

# Ambleside Primary School



# School Travel Plan

## **Section One**

### **Description of location, size and type of school:**

*Please note throughout this documentation, the new building for Ambleside Primary school, are due for completion in the autumn term 2007, has been used to write this travel plan.*

Name: Ambleside Primary School

Address: Minver Crescent  
Aspley  
Nottingham  
NG8 5PN

School Type: Community

DFES Number: 892/2122

Number of Pupils: 569

Age Range: 3 – 11 years

#### **Catchment:**

Ambleside Infant and Nursery School is situated in Aspley, on the northwest outskirts of Nottingham. It is located in an estate of local authority housing, in an area of high social disadvantage. Many pupils leave or join the school throughout the year: the school has a mobility factor of over twenty per cent, which is above average. Twenty one percent of the pupils have been identified as having special educational needs, but because of the local education authority's (LA's) policy there are no pupils who have a Statement of Special Educational Need. The vast majority of pupils are from a white British background.

- The social-economic profile of our pupils has a deprivation ranking of 0.6 compared to the national indicator of 0.2; this puts the school in the lowest 14% of schools nationally.
- Pupils live predominately in the Aspley ward of the City within the West area of Nottingham city.
- Ambleside Primary school officially opened in September 2006 with 549 pupils which included a 60 place nursery; it serves a community of social and economic deprivation.
- 98% of pupils in our school actually live in the Aspley ward.
- 52.4% of the households are rented from the council and a further 10.8% rented by landlords / letting agencies. This means that only 36.8% of houses are owner occupied, which is low compared to Nottingham City average of 50% and the National average of 68.9%
- Household composition for Aspley consists of 45% of homes with dependent children, of which, 21.3% is with only one parent. Lone parent with dependent children for Nottingham city is 9.9%
- Only 5.5% of adults in the ward go onto higher education, this is very low compared to the Nottingham City average of 17.6% and National

average of 19.9% in England. Almost half (49.6%) of 16 - 74 year olds in Aspley have no qualifications, this is significantly high compared to the Nottingham City average of 33.9% and National average of 28.9%

- This is mirrored in the number of people unemployed which is 7.5% higher than the Nottingham City average of 5.3%

*(The statistical information above is taken from the 2001 CENCUS.)*

Catchment Area:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>House Numbers/Properties</u>
Abingdon Square	All
Albury Drive	All
Allendale Avenue	odd no`s 1-279/even no`s 2-252
Ambleside Road	All
Amershan Rise	All
Aspley Lane	Odd no`s. 361-571 / Even no`s. 326-596
Aspley Park Drive	All
Aylestone Drive	All
Bankwood Close	All
Berrydown Close	All
Bexleigh Gardens	All
Bodmin Drive	All
Bramble Gardens	All
Brinsley Close	All
Broxtowe Avenue	All
Broxtowe Lane	Odd no`s. 157-343
Bryan Court	All
Calcroft Close	All
Camborne Drive	All
Commodore Gardens	All
Dalemoor Gardens	All
Elmdale Gardens	All
Exbourne Road	All
Fulwood Crescent	All
Glencairn Drive	All
Grannis Drive	All
Greendale Gardens	All
Guardian Court	All
Harwill Crescent	Odd no`s 95-179 Even no`s 2-168
Hilcot Drive	All
Kevern Close	All
Kingsbury Drive	Odd no`s. 1-45
Lamberts Gardens	All
Ledbury Vale	All
Lion close	All
Maltby Close	All
Melbourne Road	All
Minver Crescent	All

Nuthall Road	Odd no`s 409-529
Penrith Crescent	All
Pretoria Villas	All
Redmile Road	All
Robins Wood Road	Even no`s. 4-14
Roker Close	All
Rosslyn Drive	Odd no`s 1-21/Evens 2-22
Ryton Square	All
Seaton Crescent	All
Shepton Crescent	All
Sherbourne Road	All
Smedley Close	All
St. Margarets Avenue	All
Tavern Avenue	All Evens
Tenbury Crescent	All
Tiverton Close	All
Tunsall Crescent	All
Watford Road	All
Wendover Drive	Odd no`s 65-145/Evens 102-154
Wetherby Close	All
Winsford Close	All
Woodrow Avenue	All

#### School Specialisms:

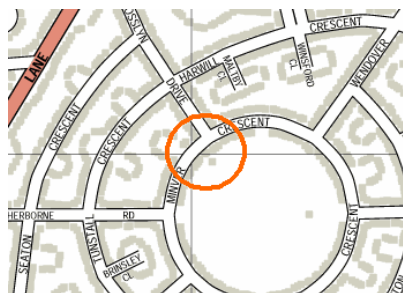
The school does not currently have any specific specialisms as it covers the breadth and balance of the Statutory National Curriculum. The school is equipped with state of the art Information technology throughout the building, it is hoped that this will become a strength within the curriculum in future years.

#### Site Description:

Ambleside Primary school is situated in the centre of the Aspley Estate, within a circular boundary. The linking rounds branch off similar to spokes of a wheel, which then have further circles extending out.

Four fifths of the children walk to and from school, with the remaining fifth by car.

Please see map below:



The school site is shared with three other buildings currently: The Aspley/Bells Lane Children's Centre; The Minver Crescent Sports Centre and the Aspley Community and Training Centre. Ambleside Primary has been built in the centre of the land and has three access points for the children and their families.

- The first entrance which has been deemed an early gate is the existing pedestrian entrance, located off Minver Crescent between Ambleside Road and Amersham Rise. This gate is locked promptly at the start of registration 8:45 a.m. every morning and open at the end of the school day.
- The second entrance is East of this and is shared with the Aspley/Bells Lane Children's Centre, Children attending the school have pedestrian access from this route. The Children's Centre does have vehicle access to its site but this is separated by fencing.
- Lastly, is the schools' main entrance for both vehicles and pedestrian access. This entrance is also shared by the; The Minver Crescent Sports Centre and the Aspley Community and Training Centre. The three buildings share the first part of the drive, before it divides off with the Sports Centre to the left, the Aspley Community and Training Centre to the right and the school drive carrying straight on. The pedestrian and vehicle entrances have separate gates but are next to each other. Pedestrians are not allowed to vehicle gate to enter the school site. The Pedestrian paths have raised pavements either side of the vehicular drive. Parents are not allowed to use the drive for dropping off purposes.
- Current numbers, vehicles and opening hours for each of the buildings on the school site are as follows;

	No. of staff	No. of Car park spaces	Opening Times	No. of staff
Ambleside Primary school	106	30 including 1 disabled 38 cycle parking	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Ambleside Primary school
Aspley/Bells Lane Children's Centre	2 full time 7 – 12 others	5 3 cycle parking	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Aspley/Bells Lane Children's Centre
The Minver Crescent Sports Centre	2	38 including 2 disabled	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Week days	The Minver Crescent Sports Centre

### Links to Local Transport Services

Bus Services from Nottingham call at both the Broadmarsh and Victoria Centres before coming out to Aspley.

- The number 35, comes to Aspley from town but takes a very long time as it goes to the QMC and around Wollaton before moving onto Aspley.
- The Number 77, comes along Aspley Lane on its way to Strelley
- The number 78, is actually the nearest for the school as it comes up Hilcot Drive and round Minver Crescent, before moving on to Broxtowe.
- The number 79, goes to Bullwell from town, it does stop at the Library on Nuthall road and also at the top of Broxtowe Lane near to Rosslyn Drive, but these are both quite a walk to the main school entrance.

The tram service from town does stop at the Wilkinson Street Tram station, but the nearest bus link from here would mean that people would have to walk to Nuthall Road to catch a bus nearer to school.

## **Section Two**

### **Description of travel and transport problems:**

#### Journeys to/from school at normal start and finish times.

Due to the legal requirements of teaching time being different for Key Stage One and Two, the start times and finish times for the children are the same but length and duration of break and lunchtime periods differ for the different ages of children:

Foundation One	08:45	-	11:45	morning session
	12:15	-	15:15	afternoon session
Foundation Two	08:45	-	15:15	
Key Stage One	08:45	-	15:15	
Key Stage Two	08:45	-	15:15	

- As written in the previous section the ratio of children walking to school as opposed to being driven is 80:20
- School does have problems with cars, not on the school drive but on Minver Crescent at the foot of the driveways, at the beginning and end of the school day. When initiatives such as Neighbourhood Wardens and the local police have patrolled the area, parents have dropped off / parked the cars further away, but as soon as they disappear the traffic resumes and congregates again. Since 2009, the school started to open the classroom doors for children to enter five minutes early before the start of registration. This has had an impact not only on punctuality but around Minver Crescent itself.
- There aren't any problems with the children at lunch time as hardly any children ever leave the site and go home.
- Children in Key Stage One and Two go swimming throughout the school week at various times. Sessions are booked during the school day, to try to avoid unnecessary congestion around Minver Crescent This has improved since the three pedestrian entrances have been in operation.
- There are traffic calming measures along all the surrounding main feeder roads which comprise of Minver Crescent; Ambleside Road; Amersham Rise; Hilcot Drive; Wendover Drive; Rosslyn Drive and Sherbourne Road.
- School is not fortunate enough to have a school crossing patrol person who works at the key times at the entrances to the school.
- Journeys to attend pre and after school activities include a breakfast club and some after school clubs. The numbers that attend these don't reflect the size of the school with a low uptake currently.
- Journeys made during the school day to attend activities involve walking to the sports centre internally within the school grounds and swimming, which is discussed above.

## **Section Four**

### **Objectives and Targets:**

The objectives of Ambleside Primary school travel plan are:

1. To improve children's health and fitness by encouraging more to walk to school.
2. To reduce the numbers of cars coming to school when dropping off and collecting children.
3. To raise awareness amongst pupils and parents about road safety.
4. To raise the profile of the school in the community.
5. To work in partnership with parents, children and the wider school community to maintain the plan.

Targets:

1. To increase the number of children walking to school with their parents from 82% to 85% by the end of 2012.
2. To decrease the number of cars coming to the school from 15% to 10%
3. To take part in the National Walk to School week each year.
4. To take part in all 'Hands up Surveys' and Road Safety Quizzes from both the Local Authority and nationally.
5. To promote walking to school amongst parents using the school newsletter with a section written by the school council.
6. For children to design permanent signs to be placed on the boundary gates/Minver Crescent.
7. Cycling Proficiency to be offered to all Year 5 & 6 children who attend the school. Children who are successful in passing to be able to have the option of cycling every day to school.



## Section Five

### Ambleside Primary School Action Plan:

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHOM</b>	<b>DONE</b>
Ask staff parking on site to arrive before 8:30 and leave after 3:30 pm if possible	September	Head Teacher	√
Site Manager to lock the school vehicle gates at 8:30 and to be electronically operated throughout the day	September	Site Manager	√
School council to discuss ways of encouraging parents of the benefits from walking to school – School calendar to be produced for all children	Autumn term	School Council	
Within the Geography local study get the pupils to conduct a classroom mapping exercise to identify routes children walk to school – get them to evaluate if everyone takes the best route.	Summer Term	Year 5	√
Pupils to design school safety signs / do not park here signs, showing dangers of parking too near to school gates – get professionally laminated.	Autumn term	Pupils at the school	√
Take part in Local Authority initiatives such as the road safety quiz and 'hands up surveys.	Spring term	Whole school	√
Implement any safer routes measures required to address road safety concerns in conjunction with Safer Routes Officers	Summer term	Whole school community	√
Explore the possibility of having more cycle bays for cycles. Provide accessible training for all children who want to ride safely to school.	Summer term	Head Teacher	√

## **Section Six**

### **Consultation Process:**

The school travel plan has been discussed and developed initially by the Head Teacher and School Travel plan Adviser at Nottingham City Local Authority.

Parents Governors and the Governors Pupils and Personal sub-committee relook at this plan on an annual basis.

Initially all parents and carers were invited to a series of meetings during the summer term 2006 to discuss developments in relation to the new school. Within these meetings the school travel plan was discussed with particular reference to parking near to the school gates and the increased entrance routes the new school would have.

School Council will play a key role in developing and enhancing safer routes with both the children in the school when they feedback from their discussions.

The school website will be used to inform and advise our parents of both sustainable travel and our school travel plan when updated.

The school travel plan will be available for parents and the wider community to read on the school website and within the school prospectus.

The Senior Officer at Broxtowe Police Station will be sent a copy of the school travel plan for information.

## **Section Seven**

### **How we will monitor and review progress:**

The Head teacher listens to the views of parents/ carers concerning travel to and from school. Any issues are monitored with the traffic / transport situations.

We will take part in the Annual Hands up travel survey each year so we can monitor the ratio of children walking or being brought to school.

We will also measure how many children take part in the 'Walk to school Week' in May each year.

Results of progress on the school travel plan will be included on the school website.

We will have the school travel plan as an annual agenda item within the governors 'Pupils and Personnel' sub-committee during the summer term. Progress on the Action plan will be discussed and minuted within this forum.

## **Section Eight**

### **Supporting Information Enclosed:**

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