

Shaw Travel Plan – Parental Responses

Please indicate how many children you have at the school and which year group(s) they are in:							
	0–	1–	2–	3–	4–	5–	Total–
Number of Children at the School	0.00% 0	69.05% 29	28.57% 12	2.38% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	42
Reception	40.00% 6	60.00% 9	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	15
Year 1	14.29% 2	78.57% 11	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14
Year 2	23.53% 4	76.47% 13	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	17
Year 3	28.57% 4	71.43% 10	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14
Year 4	26.32% 5	68.42% 13	5.26% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	19
Year 5	33.33% 5	66.67% 10	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	15
Year 6	45.45% 5	54.55% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11

How long does the journey to school normally take?	
Answer Choices –	Responses –
Less than 10 Minutes	58.93% 33
10-19 minutes	35.71% 20
20-29 Minutes	3.57% 2
30-44 Minutes	1.79% 1
44-60 Minutes	0.00% 0
More than 60 Minutes	0.00% 0
Total	56

Is/are your child(ren) accompanied to school by an adult?	
Answer Choices –	Responses –
Yes	98.21% 55
No	1.79% 1
Total	56

How do(es) your child(ren) usually travel to school and how would you prefer them to travel to school? *Car share is giving a lift to/sharing with children from another family					
	Currently travel to school –	Currently travel from school –	Prefer to travel to school –	Prefer to travel from school –	Total Respondents –
Car Share*	50.00% 3	66.67% 4	50.00% 3	50.00% 3	6
Car	100.00% 37	86.49% 32	32.43% 12	32.43% 12	37
Park and Stride	50.00% 2	75.00% 3	50.00% 2	50.00% 2	4
Scooter	66.67% 2	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	3
Bus	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0
Walk	86.67% 26	80.00% 24	70.00% 21	66.67% 20	30
Cycle	50.00% 4	37.50% 3	75.00% 6	50.00% 4	8
Taxi	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0
Train	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0

Briefly describe any problems your child(ren) face getting to school and if you have any ideas that you believe would help to enhance the safety of all those who travel to, from or past Shaw school, please can you give details below?
I think the footpath which comes from the traffic lights direction on the school side into the car park area could do with having a footpath line to the white fence as when you walk with children around that corner, cars at the moment can come quite far over to the path whilst looking in the opposite direction to you for traffic coming the other way, whilst still moving towards children. It has been suggested by residents to CAWS that the orange flashing lights to indicate school times be switched back on to help alert traffic to the zebra crossing. Please see email I sent to Mr White earlier this year regarding this.
The road past the school is very busy, I am teaching them road safety.
Traffic congestion could be helped by widening the exit from the car park so left turning traffic can get past right turning cars. Signs and a yellow box on other side of road would help cars turning right to get out and this would avoid the grid lock. There should be a rail going round the corner here to protect pedestrians. Walking along the main road (Corsham road) on the pavement feels unsafe at times as it is narrow with cars going fast very close to you. Anything to improve this would be great, ie a widened pavement or inset pavement. And even a cut through the back of the school where the wall is nearest the school where it is very narrow. A crossing at middle lane/first lane would also be good.
The last part of the journey is along a very busy road. Maybe widening the path and making this a cycle path would help.
We believe that the distance is too far to walk and the suitability & safety of the footpath between Melksham and Shaw is inadequate. Hence we drive (reluctantly) to school every day.
We walk along the A365 which can be a fast road - 40mph limit not always adhered to. Reduced speed in school times would make it safer and would feel happier letting children walk home alone as they get older if this was implemented.
The zebra crossing is on the wrong side of the car park. Most people come from parking on the road and it is not always safe to cross. There should be an additional zebra crossing.
School bus from centre of Melksham supervised by adult
Obviously parking is an issue, a dedicated drop off point would be useful, though where to put it is another matter.
Increased traffic in the area due to population increase makes it a more hazardous journey for children. Having a lollipop person on the zebra crossing would go some way to helping with this.
When there are organised school trips via coach, the coach often parks right outside the car park at the peak drop off/commuting time which causes traffic chaos on the Corsham Road. It would make sense for the coach to park down the road until after 9.00am and then collect children.
Seasonal issues e.g. localised flooding and/or heavy traffic congestion. Safety suggestion - further investigation into 'drop off/pick up and drive' to increase throughput of traffic.
Owners of cars dropping off children not parking on double yellow lines and causing further unnecessary congestion. This has caused an incident this year where a lorry mounted the pavement and drove straight at myself as a parent and my daughter who were walking home. Fortunately there was a grassed area to the left where we are able to get out of the way.
Speed of traffic on Shaw Hill is a concern - many cars routinely exceed the 30 limit. Encouraging more children to wear high vis vests might help. Also, it's alarming how many motorists fail to stop at the zebra crossing outside school. I've nearly been hit on the crossing on a couple of occasions and I fear a child will be one day. A lollipop person at school drop off / pick up time would be ideal!
Have 2 drop off time windows and 2 pickup time windows? By surname e.g. A to M then N to Z. Obviously everyone won't 100% do it but largely it would be better.
Making pathways wider. And removing brambles, stinging nettles and ivy. Better drainage system when there is heavy rain. Slower traffic, possibly a 20mph limit at school drop off & pick up times. Especially the big lorries, vans, tractors and buses, when they pass at a fast speed it can be very frightening for children.
Lollipop person
Main problem is parents who will not park their car on the roadside and instead insist on either entering the school car park and waiting for a space (thus blocking the flow of traffic) or waiting in the road until they can turn into the school car park. Somehow you need facilities where cars with older children can drive into the car park and drop the kids then drive immediately away (like taxi's in a rank) and cars with young children who need to be accompanied into school can park efficiently. The field used during the school fete was useful in terms of providing extra space. Could we not share the golf car park and have a secure pathway made between the school and golf club?
We walk two days a week from Melksham, the road is very busy 40mph, I feel it should be 30mph with so many kids walking on it. The hedge is overgrown and needs cutting back in several places. The path is also very narrow in places and could easily be made wider by taking the grass verge back. This would all make walking to school safer because at times it feels quite dangerous walking.
Would be useful to have a second crossing further up the road towards Corsham.
It doesn't cause us a problem getting to or from school, but the thing that really concerns me is we often see cars going through a red light, sometime two or three after it's changed. Somebody nearly drove head on into me the other day as they'd skipped a light and I was moving round to the right on my way back up Shaw Hill. I

believe there will be a serious accident one day if the timings are not altered on those traffic lights.
We walk to school and currently do not encounter any issues getting to and from school. However some cars are irresponsibly parked on the pavements within the school car park, forcing us to walk on the road where acts come round the corner
I believe there needs to be a crossing on the Whitley side of the school car park either a zebra crossing or a lollipop lady. A lower speed limit (20) that is enforced during school drop off / pick up hours
I would not allow my child to be unaccompanied by myself due to aggressive shown before school by a parent on more than one occasion.
We often use the Beeches which is great but can sometimes be very busy. Also, walking from Dunch lane, the path is tiny and cars race along the road. A slightly larger car park would be great with better access, quite often certain parents block it up, I understand you know who these people are but they still seem to carry on doing it and are aggressive when challenged
The council should try to provide a suitable car park for the school
High levels of traffic and big development meaning cycling is quite dangerous currently
Poor parking on main road and car park congestion make non-school traffic impatient and often unsafe. Vehicles travel too fast along Corsham Rd. A crossing on the Whitley side of school would be really useful, as many children walk from this direction. The very narrow section of pavement approaching school and the often overgrown pavement opposite the golf club discourage safe walking. Also a large puddle fills the pavement just outside the school car park and many children walk on the road or the kerb to avoid it. Would it be possible to make an entrance in the corner of the school field (in the 'forest' area near the wild flowers) with a path into the car park via the old recycling bin area to get pedestrians off the roadside a bit earlier?
Recently it has become the norm for one or two parents to stop and wait for a space to become free in the car park at 3.15pm. This causes congestion on the road outside school and problems getting in and out of the car park. When I first came to the school we were told to keep moving in the car park to keep the traffic flow and people used to do this. Supervision is needed as the same people who do it either don't know or don't care about the problems they cause on the main road.
There is no foot path for a large part of the journey, meaning that my child would have to walk on a busy unlit road.
Heavy traffic is biggest issue. Would be great if there were cycle ways. But, knowing the local council, seems extremely unlikely.
Walking alongside busy main road
I try to arrive later & collect early so we don't have to walk on narrow path on main road towards Corsham direction (live in Corsham). Particularly when it's raining - large puddles mean you have to walk in main road, these need maintaining & a barrier put up on the path next to entrance of carpark. I've seen so many near misses with children just running out so near to traffic. Beeches means waiting at traffic lights when not needed & first lane is narrow (damage to cars)!
A lollipop person on the zebra crossing would make it possible to send children on their own.
To consider walking any distance I would be happier if the route wasn't next to the busy main road.