Questionnaire from the Traffic Around Primary Schools Task and Finish Group September 2017

SCHOOL: All Saints CE (Aided) Primary School

ADDRESS: Tylden Way, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 5JB

1. Do you have a school travel plan? And could we have a copy?

We have recently launched our School Parking Pledge which is effectively our travel plan. We also run a Junior Road Safety Officer scheme at the school. A copy of the Parking Pledge is enclosed for your information.

2. Do you have any particular issues around parking outside your school in the morning? And in the evening?

We have had numerous issues regarding the parking outside of the school, with complaints from neighbours and parents. The main issues include: parking on the double yellow lines, parking/dropping off on the zigzag lines directly outside of the school gate, double parking, blocking driveways etc.

3. Are there problems with parking illegally outside the vicinity of your school?

As per Question 2 – we have devised the School Parking Pledge to address these issues following a recent Road Safety Questionnaire to parents, where a parking pledge was widely supported by the majority of families in order to tackle antisocial driving and parking outside of the school.

4. What do you think would work well to resolve the issues?

Regular monitoring from Law Enforcement Officers where offenders are given tickets for breaching the parking restrictions.

More large banners to display outside of the school reminding parents/drivers of their

duty to park correctly and safely.

5. Can you tell us about the current situation regarding parking i.e. yellow lines, hatched boxes, are they visible, outside your school?

There are yellow zigzag lines directly outside of the main school entrance/driveway with a sign that says 'no stopping at any time'. Directly opposite this there are double yellow lines on the other side of the road. We display a WSCC parking banner which is visible to all drivers and display road safety posters designed by the children.

6. Do you have a walking bus?

This scheme was attempted a number of years ago at the school but was unsuccessful so it is no longer used.

7. What do you do at your school to try to prevent antisocial behaviour? i.e. teachers/teaching assistants/parents with high visibility jackets outside the school at the beginning and end of the school day

We have been running the Junior Road Safety Officer scheme for the last year and carried out a Road Safety Questionnaire for parents to highlight the issues surrounding parking and safety outside of the school. This led to the introduction of the Parking Pledge. At present we do not have anyone willing to stand outside in high visibility jackets outside of the school but it has been considered.

8. What does your school do to involve children to encourage their parents to help with the problems? i.e. encouraging walking to school

The Junior Road Safety Officer scheme promotes road safety and education to the children which has been disseminated in full school assemblies in the hope that the children encourage their families to help support the issues.

9. Is speeding a problem near your school?

Yes

10. Do you have a policy in place to encourage cycling? Also for students to wear helmets when cycling and remove headphones?

Cycling is encouraged by the school and included in the Parking Pledge. When children complete their cycling proficiency test at school they are reminded about the safety of wearing cycling helmets and removing headphones.

11. Do you have a record of accidents, incidents and near misses, caused by drivers outside your school?

A record book is kept in the school office.

12. Is the parking at your school bad? (indicate as appropriate)

Strongly Agree Agree None Disagree Strongly Disagree

13. Do you have a lollipop person?

No

14. What would encourage your children to walk to school or travel by bike?

Many local families do walk, cycle and scoot to school and we provide bike sheds and scooter storage on site.

15. Are road markings adequate/visible outside your school?

Yes

16. What time does the school day start and finish and what time do the school gates open and close (if different)?

Gates Open AM Before approx 750am (to allow for before school clubs)

School Start Time AM 8.50-8.55am School Finish Time PM 3.20pm

Gates Close PM After 445pm (to allow for after school clubs)

17. In your opinion, what would be the one single solution to relieve the parking problems at your school?

That is a very good question – unfortunately, we do not have the solution but are putting measures in place to raise awareness through our Parking Pledge.

18. Have the schools consulted with parents on these problems?

Yes, we carried out a Road Safety Questionnaire before Easter and set up a display with the Junior Road Safety Officers at the last parents evening highlighting the issues.

As a result, we have devised a School Parking Pledge which has recently been launched where parents are asked to sign and agree to the terms contained therein.

If you have any further comments which might be useful for the Group, please enter them in the box below:

Since receiving this questionnaire, we have received several more complaints from neighbours, parents and a bus company due to various parking incidents but in particular there was an incident where a parent parked their car on the corner of a junction, completely blocking the road for all other road users including a bus which was delayed by 15 minutes as a consequence. This is despite the launch of the recent Parking Pledge and road safety awareness promoted at the recent parents evening. A complaint was also received from a member of the public travelling on the said bus. As such it would be extremely valuable to have some presence from traffic enforcement officers on a frequent basis at school drop off and collection times as parents do not feel there are any consequences for dangerous parking or driving around of and in front of the school.

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire and assist with our review.