



# CORBY OLD VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TRAVEL PLAN

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## 1.Introduction

Corby Old Village Primary School was the original Corby Old Village school. It is set near the end of the High Street in Corby Old Village and is surrounded by a community which enjoy and embrace their cultural heritage which see the school as “keeping up traditions”. The present facilities were built in 1913 on the original school site which was founded in 1834. It has green fields and trees and the building is surrounded on 3 sides with a variety of tarmac areas. There are two gateways into the site. The main entrance off High Street is for pedestrians, emergency vehicles and large delivery lorries. The rear entrance, off Meeting Lane, which is a one way street, is for cars, vans and deliveries which do not need a large turning circle. There is a security pedestrian gate and fence between the car park and the playground. During the day, staff are encouraged to keep all gates closed except the Meeting Lane gate for immediate access and large vehicles needing to enter through the front gates are asked not to during breaktimes. There is no signage explaining any of this.

The car park has some markings that were originally to indicate staff spaces. There are currently 11 spaces marked for staff and an additional 15 spaces and one disabled parking space. At parent dropping off and pick up times there are approximately 15 spaces used by staff leaving approximately 11 spaces free for parents. Visitors to the site are scheduled away from school start and end times. There are external bike racks however these are not currently within the secure site grounds during the day.

The school currently, (September 2014) has 171 pupils on roll ranging from 4-11 year olds. 2 pupils on current roll have SEN statements, neither of which have any transport provided. The families mainly live within 1 mile of the school as indicated on the accompanying map.

The school day starts at 8.45a.m. and ends at 3.00p.m. However, the school offers after school clubs and activities, at present, 3 days out of 5. These usually finish by 4.30p.m. The school sometimes transport pupils after school to inter-school sports activities. Parents and teachers use their cars to support these activities.

The school currently has 9 teachers and 19 support staff. The majority of these staff, especially the teachers, live in excess of 3 miles from the school so have to use cars to transport them to and from work.

## Progress to date.

Road Safety has been included in the curriculum from 2002, with regular whole school assemblies, the outside Foundation Stage Curriculum including bikes and cars and road safety signs, markings and role play given high profile. The School Crossing Patrol Lady financed by the school is well respected within the community.

Newsletters regularly remind parents of road safety issues that the school are aware of. The use and safety requirements of the school car park are also regularly highlighted in communications with parents.

The school also bought some hi-visibility jackets to add to their uniform list for sale. Very few families show an interest at present.

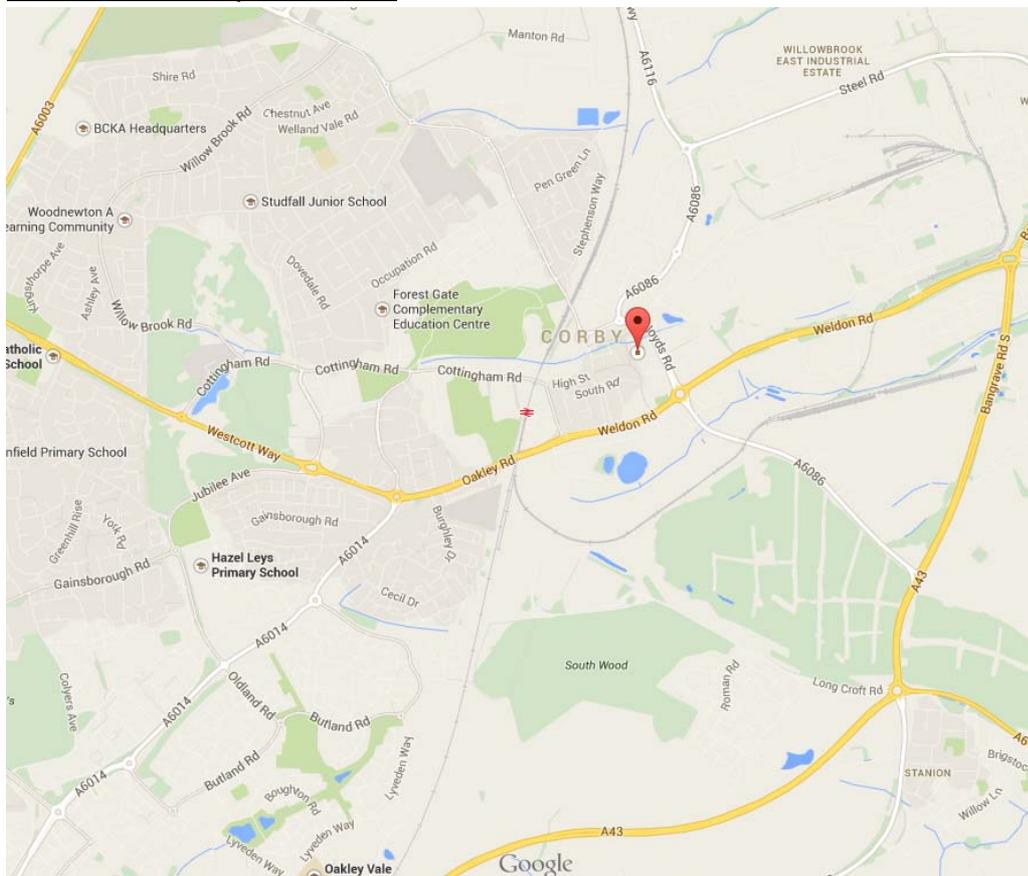
Bikeability cycle training is offered every year to year 6 pupils and the majority of pupils complete this course successfully.

### Current Planned Site Development

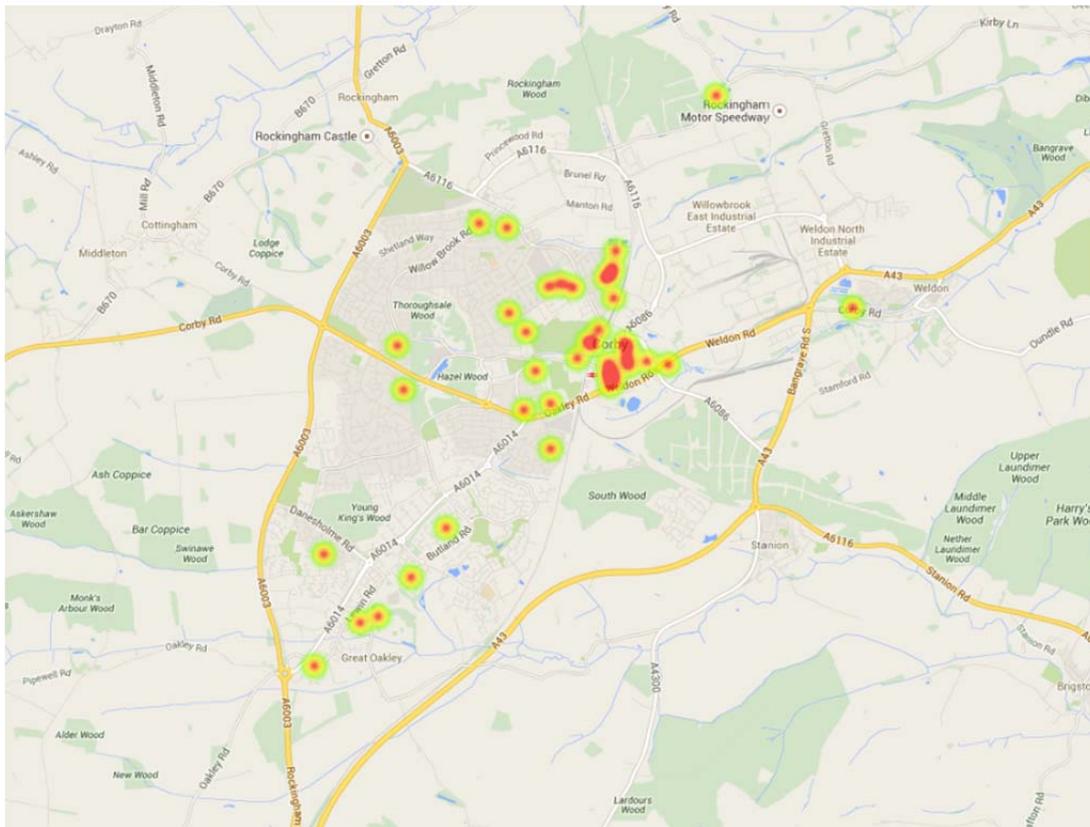
In September 2013 the school increased its Published Admission Number (PAN) to 30 for the first time. In September 2015, these pupils will enter year 2 where the proposed classroom is not large enough for 30 pupils and thereafter in Key Stage 2 there is insufficient accommodation for the 7-11 age ranges to progress through the school in mixed year groups in 3 classrooms as current.

Northamptonshire County Council has agreed funding for a proposed extension on one new classroom, extension to 3 current classrooms and a new school hall large enough to cater for the expansion above.

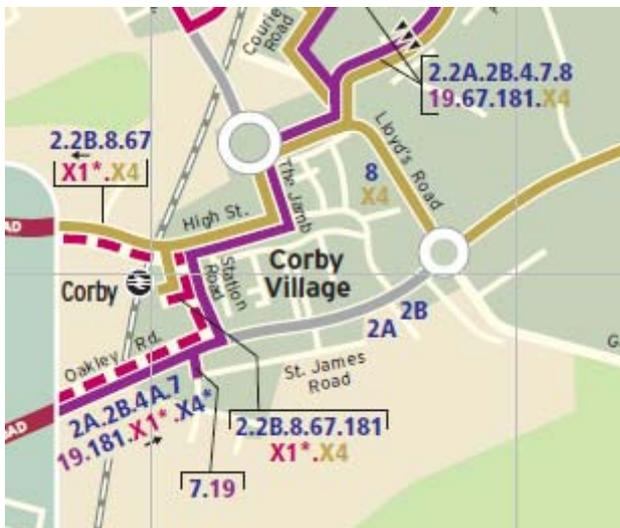
### 1.4 Location Map of School



## Postcode distribution of families



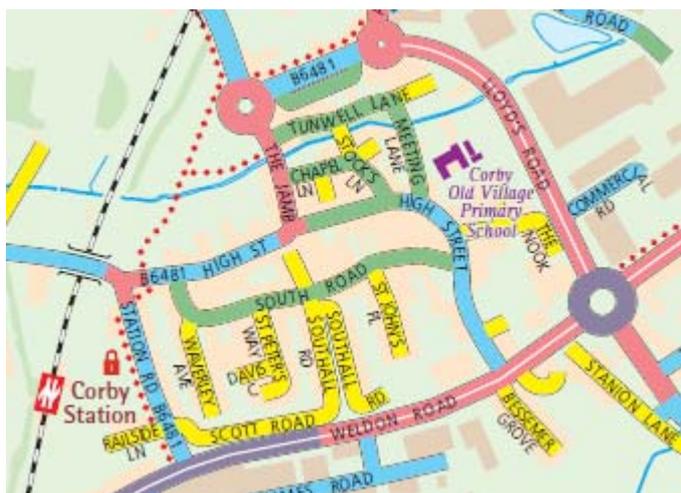
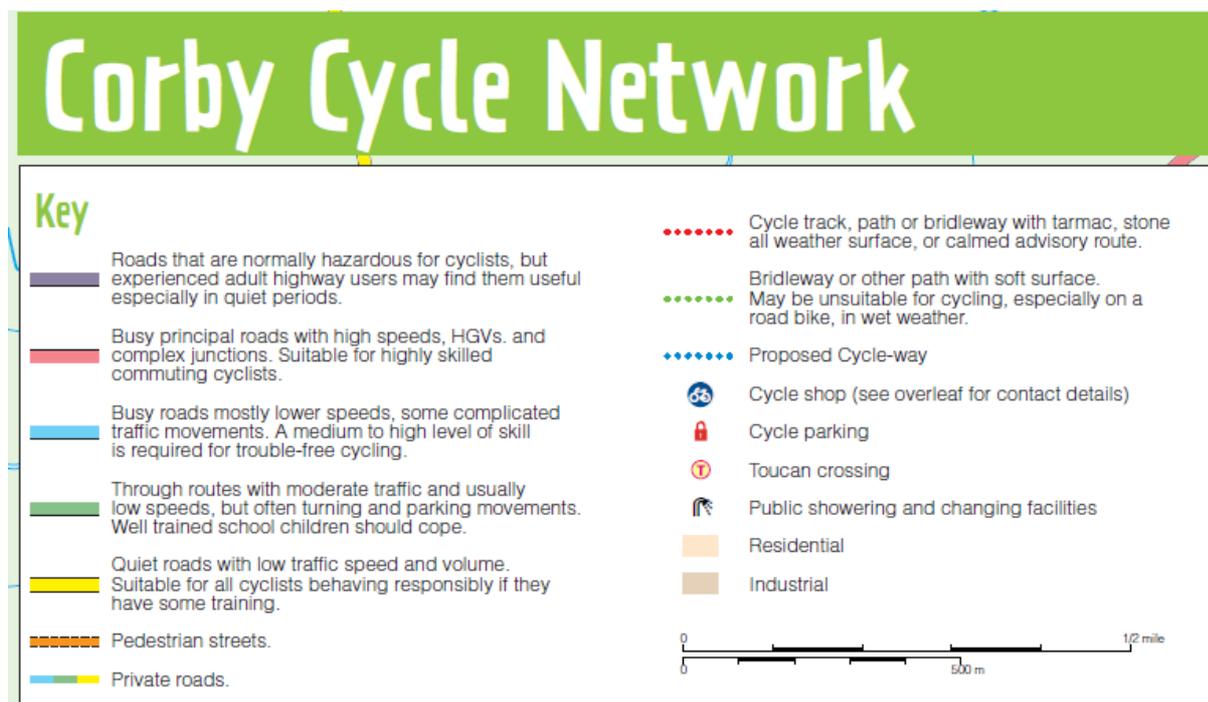
## 1.5 Local Transport links



As the school is within 10 minutes walking distance from Corby station it can be reached by bus routes 2, 2A, 2B, 4, 4A, 7, 8, 19, 67, 181, X1 and X4 operated in the Corby area by Stagecoach.

The train station is on a direct line from Kettering.

## Corby Cycle Routes



[http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Transport/walking/Documents/PDF%20Documents/Corby Cycle Map main side.pdf](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Transport/walking/Documents/PDF%20Documents/Corby%20Cycle%20Map%20main%20side.pdf)

There are no marked cycle route in the surrounding area of the school, and the extracts above show the classification of the local roads for cycling on.

### 1.6 Existing Travel facilities

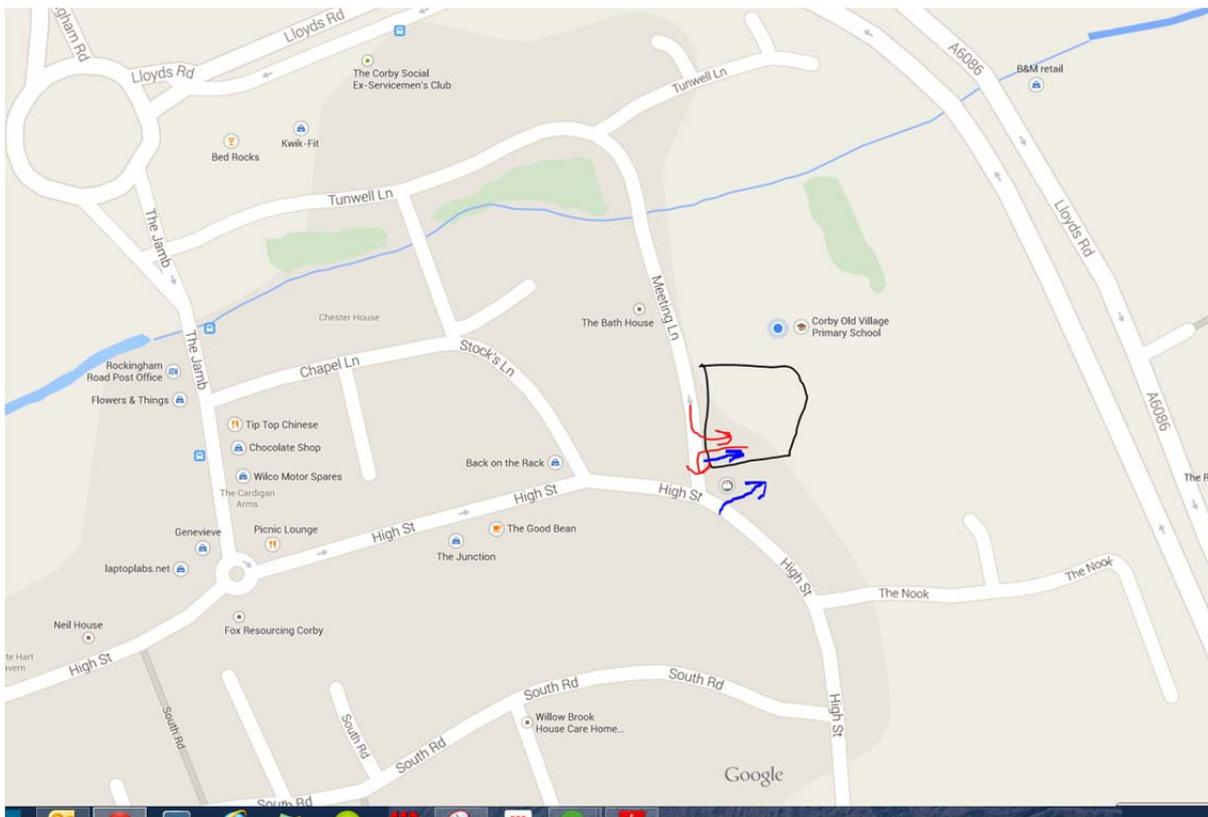
The previous travel Plan funding was used to purchase bike stands, these are still in use. The school car park is available for parental use at drop of and pick up times.

## **2. Travel and Transport Issues**

There can occasionally be parking and congestion issues at drop off and pick up times in the surrounding area. Parents will park on the High Street and surrounding roads as well as the school car park. We remind parents to be considerate of local residents in newsletters and occasionally ask the local Police community officer to patrol the area. There is a School Crossing patrol outside of the school gates on the High Street and this provides the main pedestrian access during drop off / pick up periods.

The only regular journey taken by pupils is a weekly trip to swimming lessons which is picked up by a local minibus service.

Visitors to the site are able to park in the school car park and the postcode for the entrance to this on Meeting Lane is displayed on our school website.



The extract above shows the location of the school car park (marked in black), the access points for vehicles (shown in red) and pedestrian access points (shown in blue).

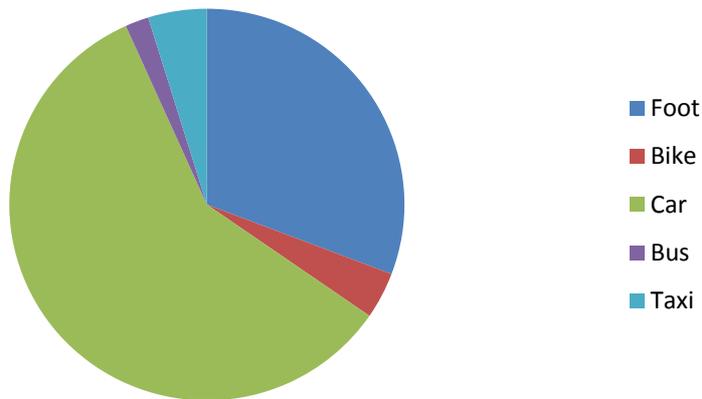
## TRAVEL SURVEY

### 3.1 Pupil Survey

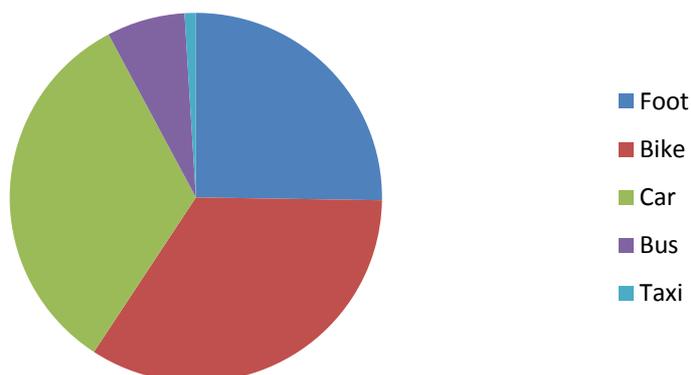
A survey was carried out in school at the beginning of October 2014 with all pupils about how they normally travelled to school and how they would prefer to travel to school. Many children reported having a bike but not currently using it for coming to school with. Children were asked how they normally travelled to school and how they would prefer to. The results are shown below:

	Travel to school	Would like to travel to school
	Percentage	Percentage
Foot	30.8	25.2
Bike	3.8	34
Car	58.7	33
Bus	1.9	6.8
Taxi	4.8	1

### How pupils travel to school



### How pupils would prefer to travel to school



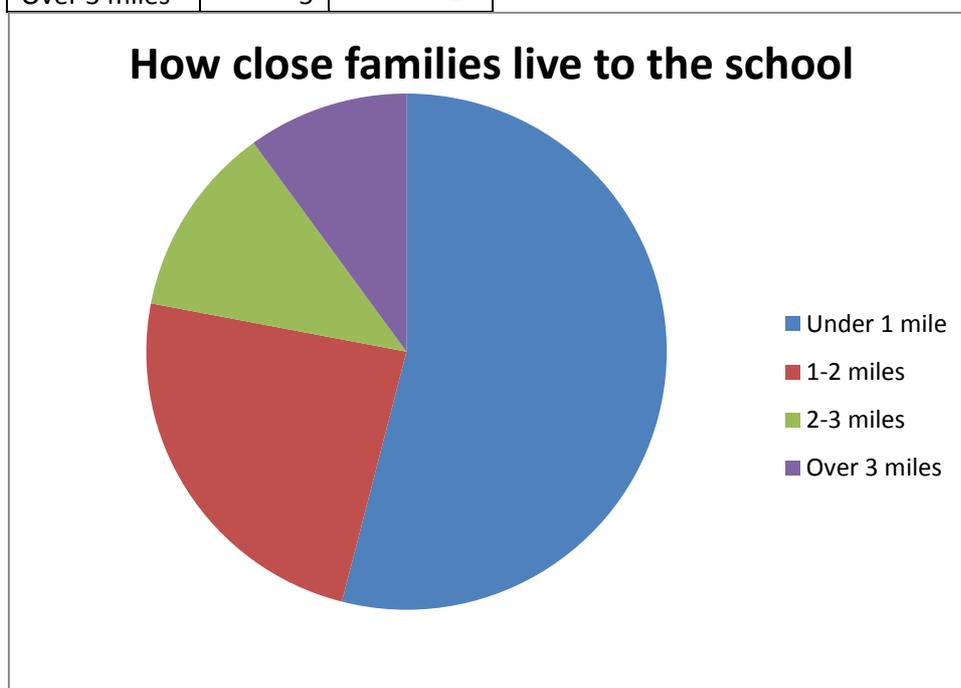
### **3.2 Parents Survey**

A survey on travel to school was sent out to 127 families in September 2014, 50 responses were received, not all questions were answered by all responders.

#### **Travel to School**

The majority of parents live locally to school. The results of a recent parent survey showed that of responders the distances below:

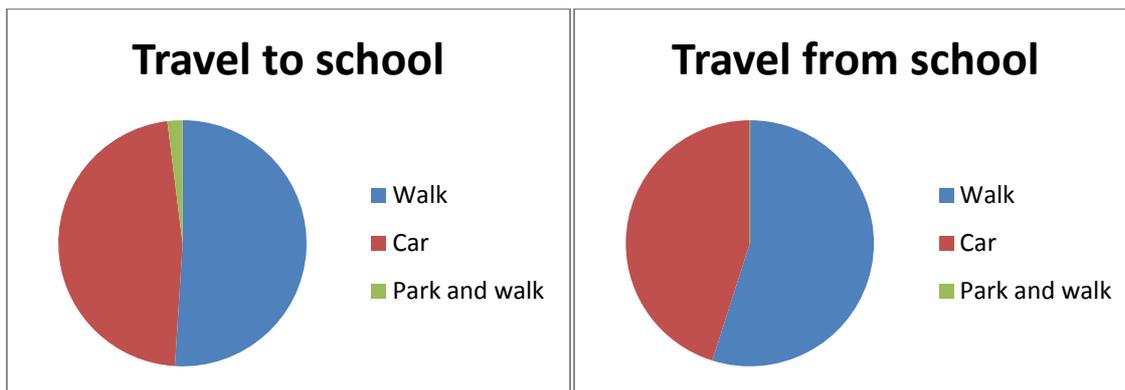
	Number	Percentage
Under 1 mile	27	54
1-2 miles	12	24
2-3 miles	6	12
Over 3 miles	5	10



#### **Modes of Travel**

The travel survey asked parents to update modes of travel. Information received is shown below.

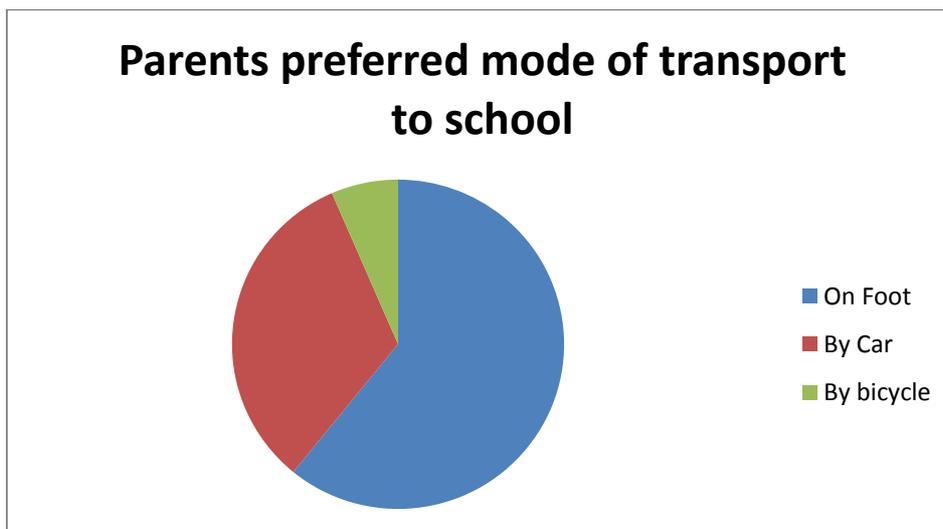
	Travel to school		Travel from school	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Walk	26	52	28	56
Car	23	46	22	44
Park and walk	1	2	0	0



### Preferred mode of transport to school

Parents were asked what their preferred mode of transport to school would be.

	Number	Percentage
On foot	28	61
By car	15	33
By Bicycle	3	6

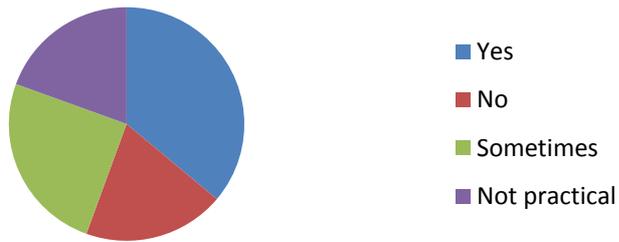


Two thirds of journeys in a car are specifically made to take children to school and of these 34% have only 1 child in the car, 55% have 2 children in the car and 11% have 3 children in the car.

We asked parents if suitable parking was available, would they be prepared to park a short distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way. The responses are outlined below

	Number	Percentage
Yes	13	36
No	7	19.5
Sometimes	9	25
Not practical	7	19.5

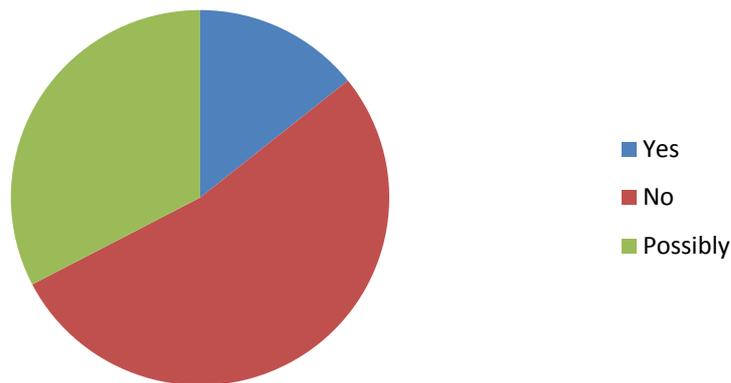
### Parents prepared to park and walk



We also asked if parents would be willing to use a 'walking bus', and if they would offer to become a parent volunteer, taking it in turns to escort children. Responses are outlined below.

	Use a walking bus		Volunteer to help	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Yes	7	14.3	6	12.2
No	26	53.1	34	69.4
Possibly	16	32.6	9	18.4

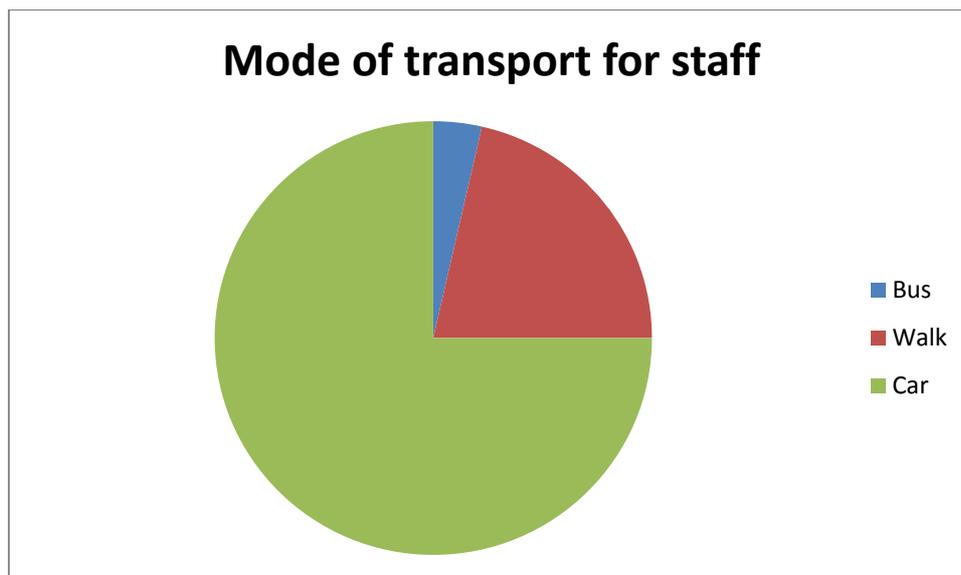
### Willing to volunteer and run a walking bus



### **3.3 Review of staff**

Corby Old Village has 28 staff, below is the breakdown of main modes of travel into work.

	Mode of transport	
	Number	Percentage
Bus	1	3.6
Walk	6	21.4
Car	21	75

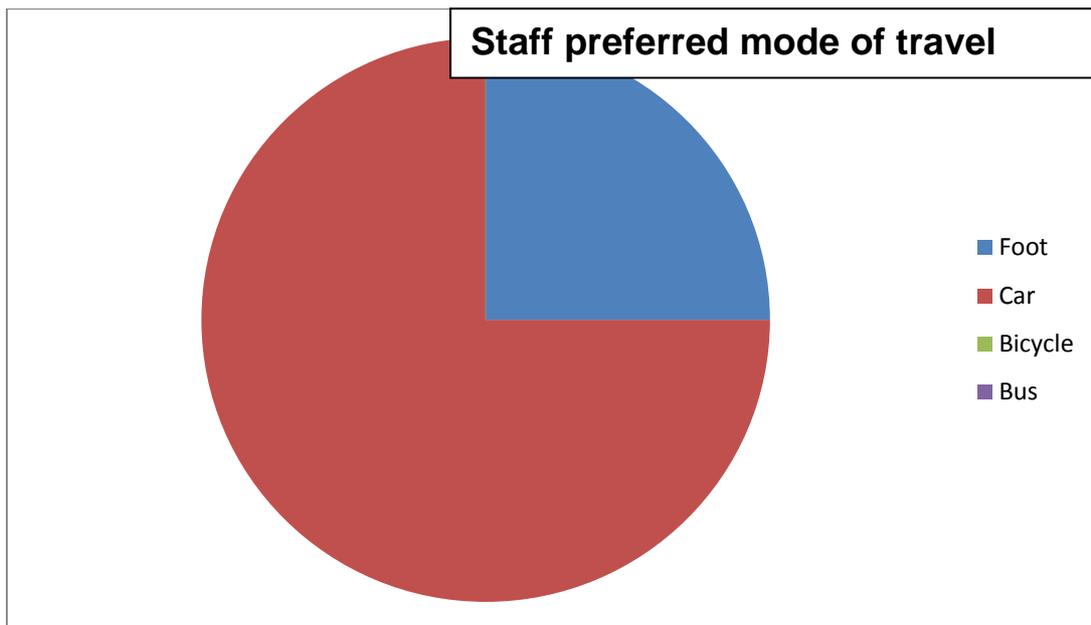


All staff who drive to school park in the school car park.

A second staff survey was conducted in January 2015 and staff were asked how they would prefer to travel to school and the distance they travel. The results for those who responded are below.

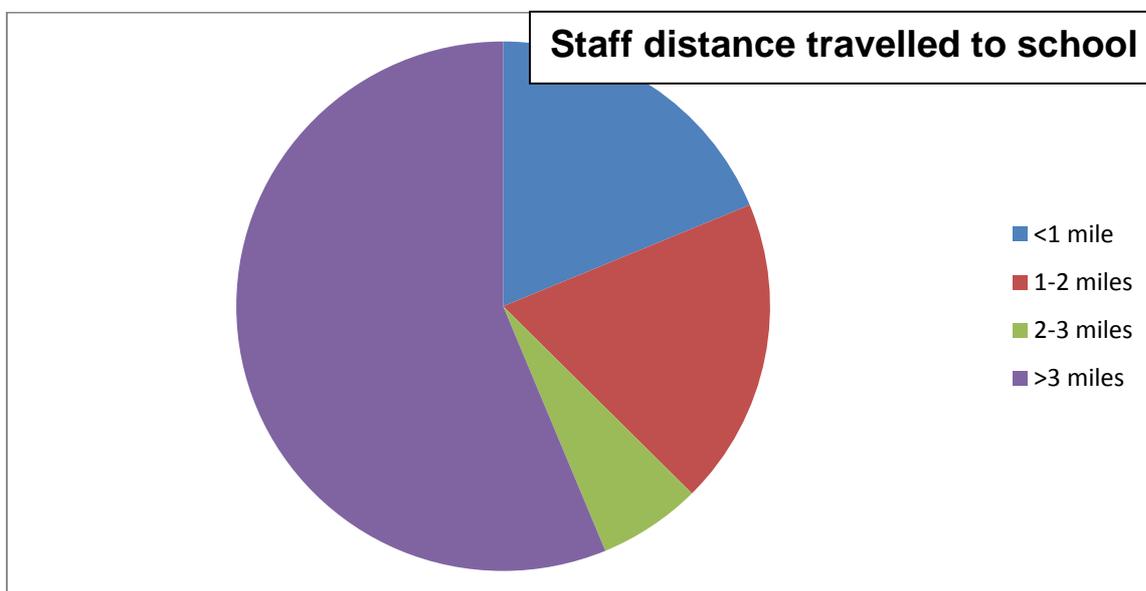
Preferred mode of travel to / from school

	Preferred mode of transport	
	Number	Percentage
Bus	0	0
Walk	4	25
Car	12	75
Bicycle	0	0



Distance travelled to school

	Number	Percentage
< 1 mile	3	18.75
1 – 2 miles	3	18.75
2 – 3 miles	1	6.25
>3 miles	9	56.25



### **3.5 Visitors in School hours**

There are in general approximately 5 visitors a week, these are scheduled around times when parents will not be dropping off and picking up to minimise traffic and also enable visitors to park in the school car park. It is not envisaged that an increase in pupil number to a full one form entry would increase the number of visitors to site.

## TRAVEL PLAN

<b>Overall Objective: to demonstrate the commitment of the School to reducing the impact of travel to and from the school site on the environment, by encouraging those who have to travel to do so in a more sustainable way</b>					
1. To achieve a minimum reduction of 5% in single occupancy car journeys in 5 years' time					
2. To achieve a minimum reduction of 5% of all car journeys in 5 years time					
Action		Responsibility	Timescale	Success Criteria	Funding source
1.	To provide free high visibility items for all children. An assembly to all children will promote road safety and the advantages of walking to and from school.	Head Office staff	April 2015 & Autumn term 2015 for darker evenings	High visibility items in use regularly. Knowledgeable children in the ways of road safety.	School
2.	To replace covered waiting areas for parents in school grounds after school extension works to encourage walking to school	Governors Head	Oct 2015	Outdoor canopy areas to be used by parents as a shelter at the start and end of the day.	School's capital grant
3.	To participate in the UK Walk to School week with <a href="http://www.livingstreets.co.uk">www.livingstreets.co.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.walktoschool.org.uk">www.walktoschool.org.uk</a> . Look at rewards / certificates for those who walk to school	Head Office Staff	May 2015	Children coming to school safely by walking. Increase in percentage of parents walking to school from 2014 figure.	Schools curriculum resources
4.	To increase the number of bicycle stands and make the storage of bikes secure within the school grounds by adding additional security gate after extension works.	Governors Head	Oct 2015	Bike stands in place within secure area	School's capital grant
5.	To offer all year 6 children Bikeability courses for cycling proficiency.	Office Staff Adrenaline Alley	June 2015	Children suitably prepared for riding bicycles.	No cost

6.	To take part in safe / healthy travel campaign such as Bike to School week to increase children cycling to school	Head Office Staff	June 2015 tbc	Children eager to ride bikes and wanting to bring their bikes to school more often	No cost
6.	Maintain the School Crossing patrol within the school budget for 2015/16 and for future years where possible.	Governors Head	March 2015	School crossing lady to report approximate number of people using service	School budget
7.	Introduce a car sharing matching scheme along with promotion of the scheme within the school	Office Staff	Jan 2015	Office to keep record of number of matches and people using the service	No cost
8.	Use school newsletters to promote other areas within the Old Village where suitable parking can be found as part of a Park and Walk scheme	Head Office staff	Jan 2015	Newsletters in place and issued to all parents as well as being available on school website	No cost
9.	To investigate bespoke scooter stands as well as bike stands to encourage walking to school with younger children	Head Office staff	Oct 2015	Scooter stands in place.	Schools capital
10.	On completion of the build improve signage in the car park through wall notices and line markings which indicate where cars may drive and park	Head Site Supervisor	Nov 2015	Vehicles entering the site with due care and attention and parking within the marked spaces.	Building project capital
11.	Inclusion of school travel in induction sessions for new parents and pupils	Head Class Teachers	July & Sept 2015	Review how many new families walk / cycle to school in the morning	No cost

## **Monitoring and Review**

This school travel plan will be presented to the teaching staff on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

It will be discussed at the school Governing Body Resources Committee on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 and the Full Governing Body on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Elements of the travel plan will also be shared with parents through the school's Parents Forum meeting in the Autumn Term 2014.

The plan will be monitored termly by the Headteacher and School Business Manager.

A full review on this plan will take place in September 2015 following the completion of the future site expansion plans.

Signed:

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14<sup>th</sup> October 2014