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4 life**
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The Change 4 Life campaign has some excellent resources to help encourage active travel to school. Printed materials such as posters can be ordered or downloaded from the website, and you can also use their templates to create bespoke leaflets or banners for any activities you may be organising.

adventures happen when you walk!



The "Great Swapathon"

This exciting new campaign is launched this month, so don't forget that if your school wants to help pupils make a healthy swap they can encourage them to swap a car journey for a healthier walk or cycle ride.

Cycle Journey Planner

A new cycle journey planner developed by Transport Direct has been launched in all 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester.



This free and easy to use website can plan the quickest, quietest or even the most recreational cycle route, so is a great starting point for any parents, pupils or staff thinking about cycling to school. It will give you detailed route directions and a map, so visit www.transportdirect.info and click on 'Find a Cycle Route' from the menu on the left hand side to find out how you can travel by bike around Trafford.

Cycle parking grants



In the Autumn term several Trafford schools were successful in obtaining grants from Sustrans to install new cycle storage at their schools.

Congratulations to **Bollin Primary, Brooklands Primary, English Martyrs RC Primary and Stretford Grammar** who secured over

£20,000 between them to put towards the cost of new facilities.

Road safety update



Trafford's Road Safety officers will be out delivering the ever popular Crucial Crew this term.

For 3 weeks in March, they will be stationed at the TA army barracks in Old Trafford with other community safety workers, delivering key safety messages to Year 6 pupils from Trafford's schools.

This fun and interactive day is always enjoyed by the children who learn valuable skills to help keep them safe.

Become a case study and inspire other schools!

We are always looking for examples of activities which schools have been involved in which have been successful in reducing pupils travelling by car, and could be replicated in other schools.

If you have something you'd like to shout about, get in touch with the School Travel Advisor. We are especially interested to hear how secondary schools are getting on.



**School Travel
Newsletter**

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TRAVEL PLANS

- Although the deadline for receiving capital grants has passed, travel plans can still be submitted, updated and reviewed at any time.
- If you need to update your travel plan but don't want to start from scratch, use our handy annual update pro-forma, which you can download from the STP Champions section of our website www.traveltoschool.com

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Dear School Travel Champion,
Happy new year!



- ♦ Last term was as busy as ever, with new travel resources produced, new infrastructure improvements at schools and a number of competitions across the borough.
- ♦ Despite the current financial climate, we are pleased that the government has recognised the importance of sustainable travel by announcing a new Local Sustainable Transport Fund, which could mean access to new funds to support walking, cycling and public transport campaigns in our schools...WATCH THIS SPACE!
- ♦ The window is still open for schools that wish to participate in the WoW campaign. Please get in touch with us or visit their website www.walktoschool.org.uk for more details.

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Greater Manchester's school travel website was successfully re-launched in October, with a high profile event in Manchester city centre. To help raise awareness of this website, which contains loads of useful information about how to write a travel plan and ideas for how to support sustainable school travel, a competition was also held. This involved pupils writing a poem or short story about their journey to school, then submitting it onto the website's Young Reporter's section.

A £50 sports voucher was up for grabs for the school with the winning entry, as well as individual prizes for the authors of the best poems. Executive Cllr Alan Mitchell judged the competition, which had lots of high quality entries. The eventual winner was **Mustafa Soydemir** from **Bollin Primary School**. To see Mustafa's entry and the other poems please visit Trafford's section of www.traveltoschool.com and look for the 'Young Reporters' section.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN TRAFFORD?

Cycle storage

Lots of schools have had new cycle storage installed this Autumn, which is a great sign that more and more pupils and staff are using their bikes to get to school.



Schools with new facilities include Woodhouse primary, English Martyrs RC primary, Wellington High and Park Road primary (Timperley).

Cloverlea Primary

Many pupils attending Cloverlea primary have to cross the very busy Shaftesbury Avenue each day to get to school.

Work has now been completed on the traffic lights at the Thorley Lane crossroads, resulting in a pedestrian crossing phase being added to the lights on each branch of the junction.

This has made it much safer for all pedestrians using this junction and will encourage more parents and pupils to walk to school.

Highway Improvements

Examples of some of the improvements in parts of Sale and Old Trafford as part of the Links to School project (see opposite)



WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

October was international Walk to School month. Last year we ran a new scheme called Green Miles which proved to be a great hit, so we decided to repeat it this year. Free classroom packs were delivered to over 30 primary schools across Trafford at the end of September, in time for the 2 week challenge in October.

The challenge rewarded pupils who travelled to school in a sustainable way over a two week period with a sticker, which was converted into 'Green Miles' on a class wallchart, following steps around a map. At the end of the challenge, members from the class which travelled furthest around the map were rewarded with pencils, rulers and ponchos to help keep them dry.

Well done to Year 5 at Oldfield Brow, which was the highest scoring class in the whole of Trafford. The top 5 classes are shown below, along with the average number of steps for the top 5 schools overall.

School name	Class name
Oldfield Brow	Year 5
Cloverlea	year 2
Springfield	6S
Cloverlea	Year 4
Wellfield Junior	hazel

School	Average steps per pupil
Cloverlea	9.0
Wellfield Junior	8.4
Springfield	8.3
Urmston Juniors	8.1
Navigation	7.6

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this fun challenge to walk to school!



LINKS TO SCHOOLS

OLD TRAFFORD CYCLE LINK



This route forms part of Sustrans' National Cycle Network (Route 55). It links up with 2 existing routes to form a continuous route from Chorlton, through Old Trafford and over the Manchester Ship Canal to the new Media City development at Salford Quays. It has been developed as a Links to Schools project, with direct benefits for pupils and staff choosing to walk or cycle to a number of schools including St Hilda's, St Teresa's, Kings Road, St John Vianney, Stretford High and Trafford College.

Improvements made along this route include shared use footpaths for cyclists and pedestrians, a new Toucan crossing, a dedicated track level crossing at Old Trafford metrolink stop, dropped kerbs, advance stop signs for cyclists, coloured road surfaces and clear signage.

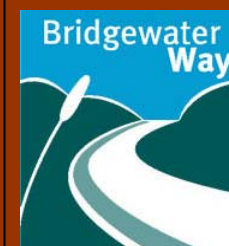


This project, funded by Sustrans and Trafford Council, has made real improvements for sustainable travel in Old Trafford, with benefits for both schools and commuter cyclists.

SALE LINKS TO SCHOOL LAUNCH

The Sale Links to School project has also been completed this Autumn. Stretches of the Bridgewater Way canal (regional cycle network Route 82) have been upgraded to provide a fantastic traffic free route for cyclists and pedestrians. The scheme has been jointly funded by Sustrans, Trafford Council and the Bridgewater Canal Trust and further improvements include signage, dropped kerbs, upgraded access points and a new entrance into Springfield Primary School directly from the towpath, enabling pupils to walk or cycle to school without the need to travel along busy main roads.

Springfield Head Teacher, Clive Davies, has been very supportive and prospective new parents have also commented favourably on the new scheme. The Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Kenneth Weston, officially cut the ribbon on the new school gate at the opening ceremony on 30th November. Guests at the cold, snowy opening included Sustrans, Peel Holdings (owners of the canal) and other stakeholders.



A quiz sheet consisting of questions about the canal and a map of the new route was handed out to all pupils, who were asked to use the route and complete the quiz on their way to or from school. All pupils who got all the answers correct received small prizes.

We have plenty of maps in stock for the new cycle routes, and we've also got some new leaflets explaining the different types of pedestrian crossings, so please get in touch if you'd like any free copies.

