



South Molton United Church of England Primary School

Travel Plan 2016



The purpose of the School Travel Plan

This travel plan has been prepared to:-

- Keep children safe on their way to and from school
- Support the BREEAM elements of the new school build
- Support Devon County Council's commitment in reducing our reliance on cars
 - Help the environment
- Educate the children on the health benefits of walking and sustainable travel
 - Keep the impact to our neighbours to a minimum.

Introducing the school

Background

The school in September 2016 changed its status from a Junior School to a primary School and is currently based at North Street in South Molton. The school was recognised as needing a new school site under the Priory Schools Building Programme and the new site is currently under construction and due to open in April 2017. The school currently has 149 pupils with the potential to expand to 210 on the new site. The Infant school in the town also changed to a primary from September 2016 so to make both schools financially viable it is necessary to only open one year group per year for each school.

The predicted pupil numbers are as below and will grow year on year until the school can take all year groups.

Year	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Sep 2016	19			12			
Sep 2017	30	19		12	12		
Sep 2018	30	30	19	12	12	12	

School Details when we move to the new site in April 2017.

School Name:- South Molton United Church of England Primary School

School address:- Exeter Road, South Molton EX36 4EN

Telephone number:- 01769572656

Website:- www.south-molton-junior.devon.sch.uk

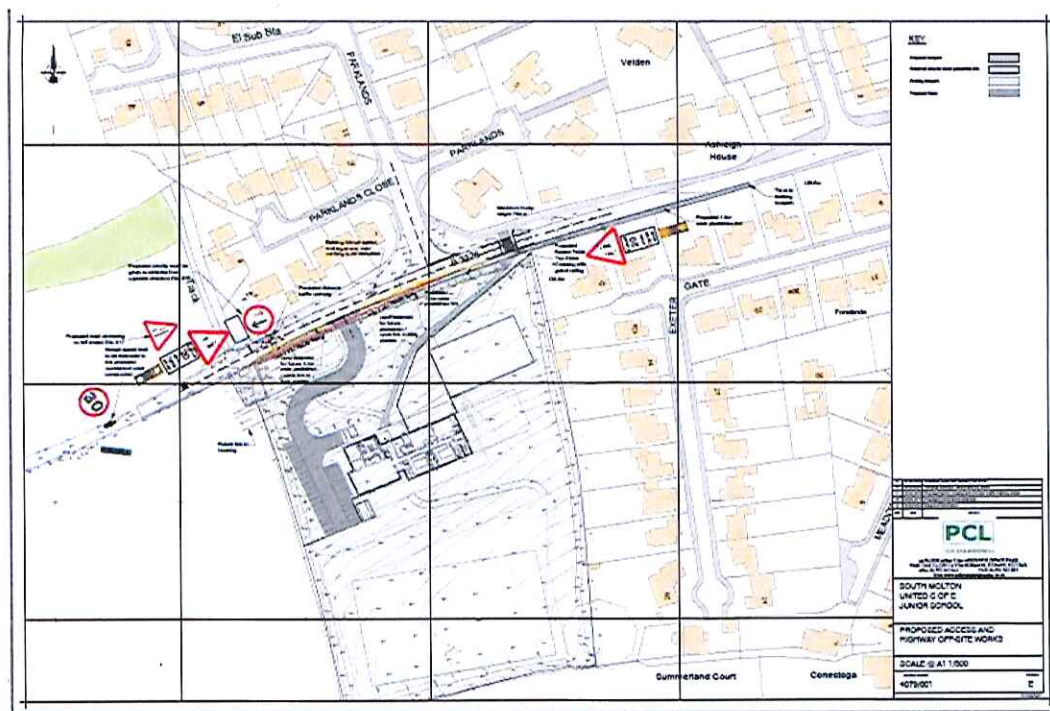
Email:- admin@smups.devon.sch.uk

School Ref Number 8783459

Type of school A one form entry Church of England Primary School built for 210 pupils, with scope to extend to two form entry 420 pupils when sufficient allocated sites for housing in the town have been developed.

School location:- The new site is located on the edge of the town to the South. It is off the B3226 and currently borders rural farm land to one side and has a housing estate to the left and another one on the opposite side of the road. The land around the school site is proposed for development in due course.

The B3226 road at the front of the school is subject to alterations. A new pavement is being installed together with traffic calming measures see plan.



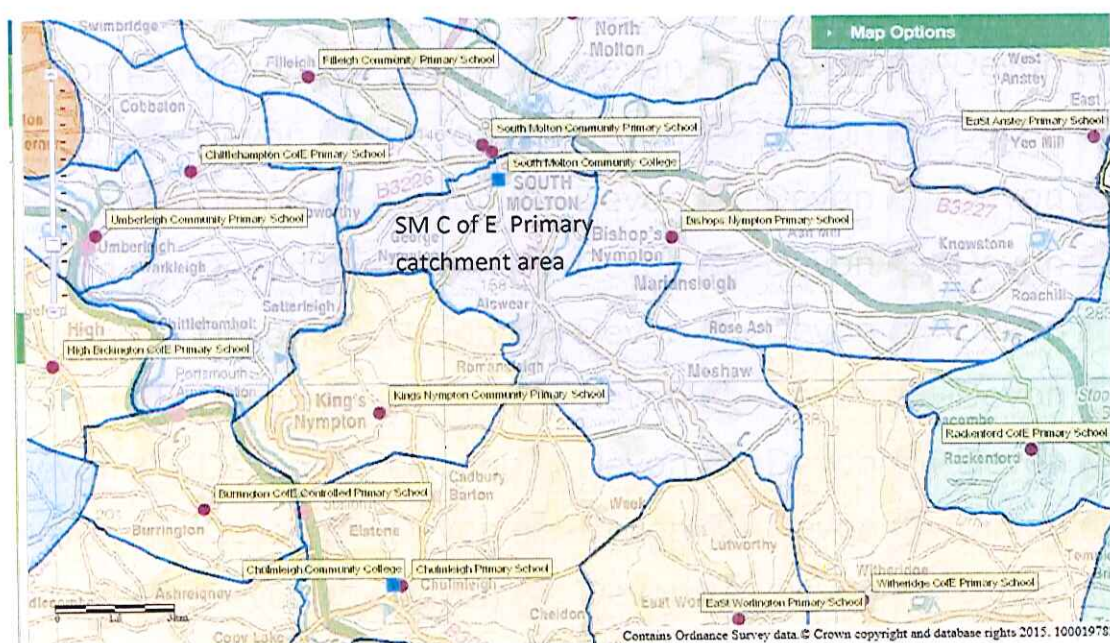
There are two entrances to the school off Exeter Road, one for pedestrians at the front of the school and the second entrance is for staff vehicles and deliveries. There is no area/provision for parents to drop off or collect their children via car.

Visitors to the school can park in one of the two allocated visitors spaces and there are two designated disabled parking bays.

A third entrance is proposed to link the school site with the new development plans. This will be discussed once the housing development plans are available.

Catchment area

The majority of the schools catchment area would be from the town of South Molton itself. However, we do have children from the outlying areas such as Meshaw, George Nympton, Mariansleigh and Alswear.



Transport Link

Public transport (buses and trains)

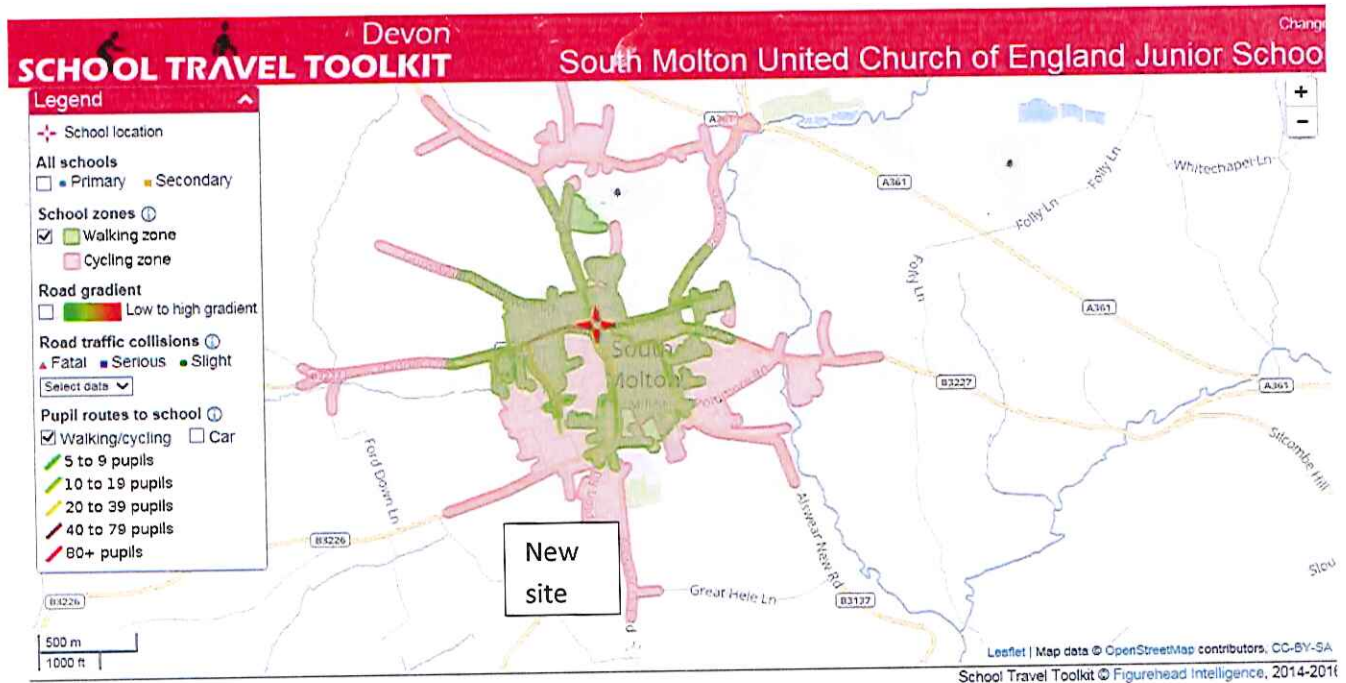
The new school site is not on a daily bus route and the nearest station is at Umberleigh which is about 8 miles away.

Walking/scooters/Cycling

Most parents will walk their children to school using the pedestrian entrance from the front of the school. The road is being changed to accommodate the new school, the existing pavement on the left hand side of the road is being extended down to the school site, the 30mph speed limit is being extended with the addition of flashing signs to reduce the driving speed down to 20mph at the beginning and end of the school day, a new traffic calming chicane is proposed together with a raised table top zebra crossing with guard rails. The walking zones are marked in green on the map below and the pink areas are cycling zones as produced by Devon County Council.

The new site is being equipped with 30 cycle/scooter shelters.

A full set of plans showing the changes to the road structure to make the road safer are attached at the back of this document.



The school will conduct surveys annually to review travel arrangements. These will be in the form of an in class teacher lead survey of pupils and a parents review questionnaire (a copy of which forms part of this document). This has just been issued to our parents and the results are shown overleaf.

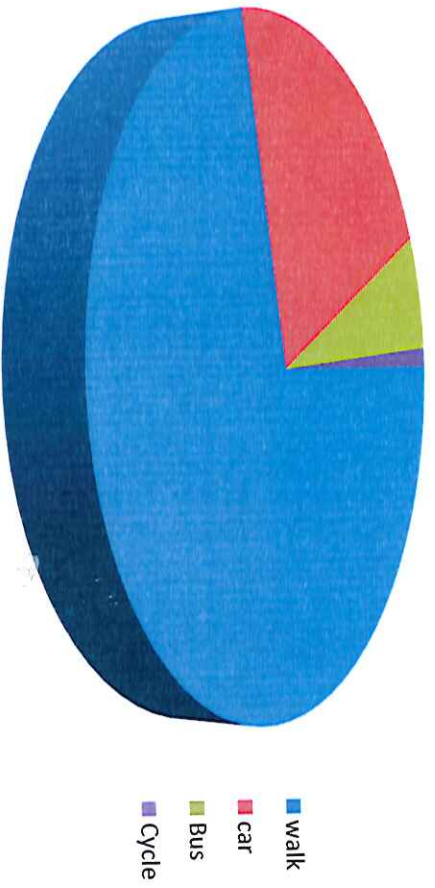
Results of Surveys

Parent Survey		
Method of transport Current Site	Current Site	New site
Walk	74	72
Cycle	6	10
Bus	2	2
Car	18	16
How far live from current site	Current Site	New Site
less than a mile	74	60
1-2 miles	20	28
2-3 miles	0	10
over 3 miles	6	2

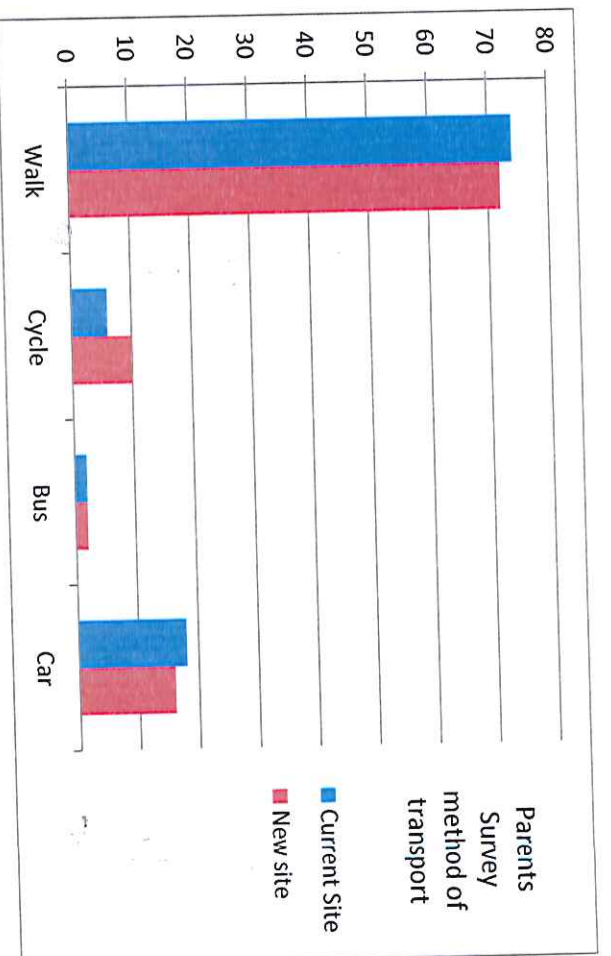
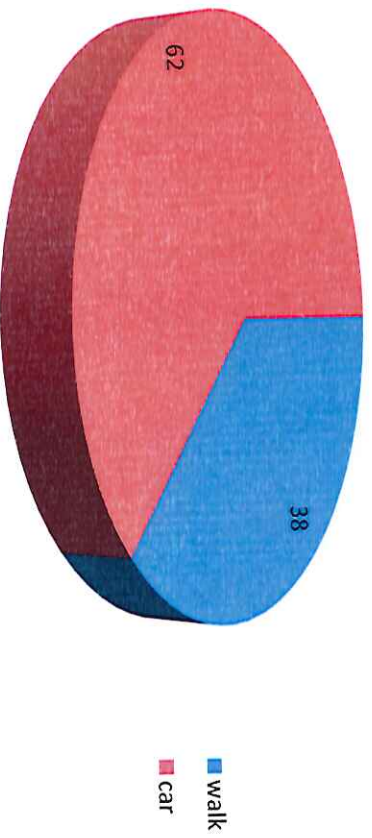
Children's Survey - Travel Methods	
	%
walk	73
car	22
Bus	6
Cycle	1

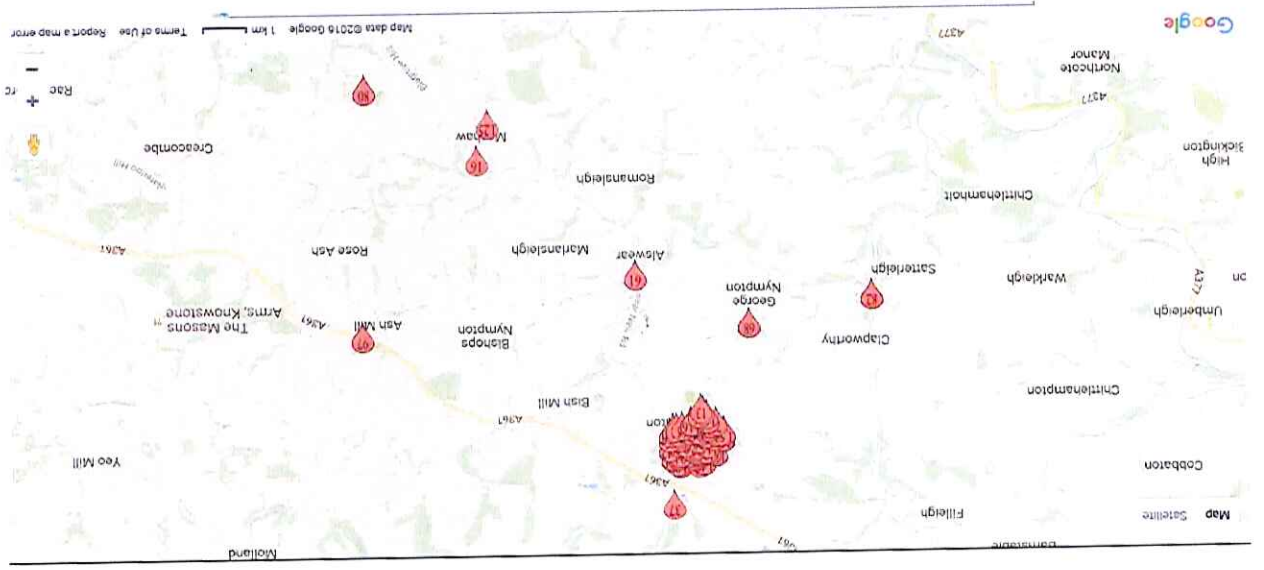
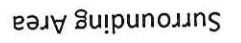
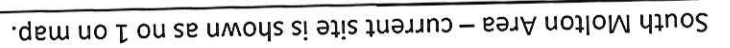
staff travel	%
walk	38
car	62

Childrens Survey - Travel Methods %



Staff Travel - %





Objectives and Action Plan

The schools objectives are:-

- To promote the health benefits by encouraging active travel (staff and pupils to walk, park and walk, use scooters or cycle to school as applicable)
- Improve the safety of travelling to a new school site by equipping pupils with better road safety skills and investigating facilities such as crossing patrols and future cycle paths.
- Reduce congestion – by reducing the number of staff and pupil car trips to and from school and to meetings within the school day, resulting in a less polluted environment and less demand for parking.

Activity	Action	Timescale	Link to objectives	Responsibility
Walking	Arrange and promote a walk to school week, use the event to identify walk buddies	June 2017 and June 18	Healthy benefits	PE co-ordinator
Walking	Promote walking and its health benefits on the school newsletter and on the schools website.	ongoing		HT/SBM
Walking	Communicate to parents via newsletter /letter/ website that there is no parking at the new site and that parents will be encouraged to walk or car share where possible.	January 2017 and March 2017		HT
Walking	Consult with parents via parent forum and pupils to understand road safety concerns and any other barriers to walking	ongoing		HT
Walking	Consult with DCC on school crossing provision	January 2017	Reduce congestion	HT/SBM
Walking	Change of school times starting at 8.30 and finishing at 3pm to alleviate congestion with the	September 2016	Reduce congestion	HT/SBM

	Community College when we move to the new site			
Activity	Action	Timescale	Link to objectives	Responsibility
Walking	For parents that walk provide a meet and greet once a month with tea/coffee biscuits	ongoing		PTA
Walking	Provide a dry area/shelter where parents can stand and wait for their children in bad weather	September 2018		Governors
Walking	Investigate a walking bus provision from a central point in the town	Spring/Summer term 2017	Reduce congestion	Staff/Parents
Cycling	Run a bike week where children and parents are encouraged to cycling to and from school	September 2017 and September 2018	Healthy benefits	PE Co-ordinator
Cycling	Provision of new cycle sheds to be used by pupils and staff and lockers for helmets	April 2017		Contractors
Cycling	Bikeability training provided for years 3-year 6	Ongoing annually	Safety awareness	PE Co-ordinator
Car Sharing	Encourage those that live further from school and drive to car share. Use a map where parents could mark their house and see if routes can be formed were possible	September 2017	Reduce congestion	HT
Walking/Scotering	Introduce a rewards scheme for children that walk to school on a regular basis	Ongoing		PE Co-ordinator
Promotion	Information on sustainable travel options made available to parents through Newsletters Website Noticeboards Banners on school gates Parent forums	Ongoing		HT/SBM/PE Co-ordinator/Admin Team

	Specific letters School prospectus		
Questionnaire	Send questionnaires out to parents on travelling to school	Annually	Admin office

Activity	Action	Timescale	Link to objectives	Responsibility
Walking	Walking bus from outside the school gate where parents can leave their children with staff to walk them into school.	Ongoing start April 2017	Safety	Parent Forum
Hi Vis Clothing	High vis clothing can be purchased from the school office at a reduced rate for children that cycle to school	Start March 2017	Awareness and safety	Admin
Cycling	New development - speak to the developers on cycle routes so children can get safely to school.	ongoing	Reduce congestion	Governors with Town Council
Road Safety Awareness	Road safety awareness to be part of the curriculum.	ongoing	Awareness	Teachers
Monitoring	Staff and police to monitor and regulate traffic at the beginning and end of the day	Ongoing	Reduce congestion	Staff and local police

The plan will be reviewed annually by the Head Teacher and School Business Manager and submitted to Governors

Travel Plan date September 2016

Review date September 2017

To go to Resources Committee in the Autumn Term

This is a whole school document that will be incorporated within the School Improvement Plan and is to go to staff at staff meeting for comments and review.

Please can you spare the time to complete this questionnaire as it forms part of our school travel plan document. Please return by Friday 14th October 2016.



Parents Questionnaire

Name of child/children.....

1. How do your children/child travel to our school currently?

Walk/scooter ☐ Cycle ☐ By School Bus ☐ Car Share with friends ☐ car/van ☐

Other please specify

2. How far away from the school do you live?

Less than a mile ☐ 1-2 miles ☐ 2-3 miles ☐ over 3 miles ☐

As you are aware the school is due to relocate to the south end of the town in April 2017. When we move please could you indicate how your child/children intend to travel to the new site.

3. How do your children/child intend travel to our new school near Exeter Gate?

Walk/scooter ☐ Cycle ☐ By School Bus ☐ Car Share with friends ☐ car/van ☐

4. How far away from the new school site do you live?

Less than a mile ☐ 1-2 miles ☐ 2-3 miles ☐ over 3 miles ☐

The school is committed to sustainable travel to help reduce the impact to the environment. Please could you list below any ideas you may have that the school can do to help reduce the schools carbon footprint and keep the children safe to and from school?

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Thank you for completing this survey please return to the school office