of children and parents who walking and easy access to drop of children to school.
11. Traffic is to fast on Boundary Road most of the time there is no zebra crossing during school time high school children making trouble and throwing cans at the children.
12. I get very angry with parents that park on the yellow zig zags and beep their horns for the children. The zig-zags are there for a reason to keep the children safe. They would be the first to complain if their child got knocked down.
13. Everything is fine and adequate. Only the streets are very dirty as people walk with dogs and they leave dog mess on the pavements.
14. I would like that the parent could park their cars to pick up their children and that there will be gates around the school pavements and lights to secure the crossing of the road.
15. It is quicker and easier to walk but due to my daughter being so young I prefer to keep her in warm.
16. It would be better if drivers would remember to indicate and also especially around the school area.
17. It is quite good for children to walk to school as that is good form of exercise for them.
18. Cleaner pavements no dog mess car not being parked at corners of the road. Better indication of car when turning in to road.

19. As our journeys to and from school are ok, some days we walk, some days we drive.
20. My main reason for driving my kids to school is because I have to get to work within a limited time after I drop them off.
21. I would prefer to walk with them to school.
22. I totally accept that cars are dangerous near the school gates especially yellow school marked areas, parents should be parked in appropriate roads without endangering the children near the school gates.
23. It would be very nice to have less rubbish and dog mess on our journey, it would also be great for bigger children from other schools to have more respect for parents and small children when they decide to use foul language or have a fight. But the best thing would be for people to stop parking on the school lines, try walking for a change.
24. No dog mess on pavements. All rubbish kept in appropriate containers or bags. No vehicles blocking access where children need to cross the road.
25. The junction of Boundary Road and Clacton Road (even though now has a mini roundabout) is extremely dangerous. Could do with a crossing guard.
26. I am happy with our journey to school. I am pleased to be able to walk to and from school everyday. This is good exercise as well as time consuming.
27. We live in Boundary Road, which is also a bus route, this road is very busy and we have a speed problem. I would like to see a speed reduction plan on this road then I would be happy for my 10 year old son to cross safely and walk to school on his own with his friends.
28. A bus stop should be placed very close to the school and they should be running more often and fares should be made cheaper.
29. The cars which stop on the zig-zags cause problems to those crossing the roads near school and to the traffic in the area.
30. Because of the cars stopping outside the school I would prefer to know that there is a crossing patrol on duty so that my older son can walk to school on his own if necessary."
31. I feel we need 20mph slow signs, other schools in the area have them. We do have road humps but drivers still speed down New City/Tunmarsh Lane. The lollipop patrol people do a great job outside New City School.
32. The journey to/from school is relatively easy as we live so close to the school. What concerns me more is that they are expected to stand outside the playground before school even in bad weather. Oh also think there should be zebra crossings outside all entrances to the school and not just lollipop people.
33. As the traffic is very heavy around the school during term times, I will always consider it to dangerous for my child to cycle to school unless something is done about the traffic."
34. I think that there should be a patrol person / lollipop person on Boundary Road and New City School at the zebra crossing because the cars do not always stop for children.
35. Lois does walk home once a week with an older child (yr. 6). They always walk on the crossing at the end of New City Road / Boundary. This is not our most direct route to school; we normally cross together at the mini roundabout. The roundabout has slowed most traffic, but this is often busy in the mornings and difficult to cross. I would not let her cross here alone. I'd like to see a zebra crossing and a lollipop person here or a pelican crossing. Cars do still drive very fast down Boundary; visibility is often poor due to parked cars to.

36. More clean environment on the road while walk to the school teach a lesson to child not to talk to the strangers and stand and stop in the middle of the road.
37. The crossing of Boundary Road into Coronation Road (at the mini roundabout) is very hazardous. Many children cross here, and it leads directly to the crossing with our lollipop lady. I think a crossing here would make sense.
38. The crossing further down is also quite challenging, as it is a multi-junction, near shops and used by large groups of secondary school children. It is not the most direct route for us."
39. I feel Tunmarsh Lane should have bigger speed humps to reduce speeding, as this is a very dangerous road.
40. Traffic in the mornings and afternoons is bad. Cars travel to fast and park anywhere they want. Only one lollipop lady has to control 4 crossing points, which gets very busy.
41. It is best to walk to school but weather plays a part as well. Heavy rain just before school time forces us to use cars. Going to work straight after taking child to school is difficult and employer complains about time keeping. As a result car journey become necessary for parents.
42. Brandon's journey to school is 1.5km and we take the bus to cover this journey.
43. Initially we lived at New City Road (very close to school)
44. We are thinking of transferring to a school closer to home to eliminate the journey.
45. The side roads from home to the school are too busy. The pavement is too narrow for all these children and adults to walk on.
46. Children should cross the road with the lollipop lady when they are travelling alone. Too many children cross by themselves which is encouraging accidents. They should always be aware if the traffic around them.
47. The mini roundabout where Coronation / Boundary road meet is a very difficult place to cross, cars go fast along here and it is difficult to see the traffic as there are too many parked cars.
48. The junction of Boundary Road and Clacton Road (even though now has mini roundabout) is extremely dangerous and could do with a crossing guard.
49. I would like Nneka to walk to school every day if possible but because we live a bit far from the school, the only thing is to drive to the school. I would try and make effort for her to walk to school in summer.
50. I would really like to have cleaner pavements near the school. Almost everyday that I walk my children to school, we have to walk over dog excrement, spit etc. Dealing with this would be a huge improvement.
51. Thank you
52. It would be very nice to have less rubbish and dog mess on our journey, it would also be great for bigger children from other schools to have more respect for parents and small children when they decide to use foul language or have a fight. But the best thing would be for people to STOP parking on the school lines, try walking for a change.
53. A bus stop should be placed very close to the school be running more often and the fares should be made cheaper.
54. I think the need more school crossing patrols on boundary road, because the most of the time it is so busy in the morning and the car don't stop. We have to wait to long.

55. I am happy with the journey we make to and from school as we walk. This gives the children an opportunity to learn the health and safety of roads.
56. The school at New City has an excellent cycle club and promotes the use of bicycles by children to and from school. Unfortunately on arriving and leaving school many ignorant parents constantly cover the yellow zig-zag lines causing danger to cycling and walking children. This must be addressed by more regulars parking warden visits.
57. My child cannot play out when she comes home from school because we live in a flat.
58. Zebra crossing needed on Boundary Road at the junction of Clacton Road and Coronation Road due to parked cars very hard to see traffic here.
59. Sometimes needing to pick the children up by car is necessary, due to myself having MS.
60. More car parking is needed near the school.
61. Lollipop person near the zebra crossing.
62. More lights turned on especially when it's dark.
63. I would like to comment on child's journey to or from school by bus. A bus stop should be mounted very close to school and they should be running more often and the bus fare should be reduced.
64. There need to be speed restrictions during school hours on the side roads from Jedburgh Road up to the school as the drivers are going too fast when you are trying to cross the road.
65. Around New City School it needs bigger pavements with lighting.
66. I think maybe if the school started at 8.30am or 8.45 would be ideal maybe because I start work at 9am and I'm rushing to get my child a school so I use the car and park in front of the school where I should not be parking.
67. There is too much dog litter on the pavement.
68. In winter the roads are too dark.
69. The way cars are parked at the end of roads means a child's visibility is poor when crossing the road and cars are still travelling too quickly - although not those carrying children.
70. Kemi and myself both travel to school together. We get a bus halfway to school then walk the rest of the way. Kemi can't walk all the way as it is too far, so we both get off the bus halfway so that we can walk the rest of the way to and from school.
71. Happy that Ronnie likes to walk and that we live in an area he feels happy to walk to school.
72. I like to go in a school bus. I like to go on a train.
73. No comments
74. No comments
75. See Callum Thomas' booklet for comment.
76. My children walk always safe. Less traffic safe for children. My children live near school
77. Cars and other vehicles definitely need to drive slowly in New City Road, Especially near the school where my children are concerned and the others too. Perhaps a speed restriction should be put in place and perhaps signs put up warning of the speed restrictions.
78. I would like to see more crossings, a crossing from the Clacton Road leading out to Boundary Road where they put a mini roundabout which is a waste of time, and they should put a crossing out side the side entrance of New City School where the zig-zag lines are.

- 79.** I think walking to school is very important. When I lived locally we always walked to school. If I have time in the mornings we always chose to park where I work or local and walk remainder of the way to school.
- 80.** In the morning children find it difficult to cross in the island as cars come from roads and sometimes refuse to stop. This happens most mornings. The lollipop allows the children to cross safely but some children don't wait for her to allow other children to be seen across the road. Parents should teach their children the green cross code.
- 81.** I would like the pavements to be more cleaners as these are mostly filled with dog mess.
- 82.** Should be more restrictions on picking and dropping on zing-zag area on road side. I hate to see them parking on zig zag lines It could be their own child running across the road all of a sudden and it's even difficult for the lollipop lady to control at the cross roads.
- 83.** At the moment my home is not that far to school is about 5 minute walk so my son likes to walk to school.
- 84.** As before making sure to parents that even just dropping off children right at the gate. parking on the zig-zags is very dangerous.
- 85.** We live too near to school and I consider it safe.
- 86.** We live in Boundary Road, which is also a bus route, this road is very busy and we have a speed problem. I would like to see a speed reduction plan on this road then I would be happy for my 10 year old son to cross safely and walk to school on his own with his friends.