



Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children, and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment’.

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Safety of our children is a major concern and is of the highest priority. Working with partner agencies such as the Local Authority, the Police, the Highway's Department and Local Councillors', we endeavour at all times, including the journey to and from school to keep our children safe from danger.

Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School is set in a beautiful rural part of North West Leeds. However, due to narrow footpath/sections with no footway on one side of the key route into school *more* parents drive their children to school.

The immediate access is along a 200 yard very narrow lane (Long Causeway) from the main route into Adel. This lane is totally congested during the peak hours of 8.45 to 9.15 am and 3.00 to 3.30 pm. Parents park along one side of the lane which then becomes even narrower.

Site accessibility and transport links

There are currently four pedestrian access points to the schools; one via Bedquilts, one each from each end of Long Causeway and one from St George Martin Drive. Car parking is for staff and disabled drivers only, although some staff park on the road. The car park has two areas; one on the semi-circle for staff who require access in and out of school during the day and the second near the superintendent's bungalow where staff double park to ensure all vehicles can park on site.

There are three pedestrian gates, two of which are secured and accessed via a pin number lock. Two gates offer access on to school sites and one direct access to the nursery and after school club. (All gates are locked at the start and end of the school day). A footpath leads from them all into the school grounds. There are two crossing points outside the school perimeter although these are not marked for crossing, once inside, there is currently no safe path avoiding the car park.

Safety issues and difficulties

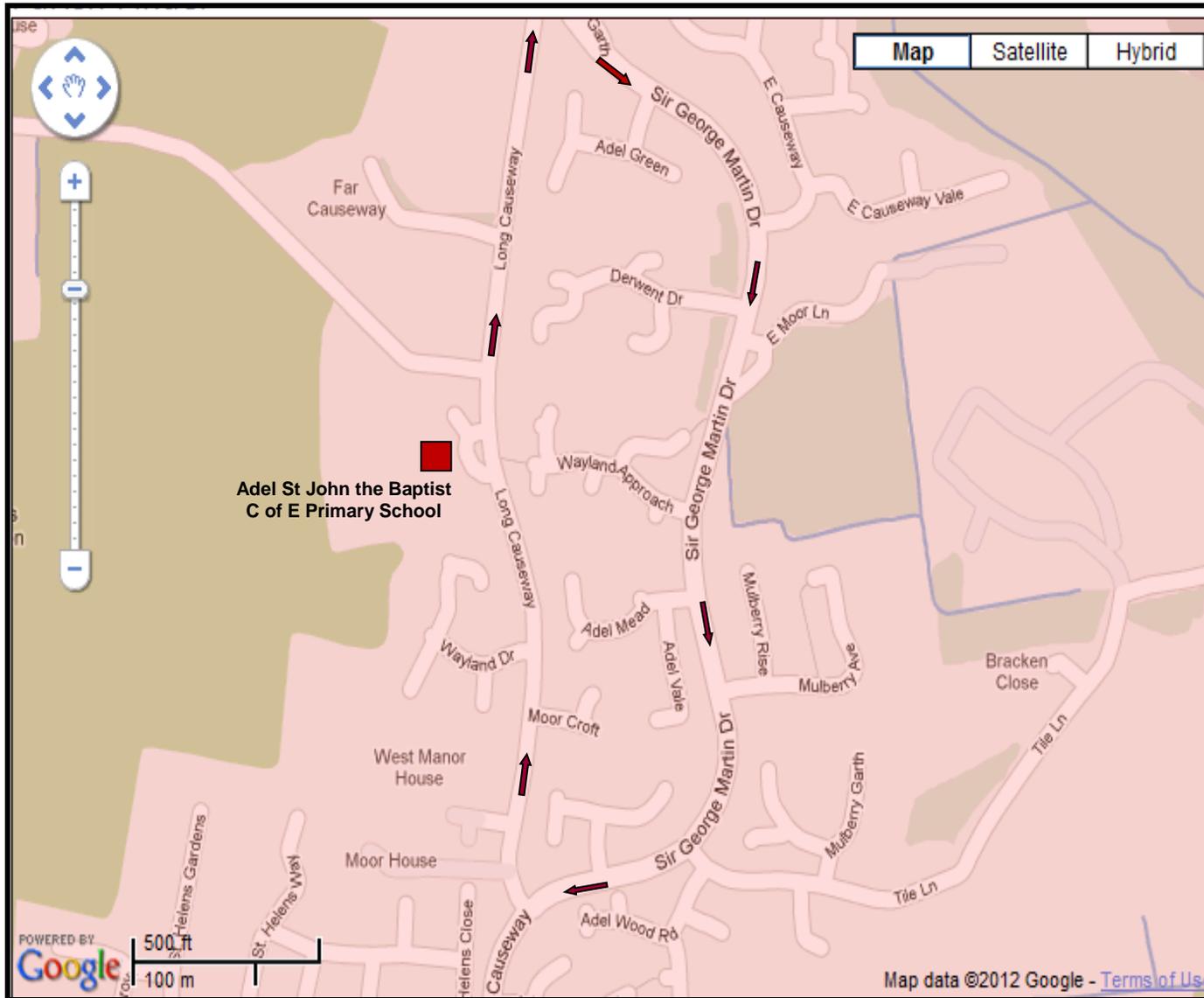
- Emergency vehicles could experience problems if access was required during congested school times.
- Local residents complain about the parking, but have objected to traffic flow initiatives, even the voluntary one way system.
- Even though the school offered to pay for an individual to take charge of a walking bus, and advertising the post locally no such person was found, largely due to the worries about responsibility if an accident should occur.
- In 2013 The University closed the adjacent car park – after many suggestions from school, Police and Local Councillors as to how it could remain open. This has added to the congestion.
- The Doctors' surgery next to the school has repeatedly complained about parents using their spaces to drop off their children or parking across the entrance to their site. Recently, Police have liaised with the Doctors' Surgery about how to meet their own responsibilities.

Sustainable travel initiatives

- Adel St John the Baptist C of E Primary School has a Healthy Schools' award which recognises the school's commitment to promoting healthy living and encourage active lifestyles.
- The school has cycle and scooter racks installed
- As part of Archbishop of York initiative Year 4 children have written letters to parents about inconsiderate parking and met with local councillor.
- The school has sought guidance from the Police, Parks and Countryside and the Council Highways Department to create a designated one-way system. This was objected to by local residents; despite this the school works hard to promote the voluntary one-way system, especially with new parents. This is still deemed to be successful as the vast majority of parents recognise that this is an easier way to keep traffic flowing.
- In 2012 we competed in the 'Walk the History of the Games' competition run by the Local Authority School Travel Team. Class surveys taken at the time noted an increase in numbers of pupils walking to school. The competition was to clock up as many miles as possible by encouraging children to walk to school. The school took this initiative and made it their own, with children, scooting, skipping and singing to school. Teachers met the children early from various local points and walked to school. The competition ran through the whole of West Yorkshire including Bradford and Calderdale with the school coming first from over 270 school entrants. At the award ceremony in the Civic Hall, the school was applauded for the many creative initiatives that encouraged children and their parents to walk to school.
- Since the success of our Walking the History of the Games we established an annual 'Walkability' event which encourages families to walk to school or park further away and walk the remaining distance. During this time school sets up safe meeting points at various locations and children walked to school in a 'train-like' manner. Other travel methods such as scoot, skip, sing to school have been successful in encouraging alternative modes of transport. School have monitored these throughout the week and offered prizes to those achieving high rates of success.

- We have reorganised arrangements for swimming transport and all school trips by allocating a safe pick up point, on Sir George Martin Drive, school children now walk the distance to and from this embarkation/disembarkation point.
- Parents are encouraged to park on Church Lane and walk the remainder of the journey through Bedquilts. Since introducing our initiatives more families are choosing this route. Crossing Otley Road and Church Lane can be hazardous due to traffic speed although school liaised with the Local Authority to remove dangers from this area and speed radar signs and traffic calming humps have been installed.
- A request to the Local Authority to resurface a major route through Bedquilts field at the rear of school was completed and from the path leading from Bedquilts Recreation Ground to Church Lane. This is privately owned land.
- In the past we have liaised with a local club requesting that parents be allowed to park in their car park during busy school times and then walk to school. Unfortunately, even after a letter from local Councillor permission was refused. This was disappointing as a safer route across Bedquilts would be the best option.
- The school continues to promote Pedestrian Training, Road Safety Lessons, Balance-ability and the Bike-ability Cycle Training for Year 6 pupils. In the past children have accessed 'The Gift of Life' Road Safety Pantomime which included The Green Cross Code, Be Bright Be Seen and Safer Cycling themes performed by Leeds City Council Road Safety Promotion Unit.
- Information is regularly sent to parents about the voluntary one-way system and requesting courtesy on the roads around school. At the New Parents presentation evening each year the Headteacher speaks to the parents about observing the voluntary one-way system, a map containing the advised directional flow of traffic is included in the School Prospectus.
- In 2012 the School Admission Policy criteria was amended to give preference to applicants worshipping and residing within the Parish of Adel, therefore encouraging more local applicants to the school.
- A member of school staff has been deployed on duty at the school perimeter onto Long Causeway during busy times to ensure that traffic is free flowing. In addition he ensures that the parents do not break any traffic rules or regulations. He reports any concerns, takes the registration number and this is reported to the Police.
- For a number of years school has taken part in the 'Mini Police' project where Year 6 children are encouraged to regulate traffic. Accompanied by PCSO's the children approach drivers and issue them with lines and tell them to park more courteously and considerately.
- As a school we continue to liaise very closely with the PCSO's who have approached and visited parents and local residents who park inappropriately. Any complaints received from or about local residents are passed to the Police for immediate action.
- We liaise and support Leeds City Council's Influencing Travel Behaviour Team in publishing their travel blog to educate both children and parents about the importance of safe and active travel.

School Voluntary One Way system in place



School Travel Action Plan

Objectives	Priority	Measure / initiative	Responsibility	Review Date
To encourage and enable more children and parents to walk to/from school.	Medium	Continue to support initiatives which encourage children to walk, scoot, cycle their way to school	Headteacher / all staff	July 2019
	Medium	Continue to examine class surveys to monitor the children who walk, scoot or cycle to school	Headteacher / Attendance team	July 2019
	High	Continue to liaise with external agencies, the Local Authority, Police, Highway's Department and Councillor	Headteacher	April 2019
	High	Improve condition of paving on footpaths near the school site - <i>subject to funding.</i>	Headteacher / Governing Body	April 2019
	Low	Consider offering children who walk, hi-viz accessories/clothing	Headteacher / Learning mentor	April 2019
To reduce congestion around school site	Medium	Continue to support initiatives which encourage children to walk, scoot, cycle their way to school	Headteacher	July 2019
	High	Continue to promote turning circle on Sir George Martin Drive as transport embarkation/disembarkation point.	Headteacher / all staff	Feb 2019
	Medium	Continue to deploy a member of staff to monitor traffic at peak times 8.45 – 9.15 am and 3.00 – 3.30 pm	Headteacher / superintendent	-
	High	Continue to raise the profile of the voluntary one-way system with parents, staff, volunteers and visitors	Headteacher	April 2019
	High	Continue to update parents regarding traffic congestion via the weekly newsletter	Headteacher / office	Feb 2019
	High	Continue to liaise with external agencies, the Local Authority, Police, Highway's Department and Councillors as required	Headteacher	April 2019
To ensure drivers	Medium	Continue to deploy a member of staff to monitor traffic	Headteacher /	-

follow traffic regulations		at peak times 8.45 – 9.15 am and 3.00 – 3.30 pm	superintendent	
	High	Continue to liaise with PCSO's and report individual issues to the Local Police	Headteacher / office	Feb 2019
	Medium	Continue to work with partner agencies, Police, Local Authority, Councillor and the Road Safety Team	Headteacher	April 2019
	Medium	Continue with the Mini Police initiative	Headteacher / Learning mentor	July 2019
	High	To support council in introduction of double yellow lines on the several drop kerbs along Long Causeway	Headteacher	Feb 2019
To improve public relations with the local community	Medium	Continue to deploy a member of staff to monitor traffic at peak times 8.45 – 9.15 am and 3.00 – 3.30 pm	Headteacher / superintendent	-
	Medium	Chair of the Governing Body to liaise with other members of The Adel Forum	Chair of Governing Body	July 2019
	High	Continue to promote the voluntary one-way system with parents, staff, volunteers and visitors	Headteacher / superintendent	April 2019
	High	Continue to liaise with external agencies, the Local Authority, Police, Highway's Department and Councillor Barry Anderson	Headteacher	April 2019
	High	To provide a short article to a local residents' newsletter on the travel plan and activities that the schools are undertaking.	Headteacher	April 2019