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School Travel Plan Team**

Castle Hill Primary School – Rooksdown Campus

**Parent & Pupil Surveys: October 2016
Response rate 64/90 pupils = 71%**

**Staff Survey: October 2016
Response rate 8/10 staff = 80%**

**Summary of Main Findings
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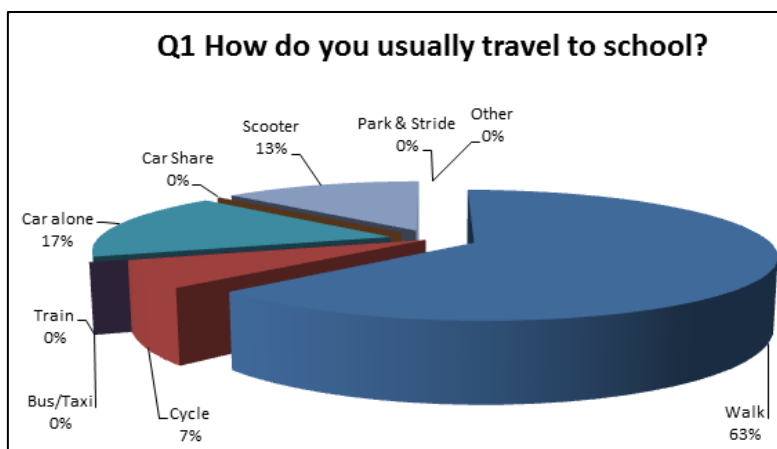
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Please note: In both sets of survey results, figures may not tally exactly due to rounding. Where more than one answer has been selected, their one selection has been divided up accordingly so that each person completing the survey has an equal weight of response.

Pupil and parent survey results (71% response rate)

Q1 How do you usually travel to school?

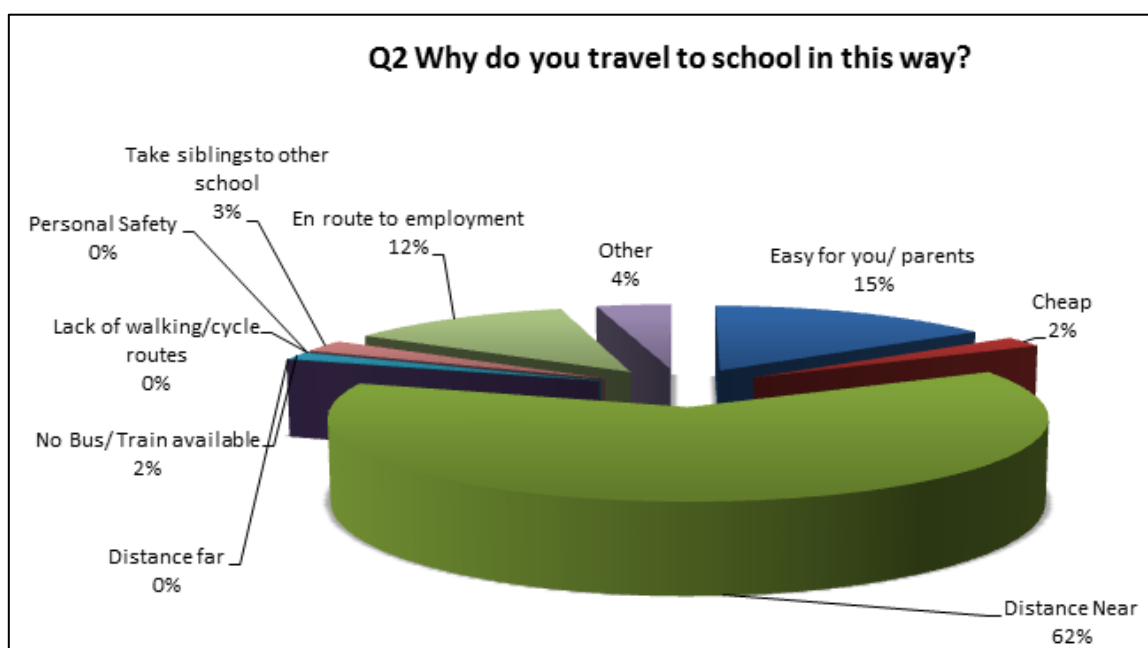
Walk	Cycle	Bus/Taxi	Train	Car alone	Car Share	Scooter	Park & Stride	Other
40	4	0	0	11	0	8	0	0
63%	7%	0%	0%	17%	0%	13%	0%	0%



From the 71% response received to the travel survey, the main choice of travel mode is walking with a healthy 83% choosing sustainable methods of travel – 63% walking, 13% scooting and 7% cycling. Only 17% are choosing to use a car and the school is being encouraged to persuade families not to use the car whenever possible or to choose Park & Stride instead to improve safety for pedestrians near the school gates.

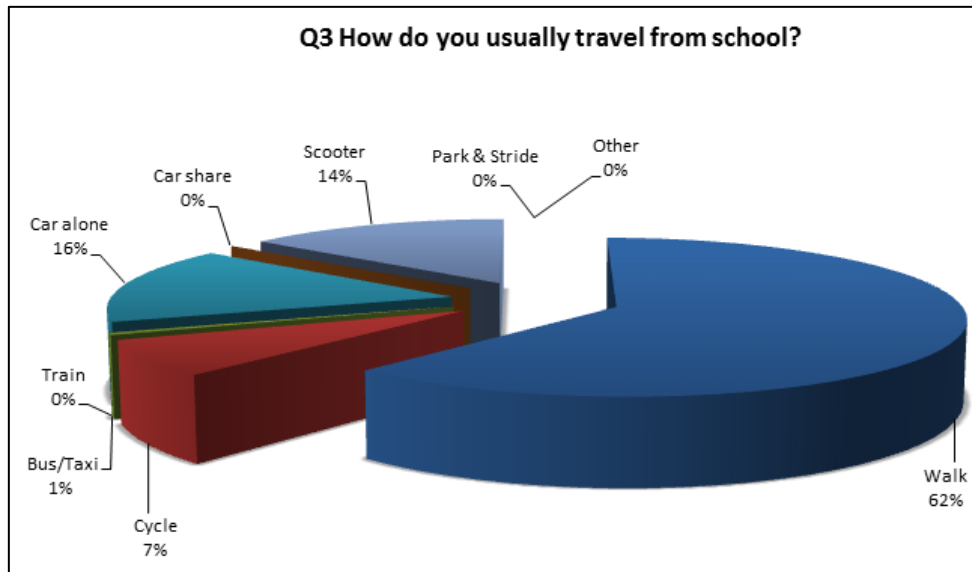
Q2 Why do you travel to school in this way?

Easy for you/parents	Cheap	Distance Near	Distance far	No Bus/Train available	Lack of walking/cycle routes	Personal Safety	Take siblings to other school	En route to employment	Other
10	1	40	0	1	0	0	2	8	3
15%	2%	62%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	12%	4%



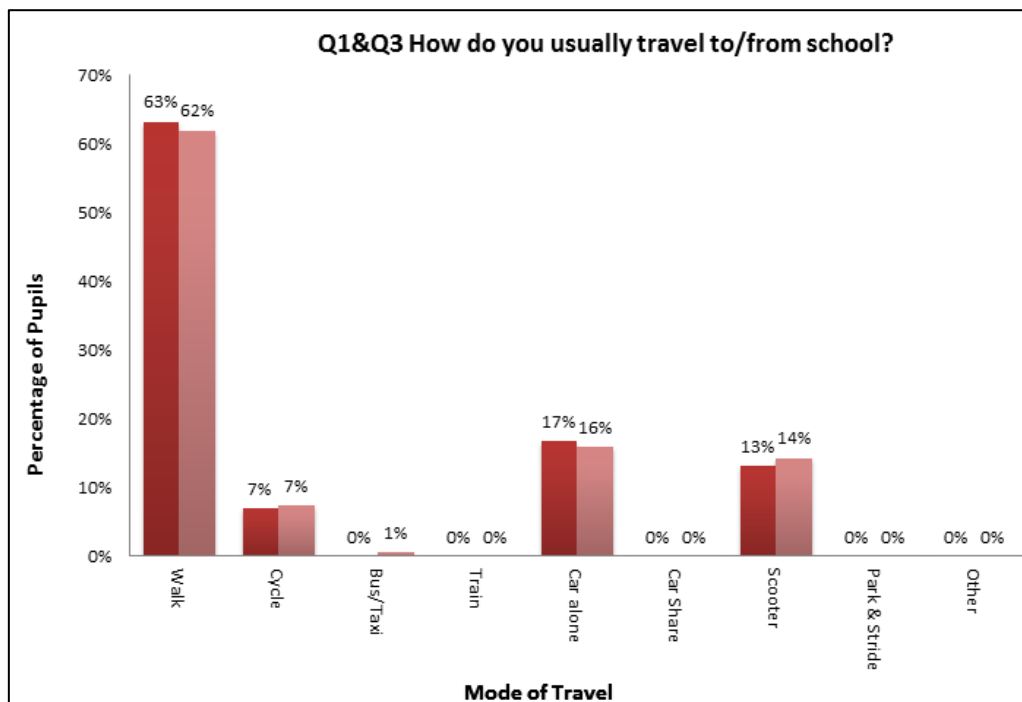
The main reasons for choice of travel mode by respondents was the fact that they live near school and the distance to be travelled was small (62%) with 15% citing that it was easy for them and their parents and 12% saying their parents were on their way to work.

Q3 How do you usually travel home from school?								
Walk	Cycle	Bus/Taxi	Train	Car alone	Car share	Scooter	Park & Stride	Other
40	5	0	0	10	0	9	0	0
62%	7%	1%	0%	16%	0%	14%	0%	0%



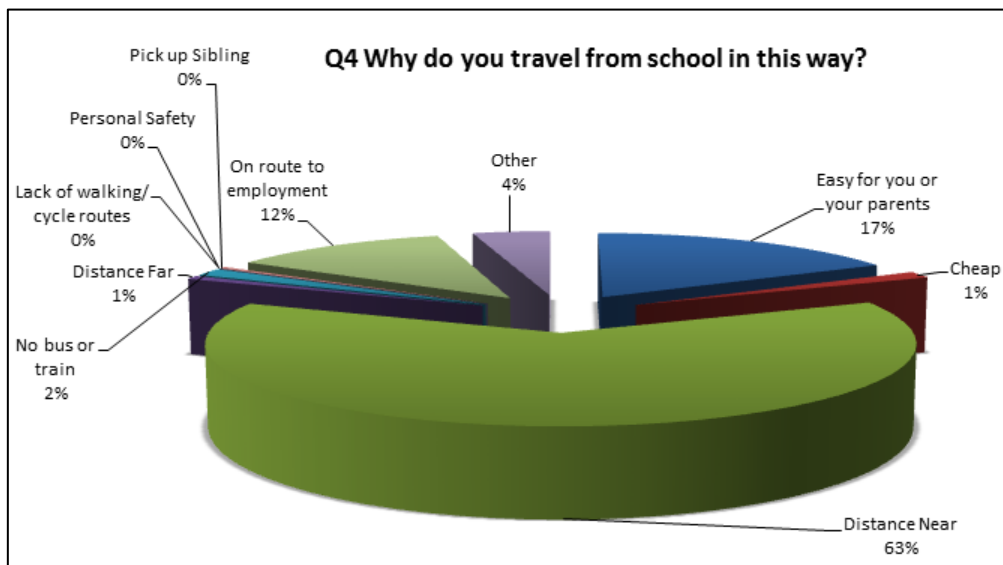
Again, we have excellent rates of sustainable travel on the way home from school with 62% walking, 14% going by scooter and 7% cycling.

Q1v Q3 How do you usually travel to/from school?								
Walk	Cycle	Bus/Taxi	Train	Car alone	Car Share	Scooter	Park & Stride	Other
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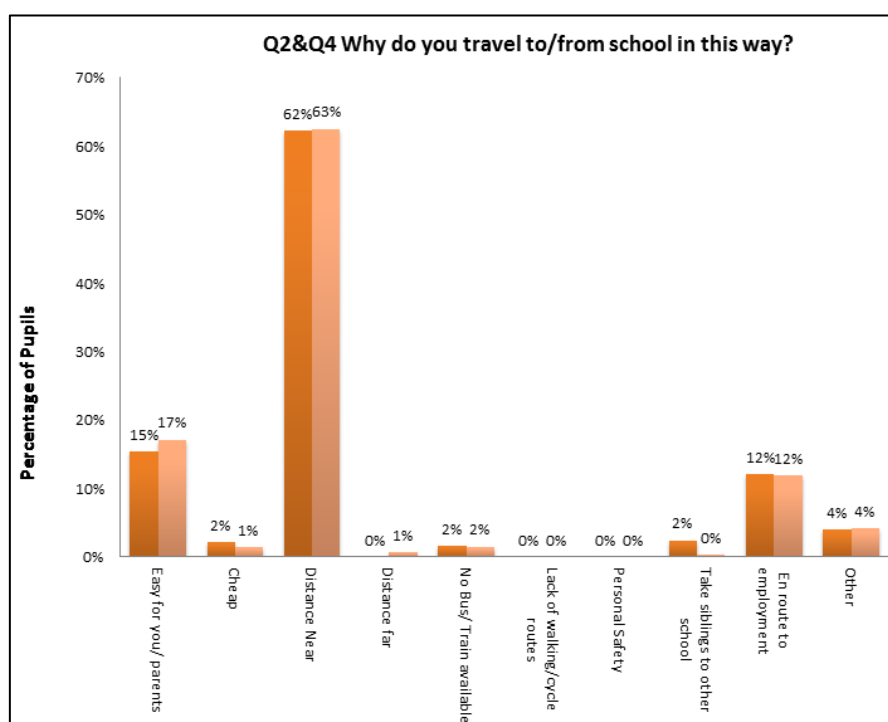
When comparing travel to and from school, the results are virtually identical with 83% of children travelling by sustainable means both ends of the day. The 1% reduction in car alone at the end of the day is replaced by bus/taxi use.

Q4 Why do you travel from school in this way?									
Easy for you or your parents	Cheap	Distance Near	Distance Far	No bus or train	Lack of walking/ cycle routes	Personal Safety	Pick up Sibling	En route from employment	Other
11	1	41	1	1	0	0	0	8	3
17%	1%	63%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	12%	4%



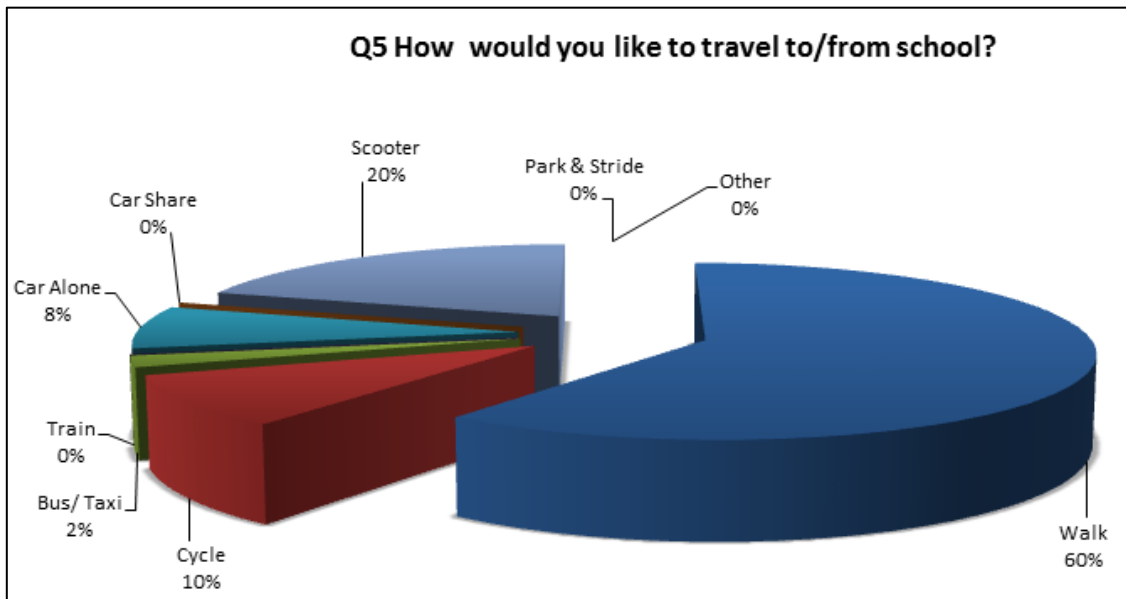
Again, a very high 63% choose to travel the way they do as they live near the school with 17% choosing their travel mode as it is easy for them or their parents and 12% as it is on route from employment.

Q2 vs Q4 Why do you travel to/from school in this way?									
Easy for you/ parents	Cheap	Distance Near	Distance far	No Bus/ Train available	Lack of walking/cycle routes	Personal Safety	Take siblings to other school	En route to/from employment	Other
15%	2%	62%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	12%	4%
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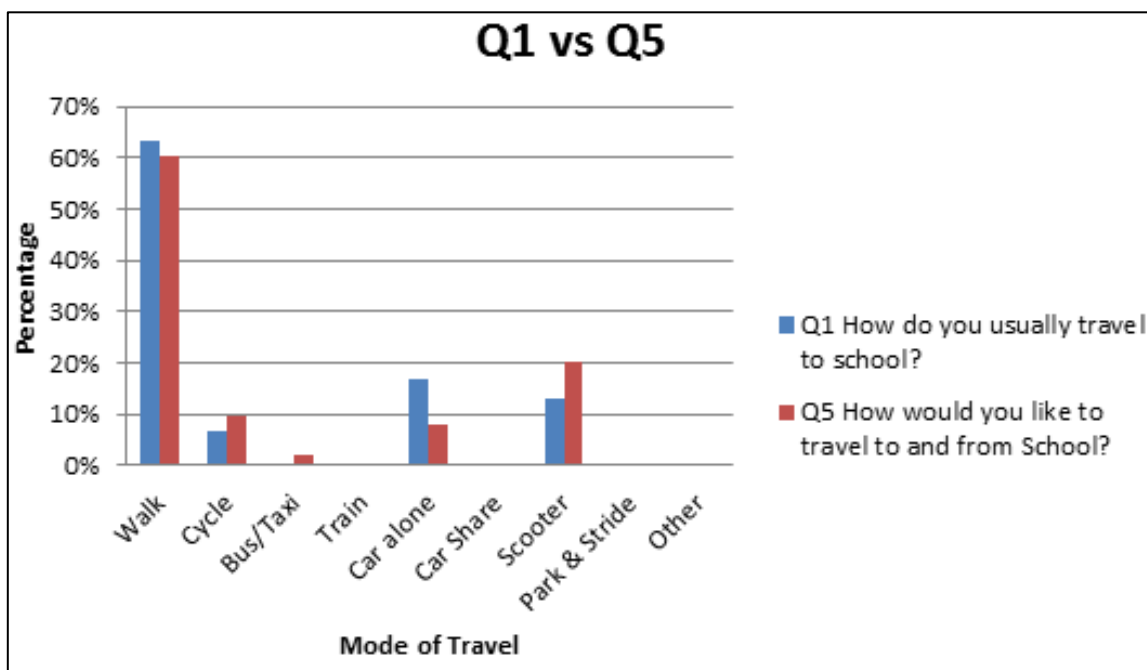
The reasons for travel choices in the morning and afternoon were very similar with a maximum negligible 2% change.

Q5 How would you like to travel to and from School?								
Walk	Cycle	Bus/ Taxi	Train	Car Alone	Car Share	Scooter	Park & Stride	Other
38	6	1	0	5	0	13	0	0
60%	10%	2%	0%	8%	0%	20%	0%	0%

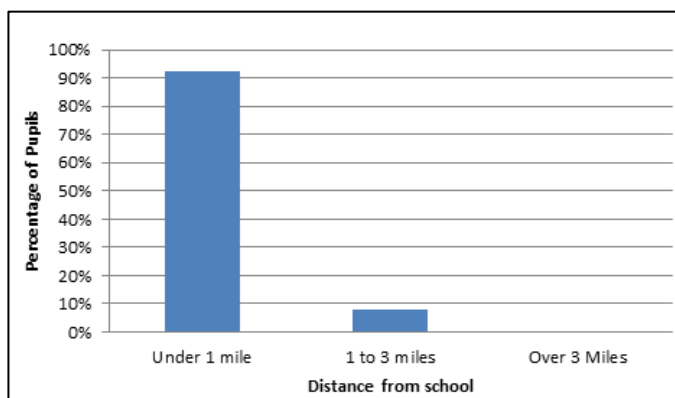


When comparing questions 1 and 5, there is a good increase in the number of people who would like to cycle and scoot to school at Castle Hill Primary School, 3% and 7% respectively. This is offset by a reduction in children wishing to walk (3%) and, more encouragingly, come by car alone (7%). These figures may be affected by the fact that the children being surveyed are only aged 4-6 years and may not be competent enough at scooting and cycling in order for this to be their chosen mode of transport. This will of course change as they become older.

Q1 vs Q5 How do you travel to school vs how would you like to travel to and from school?								
Walk	Cycle	Bus/ Taxi	Train	Car Alone	Car Share	Scooter	Park & Stride	Other
63%	7%	0%	0%	17%	0%	13%	0%	0%
60%	10%	2%	0%	8%	0%	20%	0%	0%



Q6 Journey Distance		
Under 1 mile	1 to 3 miles	Over 3 Miles
59	5	0
92%	8%	0%



A wonderful 92% live within a mile of the school and 8% between 1-3 miles of the school. This gives plenty of opportunity for sustainable travel which should the school should continue to encourage.

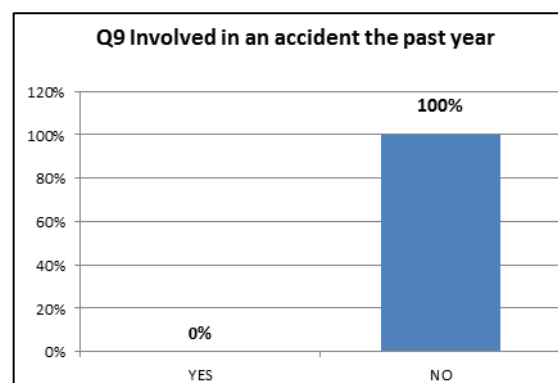
Q7: Is there anything that would help make your journey easier or safer?

Issue	Number of Similar Responses
Crossing Points	16
A pedestrian crossing – zebra or an SCP on Park Prewett Road outside school and by the Community Centre - can be difficult due to parked cars and busy periods and no road signs (12)	
Improved footpath on Park Prewett Road (doctor's surgery), crossing facilities and paths always blocked by cars, no suitable place to cross (2)	
A crossing on Park Prewett Road T-junction. The wide road plus parked cars can make it difficult to cross safely	
Wellington Terrace needs a proper pedestrian crossing facility by the green bridge. It is hard to see on-coming traffic due to corner. Also road signs covered by trees warning of pedestrians crossing.	
Footpaths / Hedgerows	6
Improve footpath down the side of the school and into the school grounds. Trees overhang and it gets very slippery in wintery weather.	
Better maintenance of hedges along Park Prewett Road, by the doctor's especially	
Improved footpath across field from hospital to school. Currently muddy and wet getting to the school	
Improved footpaths	
There is no one walkway through the estate. We have to walk through roads and car parks. It is very dangerous.	
Improved access to the footpath from Sheepwash Court. Fence on road forces us to walk in the road until its end	
Cycling / Scooting	4
Cycle paths	
Cycle training (2)	
More safe, dry storage areas for scooters in the school grounds	
Driver Behaviour / Parking	1
Double yellow lines near the school to prevent parking	

Q8: Is there anything you dislike on your journey to school?

Issue	Number of Similar Responses
Crossing Points / Busy Roads / Poor Parking	10
Crossing over Park Prewett Road as there is no safe pedestrian crossing	
Amount of cars that park up outside school / the Community Centre despite being told not too. It's dangerous for children crossing the road when leaving school. Most live near to school - I park at home and walk.	
Crossing Wellington Terrace to get to and from the green bridge	
Lots of construction is going on near the school site. A lot of cars are parked on the street near the crossing area (difficult to see on-coming cars)	
Parking issues on Park Prewett Road. It is used as alternative parking for hospital users / staff / visitors. Makes the road awkward to cross with parked cars all along the main road for Rooksdown	
Peggs Way - cars parked on pavement and other roads around	
Too many cars parked on the side of the road which makes crossing trickier	
Too many road works and far too many cars park along the side of the road (all of Park Prewett / Rooksdown area)	
Turning right out of Wellington Terrace	
Vans driving very fast	
Lack of parking	5
Lack of parking / drop off points for cars. Can only park on the main road which is dangerous with 4/5 year olds and getting them out of the car on the main road which is also a bus route. (5)	
General Comments	3
Walking in the rain	
Flats overlooking the school. The children are watched from the balcony when people are having cigarette breaks.	
General footpaths (non-buggy friendly) and poor lighting	

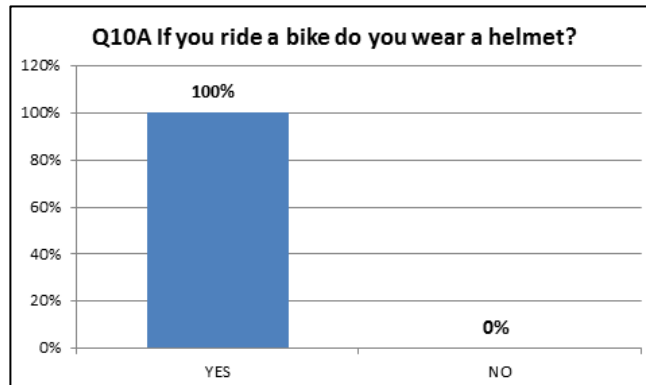
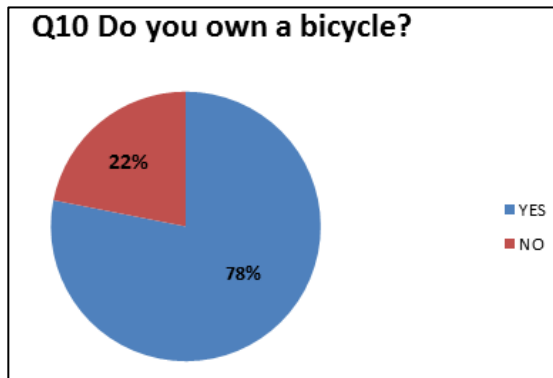
Q9 Involved in an accident the past year	
YES	NO
0	64
0%	100%



Whilst the above figure of 100% is excellent, the only response noted:” but school only had 30 pupils last year. Another 60 have just started so will be more traffic on route to school - but nowhere to park.” Whilst this is true, in addition to the low number of cars using the roads to reach the school, the traffic using Park Prewett Road as a cut through has also reduced due to changes in the road priorities nearer the hospital.

Q10 Do you own a bicycle?	
YES	NO
50	14
78%	22%

Q10A If you ride a bike do you wear a helmet?	
YES	NO
49	0
100%	0%



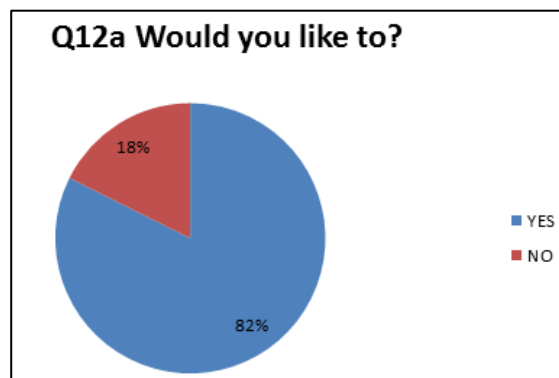
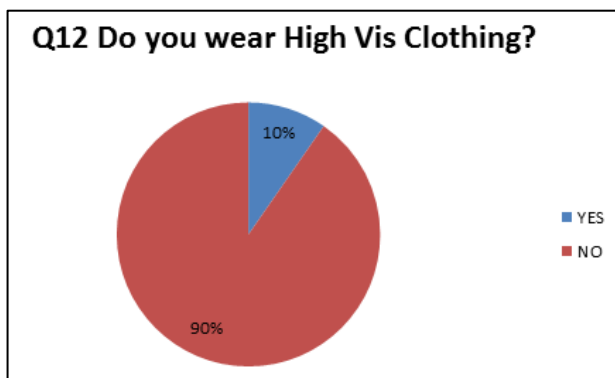
It is encouraging to note that a large number of children own a bicycle (78%) and, of those, all of them wear a cycle helmet. This indicates that the installation of cycle storage at the school would be likely to increase the uptake of cycling as part of the travel to school choices.

Q11 Do you have a bus or train pass?	
YES	NO
0	64
0%	100%

No children claim to have a bus/train pass which makes these choices unlikely for travel to and from school.

Q12 Do you wear High Vis Clothing?	
YES	NO
6	56
10%	90%

Q12a Would you like to?	
YES	NO
42	9
82%	18%

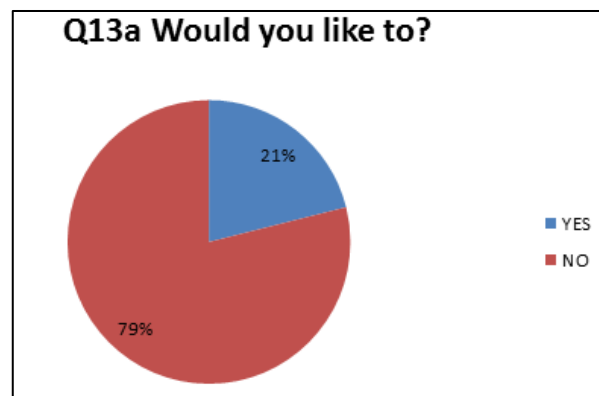


Only 10% of the children at Castle Hill Primary School already wear fluorescent or reflective clothing. However, 82% indicated that they would like to do so in the future which indicates a Be Bright Be Seen campaign would be worth running at the school and possibly looking into the provision of reflective tags.

Q13 Do you take part in a walking bus?	
YES	NO
1	62
2%	98%

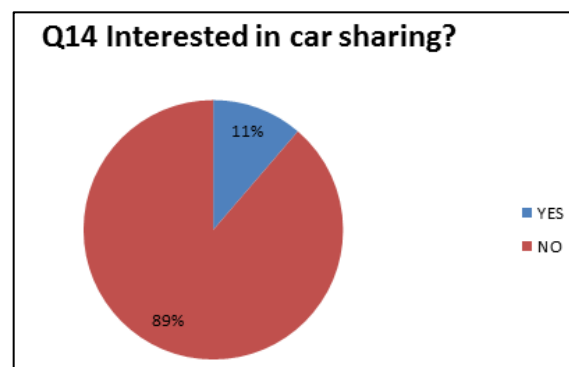
Q13a Would you like to?	
YES	NO
12	45
21%	79%

Interested in Volunteering?	
YES	
6	
11%	



The 2% of children who say they take part in a walking bus must do so on a voluntary basis as there is no formal one set up at school at present. It is encouraging that 21% would like to be involved in one with a further 11% keen to be involved in supporting this. There are also a good number of families who might be persuaded to be part of a walking bus and the school should be encouraged to promote this initiative.

Q14 Interested in car sharing?	
YES	NO
7	55
11%	89%



11% of the children at the school would be interested in car sharing. Again, this is an initiative that should be looked into and promoted by school if higher numbers of cars start to come to the school site in the future.

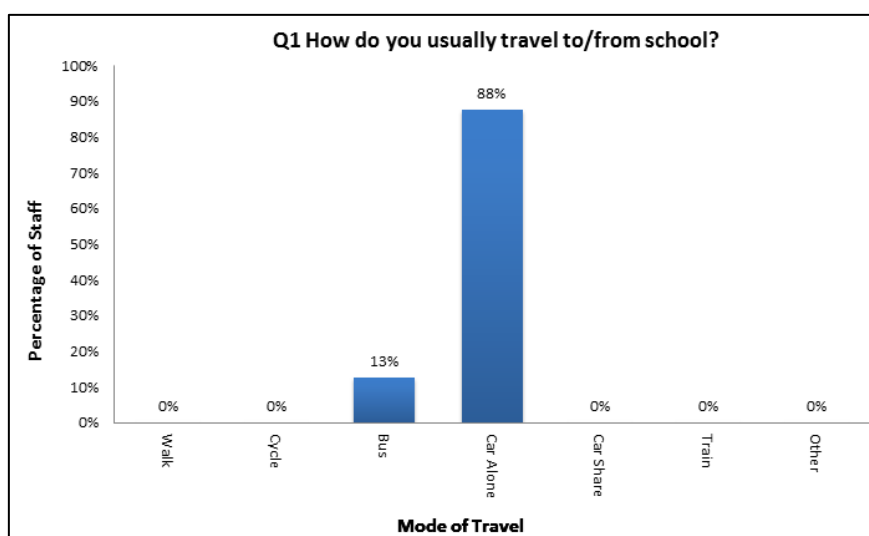
Additional Comments from Parents:

A car park needs to be provided for people dropping and collecting from school. Not always possible for everyone to walk, especially if school opens at 845 and employment starts at 9am. Do not have time to walk, collect the car and then drive to employment
Additional safe pedestrian crossings would be welcome
Car parking spaces for school. Bollards or barriers near school on the path
Consider a car park on the school site
Make a car park available to parents as we have to park on the road which is unsafe for children
My daughter also scoots to and from school and wears a helmet
Start work at 9am
The council need to provide adequate parking and enforce no parking on footpaths
Walking is fabulous but not always possible. Some designated parking would be good for those who need it

Staff survey results (80% response rate)

Q1 How do you usually travel to/from school?

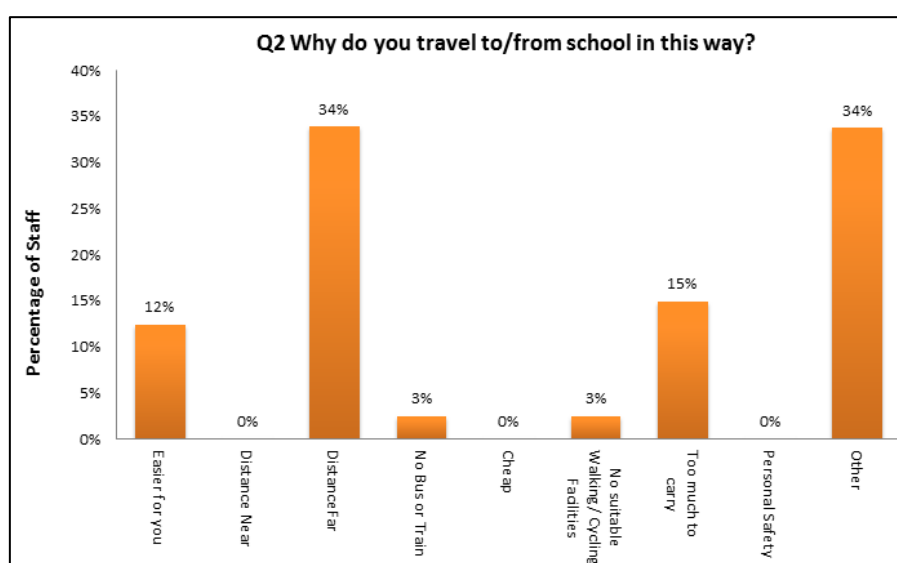
Walk	Cycle	Bus	Car Alone	Car Share	Train	Other
0	0	1	7	0	0	0
0%	0%	13%	88%	0%	0%	0%



As is the case with many schools, teaching staff tend to drive to school as they don't, in general, live near their work. They also have busy lives and often driving is the most convenient and efficient way to travel. It is good to see that 13% of staff walk to school which may be more of the administrative and catering staff as well as teaching assistants who tend to live closer to their work. Unusually, it should be noted that a number of staff work across both Castle Hill Primary sites – Greenbank and Rooksdown – and need to commute between these sites during the day meaning that they use their cars more than just at the start and end of the day for work commitments.

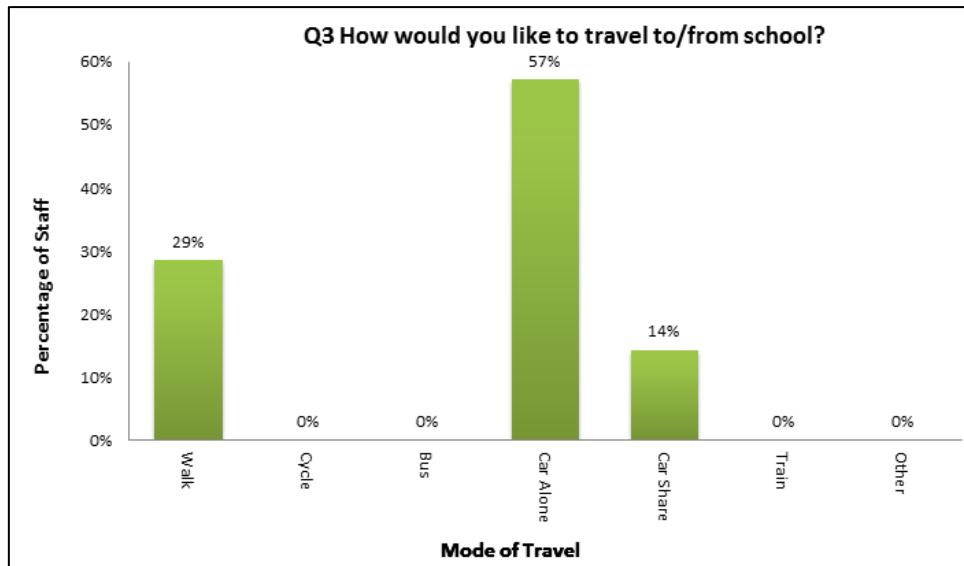
Q2 Why do you travel in this way?

Easier for you	Distance Near	Distance Far	No Bus or Train	Cheap	No suitable Walking/ Cycling Facilities	Too much to carry	Personal Safety	Other
1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	3
12%	0%	34%	3%	0%	3%	15%	0%	34%

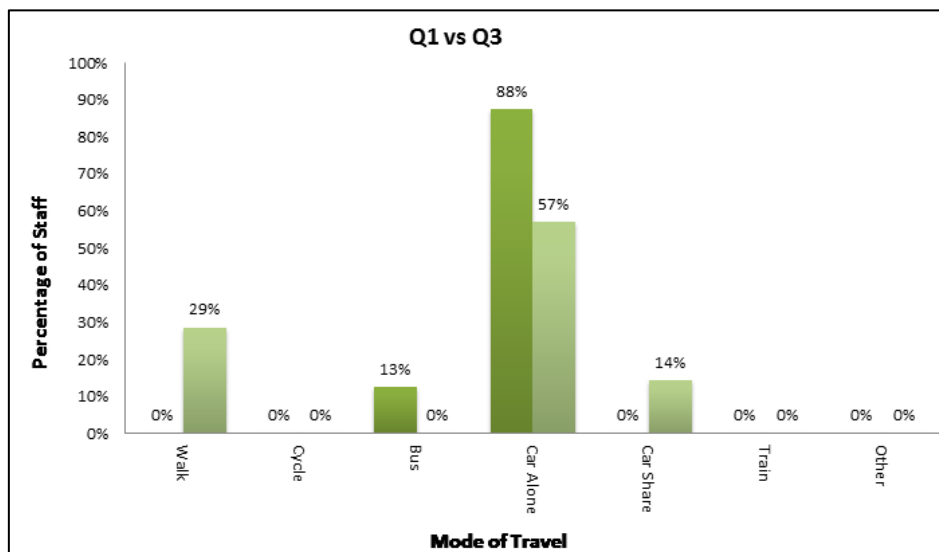


The most popular reason for travel choice was a long distance to travel as well as “other”, for which five out of six staff members cited logistics involving their own children as being an influence.

Q3 How would you like to travel to/from school?						
Walk	Cycle	Bus	Car Alone	Car Share	Train	Other
2	0	0	4	1	0	0
29%	0%	0%	57%	14%	0%	0%



When comparing how staff travel to school with how they would like to travel to school, it can be seen that more people would like to travel sustainably – walking or on a bike – with fewer people using the car. Additionally, 6% would like to use the train.



Q4 What improvements could be made to improve your journey to school?

- Shower facilities
- Living closer

Q5 What do you dislike about your journey to school?

- Traffic! Would like school buses for my children and then I could walk to work!
- Traffic near Chineham is dreadful
- It's too far to work

Q6 Do you have any other comments?

- School transport not provided so I have to use my car to take children to two different schools in Basingstoke before travelling to work
- If I did live closer, a shower at the school would make me want to cycle