

Viking Academy Trust



Upton Travel Plan

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Chair of Trust



The VIKING ACADEMY TRUST 'Staff Induction Policy' has been written after consultation with staff and following DfE guidance.

Viking Academy Trust

Schools in the Viking Academy Trust (VAT)

Chilton Primary School

Ramsgate Free School

Upton Junior School

This Upton Travel Plan is specific to Upton Junior School.

Upton Junior School

- Is situated in the coastal town of Broadstairs, in Kent in a suburban setting.
- Has only Junior pupils from 7-11 years old
- Address is Edge End Road
- Postcode CT10 2AH
- E-mail office@upton.kent.sch.uk
- Website www.upton.kent.sch.uk
- Has just over 520 pupils in 16 classes. There are 26 teaching staff and a total staff of over 70 people.
- Mainly serves an area within a mile radius of the school
- Is popular and over subscribed

Although the school is situated in a quiet, residential area, which is also a one-way street, there is dreadful congestion at the beginning and end of the school day. Residents complain about car parking and we have problems with pupils being dropped off from cars into the middle of the road.

There is a cycle path at the end of the road, but this runs in the opposite direction from where most of our families live (see Map).

We received a grant to provide cycle storage and this is in constant use. The local feeder schools are either quite a distance away, or at the end of 2 smelly, dirty alleyways. Both alleys are poorly lit in Winter, littered with dog excrement and not safe for pupils to use on their own

With the local Secondary Schools increasing their numbers of pupils, the congestion problem can only get worse. The surrounding roads are constantly busy and drivers are seeking alternative routes, making more traffic on the local roads around the school. We are working with the local Secondary school on the 20 is plenty scheme.

We introduced a morning drop off zone, which is working very well and relieves the congestion in Edge End Road.

The local PCSO often attends at the beginning and end of the school day to check parking rules are enforced.

Residents meet regularly with the Headteacher to resolve issues from car parking.

The school's strengths are

- having an excellent crossing patrol man on the busy main road
- sited within 5 minutes walk of local bus (every 10 minutes) and rail links
- zig zag lines and advisory signs in Edge End Road
- a supportive PTFA and Governing Body
- having a strong development programme for all areas of the school
- an active Health & Safety ethos
- Regular communication and meetings with local residents with school leadership team, governing body and highways

The 2014 Pupil survey of how they come to school gives the following results...

Pupil Travel Survey March 2014

	<u>Walk</u>	<u>Bus</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Scooter</u>	<u>Cycle</u>	<u>Total</u>
3B	16	0	14	2	1	33
3G	7	0	22	0	2	31
3R	12	0	18	1	0	31
3Y	9	0	23	0	1	33
4B	11	0	14	0	1	26
4G	8	1	19	1	2	31
4R	10	1	21	1	0	33
4Y	10	0	22	0	1	33
5B	15	0	13	0	0	28
5G	9	1	18	0	0	28
5R	14	0	13	0	1	28
5Y	13	0	17	0	0	30
6B	9	0	17	0	5	31
6G	16	0	16	0	1	33
6R	8	0	17	1	4	30
6Y	10	1	20	0	2	33
Totals	177	4	284	6	21	492
%	35.98	0.81	57.72	1.22	4.27	

From this survey, we conclude that

- over half the pupils come to school by car
- over a third of the pupils walk to school
- the cycle storage is in good use

Staff were also surveyed. 40 replies were received = 53% of staff at school

<u>Walk</u>	<u>Bus</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Scooter</u>	<u>Cycle</u>	<u>Total</u>
7	1	31	1	0	40

Targets for action

- 1 Look at traffic calming methods - liaise with local school in the 20 is plenty scheme
- 2 Consider a walking bus scheme
- 3 Encourage parents to park away from school site and walk the rest of the way - pedestrian gate on Broadstairs Road
- 4 Improve the ambience of the alleyways to our link Infant school

We will be asking the local authority to help us with

- traffic calming measures
- enforcing the zigzag lines
- keeping alleyways clean
- improving street lighting & signage
- pedestrian gate on Broadstairs Road