

# School Travel Plan

For

Redwell Infant School (9282215)

And

Redwell Junior School (9282216)

1<sup>st</sup> July 2013

Signed for  
Redwell Infant and Junior School

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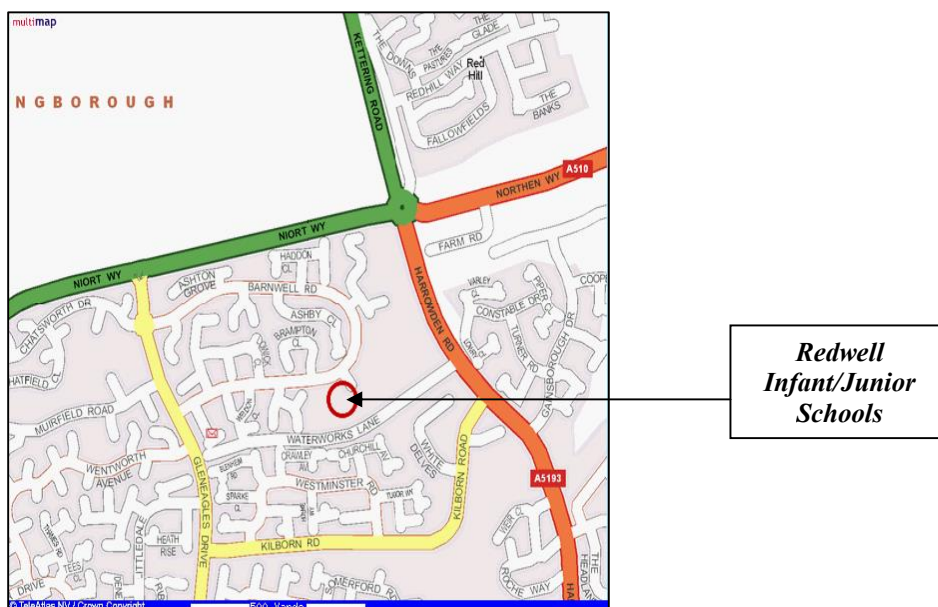
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## Redwell Infant School (9282215)/Redwell Junior School (9282216) Barnwell Road, Wellingborough NN8 5LQ

### *Description of School Location*

Redwell Infant School and Redwell Junior School share a campus, situated to the north of Wellingborough. Both are community schools and cater for age ranges 4 to 7 and 7 to 11. The schools primarily serve the Barnwell Road estate and Gleneagles area, with a high percentage of parents having to cross Gleneagles Drive, a busy road with one pedestrian crossing and an underpass, both located near to the shopping area. Many people would need to divert their route to use this crossing. Parents do travel from other areas including;

- Redhill Grange, children and parents on this estate have the use of a foot bridge that crosses the A509, (main trunk road between Kettering and Wellingborough) and an underpass to cross Northen Way (Wellingborough ring road)
- Vicarage Farm, pedestrian route requiring the crossing of Kilborn Road, a busy road where cars regularly break the 30mph limit and with no pedestrian crossing.



Both Barnwell Road, to the front of the school, and Churchill Avenue, to the rear, are congested at the beginning and end of the school day due to parked cars. There is a zebra crossing outside the front school entrance that is well used. Adjacent to the school site is a popular leisure centre (Redwell Leisure Centre) with a large car park. In the past parents have been permitted to use this facility to park and stride to school.

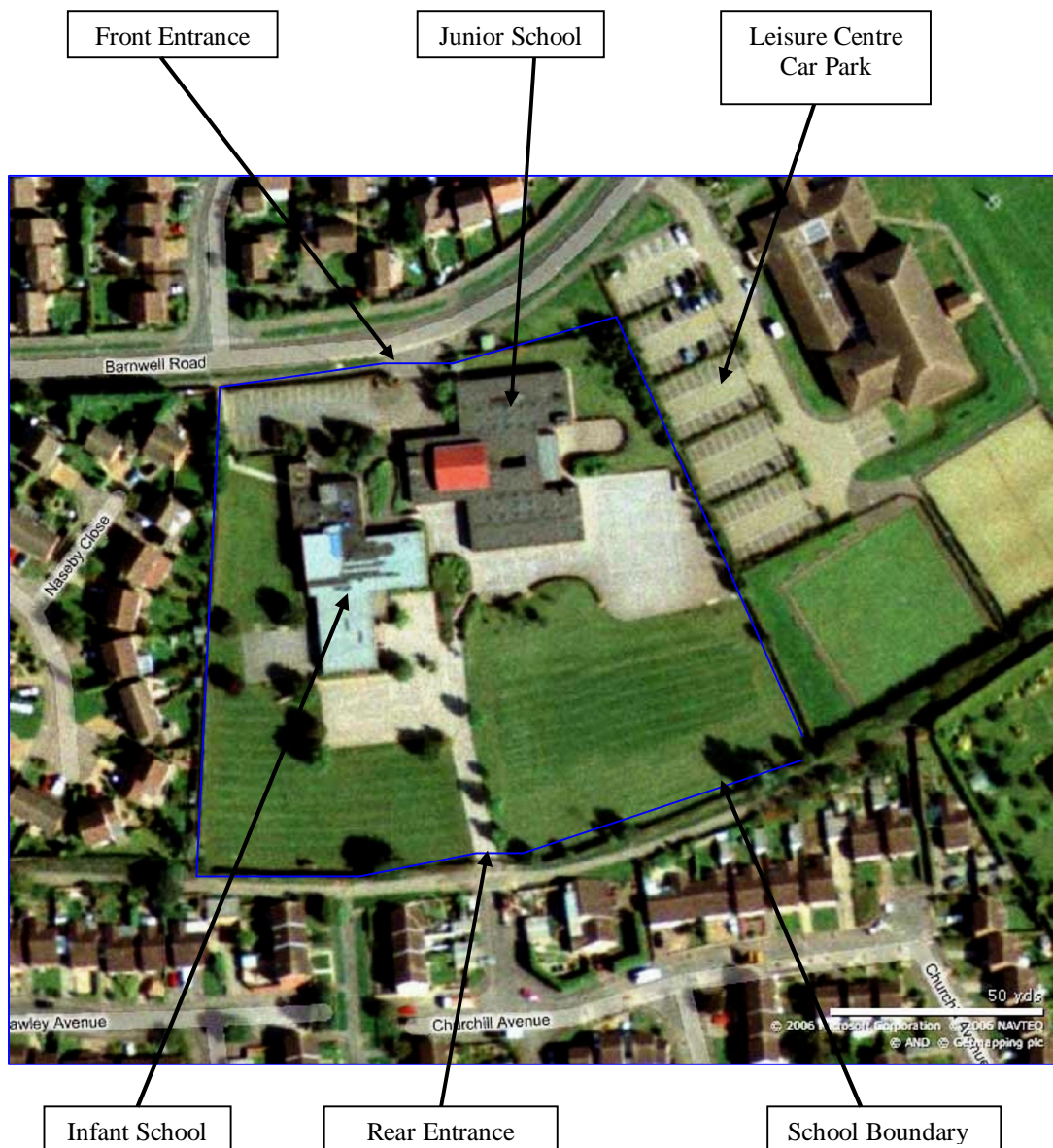
At present there are 180 children attending the Infant school and 240 attending the Junior School. However, additional school places are required across the town. There will be a statutory consultation in the autumn term 2013 on the proposal to increase the published admission number from 60 to 90 pupils per year group. Children arrive between 8.30am and 9.10am and most leave at 3.30pm. There are after school clubs at both schools with a number of children leaving between 4:15pm ó 5:00pm. The Junior school is used by a number of external groups during the evening and a church group at weekends.

Children are occasionally transported by coach, from the Barnwell Road entrance, and taken to a local swimming pool in town during school hours. Coaches are used for school outings.

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## *Travel and Transport Problems*

- Busy periods of the day are morning opening and afternoon closure times. The two schools share entrances to the front in Barnwell Road and the rear, off of Churchill Avenue.
- There are a total of 60 staff plus other visiting educators, parent helpers and student teachers, many of whom come to the site in cars. The school has a total of 24 marked parking bays, 1 is allocated for disabled drivers and 3 unmarked parking spots. There is no additional parking and visitors are required to park outside of school grounds. However there is an ongoing informal agreement with Redwell Leisure Centre that staff and parents can use their car park.



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## *Surveys*

- Infant and Junior school parents were surveyed in July 2013. Return rate: total of 66 from 180 and 240.
- Infant and Junior Junior school pupils were surveyed in July 2013. Return rate: 360 from 180 and 240

Sample questionnaires can be found in the Appendix.

## ***Information from Parent Questionnaires***

66 questionnaires were returned.

Of the 66 questionnaires returned:-

- 76% walk all the way to and from school.
- The vast majority of parents live within 1 mile of the school.

## Problems Identified

- Inconsiderate / poor parking
- Speeding cars
- High volume of parked cars outside school
- Parking on and obstructing pathways, potentially blocking access for emergency vehicles
- Congestion causing obstructed vision of pedestrians
- Failure of cars to stop at pedestrian crossings
- Cars stopping/parking on the zigzags and at junctions
- Cars using the school entrance to turn
- Limited space to park
- Parents opening rear doors and children exiting onto road instead of pathway
- Needing to go onto other schools/work
- Distance to school/living too far away
- Health Issues ó breathlessness, legs aching, carrying bags/musical instruments
- After school commitments

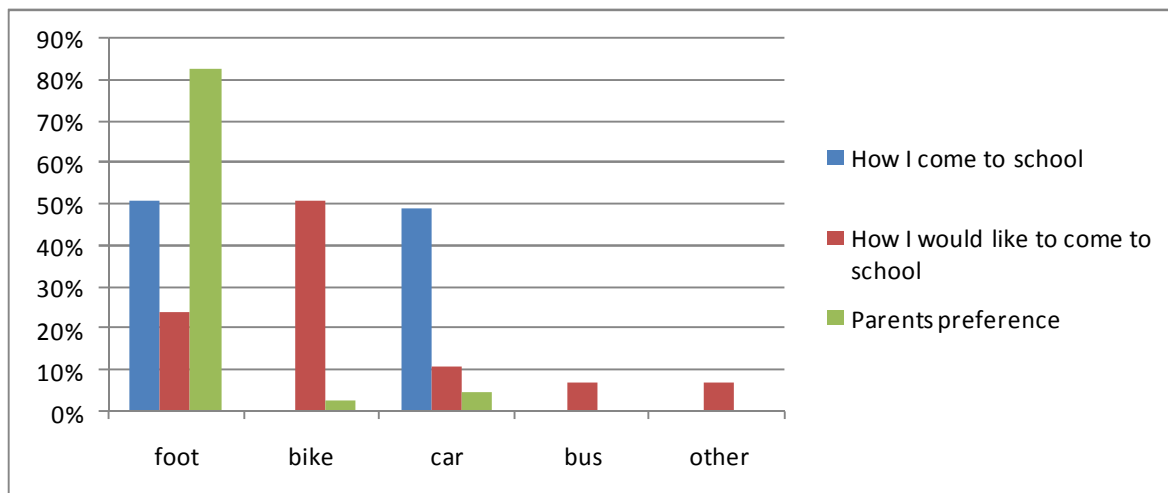
## Encouraging Children to walk/cycle

- Provide a crossing on Kilborn Road
- Better weather
- Parents to make walking a daily routine
- Using bikes / scooters
- Get up earlier
- Walking bus ran by parent volunteers
- Bring a toy to walk with
- Get employment closer to school
- Flexible working hours for parents
- Walking dog to school and having a facility to tie dog up outside
- Residing closer to school
- Improve safety of crossing
- Reduce volume of cars

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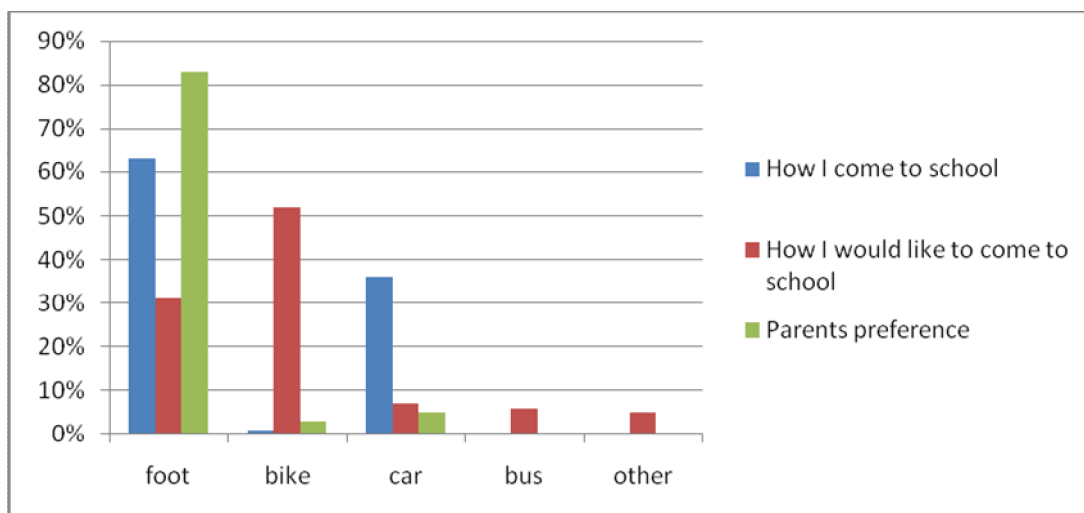
## *Travelling to school pupil surveys*

### *Junior School Data*



It is clear that the majority of children and parents are keen to walk although the parent surveys have highlighted a number of obstacles to achieving a reduction in car travel such as needing to get to work on time and poor weather conditions.

### *Infant School Data*



More Infant School children walk to school compared to children at the Junior School.

According to the Infant and Junior school pupils surveyed, 55% walk to and from school.

Children commented that the walk to school could be improved by:

- Dog mess being cleared
- Cars slowing down
- A lollipop lady
- Less graffiti/rubbish in area
- Cycle pathways
- More friends walking together to/from school

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- Walking a dog to school
- Cycling/scootering to/from school
- Having a place to leave scooters and bikes





## **Action Plan**

### *Objective*

*To reduce traffic congestion at the beginning and end of the school day*

### *Targets*

*1: To increase the numbers of children walking to school from 55% to 65% by July 2014*

*2: For all children to access age appropriate education relating to healthier lifestyles through the School Travel Plan by July 2014*

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**Objective: To reduce congestion outside of the school entrance at the beginning and end of the school day.**

**Target 1: To increase the numbers of children walking to school from 55% to 65% by July 2014.**

Action No.	Description	Resp person	Time scale	Success criteria	Monitoring and Evaluation			Resource Requirement
					Method	Timescale	Resp person	
1	Promote a park and stride scheme, using Redwell Leisure Centre car park.	PC (gov) / JLo + SR/ staff.	Sept 2013 ongoing	Reduction in parking at the school gate.	Survey half termly	From Sept 2013 ongoing..	H & S committee to check / gobs / SMT / community police	Advertising / newsletter / website Display reminder notices to keep parents informed. Parking signs at Redwell Leisure car park.
2	To continue to participate in national walk to school week activities. (WOW) Promote advertising of WOW to parents.	Staff / gobs/parent reps/School Council	Sept 2013 ongoing	Regular walk to school activities increased.	Hands up surveys. Traffic monitoring. WOW chart. Assemblies	From Sept 2013 ongoing.	Staff / gobs / RA/parent reps police liaison officers/ School Council	Advertising / newsletter / website Send text alerts to keep parents informed.
3	To continue to ask deliveries to enter school at off peak times. Request made when ordering	Admin staff RJS/RIS	Sept 2013 ongoing	Safe deliveries into school.	RA / admin staff to monitor times of deliveries.	From Sept 2013 ongoing.	Admin staff/RA	n/a
4	To look at feasibility of unofficial walking buses.	Parent council at RJS/RIS	Sept 2013 ongoing	Unofficial walking buses in operation.	Feedback through parent rep council and School Council	From Sept 2013 ongoing	Parent council at RJS/RIS	Advertising / newsletter / website Display reminder notices to keep parents informed.
5	Investigate feasibility of Year 6 cycling to school and providing larger secure bike/scooter storage	Travel Plan Working Party	Sept 2013 ongoing	Agreement from parents/ Year 5/6 training in place	Costings from LA Cycle Training co-ordinator/ Parent Survey	From Sept 2013 ongoing	Travel Plan Working Party	n/a
6	Provide a before/after school club.	SR/Govs/SP/AA	Sept 2013 ongoing	Staggered drop off/pick up on site thus reduced volume of traffic	Information from NCC re setting up before/after school provision.	July 2013	SR/Govs/AA/SP	Advertising
7	Investigate Safer Routes to school with view to 20mph limit on Barnwell Rd	Northants Police Force/ School Travel Plan Officer/Governors/SP/AA	Sept 2013 ongoing	Safer Routes to School in place	Govs/SR to liaise with NCC Police/Travel plan advisor at LA	From Sept 2013 ongoing	Govs/SR/Travel Plan Working party	
8	Investigate the feasibility of staggering start/finish times in Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	Govs	Sept 2013 ongoing	Reduced volume of traffic	SR to investigate with LA and report to Govs	From Sept 2013 ongoing	SR/Govs/Working party	Newsletter/ parent consultation evening

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**Objective: To reduce congestion outside of the school entrance at the beginning and end of the school day.**

**Target 2: For all children to access age appropriate education relating to healthier lifestyles through the School Travel Plan by July 2014.**

Action No.	Description	Resp person	Time scale	Success criteria	Monitoring and Evaluation			Resource Requirement
					Method	Timescale	Resp person	
1.	Link proposals to curriculum, through PSHE/SEAL and whole school assemblies	All staff.	Starting Sept ø3.	Children educated to recognise importance of travel plan within curriculum	Staff feedback.	Sept ø13 ongoing	SP/AA / Curr leaders / SMT	Travel Plan
2.	Link to healthy schools and Every Child matters agenda.	All staff/School Councils	Starting Sept ø3.	Improved awareness of health issues linked to exercise and wellbeing. Reapply for Healthy schools award	Project work completed by children / CTø feedback.	Sept ø13 ongoing	SMT / govns/School Councils	-
3.	Discuss travel plan proposals with community (Govns, parents, residents in surrounding area to school site)	Travel Plan working party/Admin staff	Starting Sept ø3.	Community is aware of travel plan survey including action plan. All parents to be given a summary of travel plan targets on platform. Termly newsletter to provide update. New parents aware of safe parking areas and Walk to School/WOW dates.	Feedback from parent rep meetings/newsletter /advertising/WOW promotion	Sept ø13 ongoing	Travel plan working party/SMT/SR	Newsletters/text alerts/website/platform/new info included in induction pack.
5.	Walk on Wednesday - once a month. (School Initiative)	Govns / all staff	Starting Sept ø3.	Significant reduction in vehicle usage on that day.	Hands up survey to assess modal shift.	On day of event.	CTø./School Council	Tally Sheet for each class

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## Consultation.

The following have taken place:

- Travel Plan Working Party formed with representatives from Staff, Governors/Parents and School Council
- Parents questionnaires carried out for Redwell Infant School, July 2013
- Parent questionnaires carried out for Redwell Junior School, July 2013
- Redwell Junior and Infant School Pupils surveyed July 2013
- Ongoing consultation of schools and local police who are regularly on site to monitor situations
- Travel Plan working Parties for Redwell Infant School Working and Redwell Junior School merged

## Monitoring and Review

- The next survey will be completed in July 2014, and annually thereafter.  
Responsibility: Travel Plan Working Party
- The School Travel Plan will be reviewed in June 2014  
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- The Travel Plan Working Party will consider pupil travel needs arising from new developments in Education and Transport provision and the School Travel Plan will be revised as necessary.

# *Appendix*

# Travel Plan 2013

## How I travel to School

Please help us to find out about how you travel to school and what problems you might have

### My journey to school

1. **I normally travel to school...**  
Please record number of children

On my own	<input type="text"/>
With my parents or guardians	<input type="text"/>
With other adults	<input type="text"/>
Other children	<input type="text"/>
With a neighbour	<input type="text"/>
With brothers and sisters	<input type="text"/>

2. **I travel to school...** (for the main part of your journey)  
Please record the number of children.

On foot	By Bike	By car	By bus	Other.....
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

3. **Do you own a bicycle?** Please record number of children.

yes	<input type="text"/>	no	<input type="text"/>
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4. **If you could choose, how would you like to come to school?**  
Draw a circle around your answer (one answer only)

On foot	By Bike	By car	By bus	Other.....
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

5. **What would make walking to school better?**

**Thank you very much for filling in this questionnaire. Please give it to Jo / Mel by 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013.**

*Redwell Infant and Junior  
School  
Parent  
Survey*





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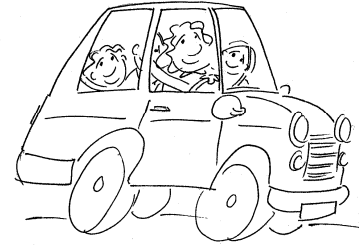
## SECTION THREE: (to be answered by **car users only**)

5 If you drive your child/ children to school, how many children are usually in the car?

Own children  1  2  3  More than 3

Other children  0  1  2  More than 3

How many of the above children are pre-school age?



6 Would car sharing with other parents be a possibility for the future?

Yes

No

7 When you drive to school, where do you usually park?

Leisure Centre Car Park

Tesco Car Park

Churchill Avenue

Crawley Avenue

Barnwell Road (or roads off)

Other (please specify) .....

8 What problems (if any) do you experience when travelling to school?

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## SECTION FOUR: (please answer as if your child walks/cycles to school)

9 How safe do you consider your route to be? (Please tick **one** box only)

Very safe

Fairly safe

Unsafe  Dangerous

