

St Georges Church School



School Travel Plan

School Details

St Georges Church School, part of the BWMAT
DfE number 802/2005

Address: Pastures Avenue, St Georges, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS22 7SA

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Starr
Number of pupils on roll: 238
Number of staff:

School Times

Our school day starts at 8.40am. Our school day ends at 3.10pm for Reception and KS1. Our school day ends at 3.15pm for KS2.

Introduction

In 1998, the Government introduced its White Paper on Transport, which emphasised the need to address the use of cars for the school journey. School Travel Plans are seen as a key component in addressing school journey issues.

A School Travel Plan is a package of measures aimed to reduce the number of 'school runs' made. A series of different measures introduced by the school, through the Plan, all contribute to reducing the congestion outside the school. Pupils, staff and parents are educated about and encouraged to walk and cycle to and from school instead, thus helping to increase pupils' independence, safety and health and fitness.

Aims and objectives

Our overall vision is to build safe and sustainable travel approaches for our school and its wider community.

Objectives:

- To reduce traffic numbers around our school site and surrounding areas.
- To increase active travel to school to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Site Audit

The school has a car park that is used by staff but that parents and carers have been given permission to park in. The school site is surrounded by three potential dangerous bends. There is road parking but one side is made up of double yellow lines. There is a long layby which contains an un-used bus stop where parents park at drop off and pick up.

The school has cycle and scooter racks for use by children.

Targets

Target 1 - To reduce traffic by 10% in an academic year (Modeshift target)

Target 2 - To achieve a good accreditation with Modeshift Stars

Consultations

The travel plan working group comprises of one member of teaching staff (Jane Cooper), a governor (Ally Webb), the headteacher (Sarah Starr) and a member of the admin team (Louisa Clark). Jane Cooper met with Abbie Edbrooke from North Somerset in September 2025 as an initial consultation to discuss the project going forwards. A second consultation took place in November 2025 where the TLC (previously known as governing body) discussed the Modeshift Stars plan and results of the survey as well as agreed on aims and objectives.

Statement of Endorsement

Travel Plan Endorsement Statement

I, Sarah Starr, Headteacher,, fully endorse the objectives and measures outlined in the Travel Plan for St Georges Church School. This plan reflects our commitment to promoting sustainable travel choices, reducing single-occupancy car use, and supporting active and public transport options for all site users as well as being steward of the Earth.

We will allocate the necessary resources, appoint a Travel Plan Coordinator, and monitor progress against agreed targets. Regular reviews will ensure the plan remains effective and responsive to changing needs.

By implementing this Travel Plan, we aim to contribute positively to the local environment, reduce congestion, and enhance accessibility for staff, visitors, and the wider community.

Signed:
Sarah Starr
Headteacher
St Georges Church School
18/11/25