



## **TRAVEL STRATEGY**

### **Aims**

- To ensure that all children are safe when travelling to and from school
- To ensure that local residents, community and other travellers are disrupted as little as possible.
- To provide parents and other visitors with clear guidance so that the first two points can be achieved.

### **Context**

- Surveys and questionnaire responses show that parking for delivery and collection of children is an ongoing concern.
- The capacity of this school is currently 108 plus up to 26 nursery children. In September 2018 the school will begin to change to primary and over the next 4 years numbers could rise to 140 (plus nursery).

### **Measures already taken**

- The new entrance and ramp have, as intended, encouraged more parents and carers to approach the school from the town
- Children and parents continue to be educated about road safety and the health benefits of walking to and from school.
- We have ensured that parking restrictions already in place are not ignored.
- Poor and inconsiderate parking is always followed up and people advised of alternative parking arrangements.
- With the help of Aylsham Town Council two flashing 20mph signs have been installed informing traffic coming from both directions on the Blickling Road.
- Speed limit devices are in place from time to time to alert drivers to their actual speed.
- Regular Police attendance has discouraged bad parking.
- We have produced a travel information document for parents. This shows how easy it is to use one of the 4 existing car parks in town and walk the route to and from school.
- We have established 2 clearly marked spaces on Rawlinson's Lane for disabled drivers.

### **Next steps**

The age range of the children attending St Michael's will extend slowly over the next 4 years. A factor to take into consideration is that at the same time the pupil admission number will be reduced from 36 to 20, so that there will eventually be proportionally fewer children under the age of 7 than is currently the case. Research shows that older children are more likely to be able to walk to and from school with their friends without needing adult help. It will, of course, take time and guidance before this habit can emerge.

From September 2017 the school will make it clear to parents that children can be left at school, under staff supervision, from 8.45. (School starts at 9.00.) Parents and carers will be encouraged to make use of this provision so that parking is staggered.

In autumn term 2017 a 'walk to school' initiative will be run. A designated member of staff will be available to teach road safety to children. This will help parents feel more confident



about walking with their young children. Once the building project is under way it will be even more necessary to discourage parking close to the school.

From September 2018 (at the latest) a breakfast club will be established which will mean that fewer children will be arriving at school at the critical point of 8.55.

From September 2017 more after school clubs and activities will be offered, meaning that as many as 25 children can stay at school until 4 pm.

Over the next academic year the school will encourage parents to explore the possibility of cycling to and from school and help by providing Balanceability and Bikeability training.

Over time we expect fewer parents to need to use their cars to collect children from school in order to rush up to BVS to collect siblings. Those siblings will be at St Michael's.

In September 2017 this Travel Strategy will be discussed with parents and other stakeholders. We will propose that parents consider car sharing to relieve parking pressure.

In addition to the disabled parking spaces along Rawlinsons Lane, a further disabled parking bay will be included as part of the proposed staff car park reconfiguration.

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

### **WALK TO SCHOOL**

- Buttlands car park – 3 minutes
- Burgh Road car park – 7 minutes
- Market Place – 2 minutes
- Budgens car park – 3 minutes

### **CYCLE TO SCHOOL**

Children accompanied by adults can cycle around Aylsham with its 20 mph speed limit.

There is a cycle shed on the school site accessible from Schoolhouse Lane. The site is secure throughout the school day and within easy reach of the entrance before and after school hours.

### **COME BY BUS**

The nearest bus stop is in the market place, and from there the school is a two minute walk away.

### **PARKING AT SCHOOL**

Please respect all the restrictions on parking, and note that there are almost no pavements. Please respect our neighbours and try not to park in St Michael's Close, Church Terrace nor block any entrances to residents' driveways on Holman Road or Rawlinson's Lane.

For drivers with a disability there are 2 clearly marked parking places on Rawlinson's Lane. Anyone with particular mobility issues or requirements is invited to contact the school before visiting.

**St. Michael's Nursery and Infant School, Aylsham**  
A Church of England, Voluntary Aided School



Visitors arriving by car should use the following postcode: NR11 6EZ. This will take you down Blickling Road and then onto Rawlinson's Lane, where there are usually spaces.

Our actual postcode is NR11 6EX but if you put this into your Satnav you will be forced to drive down Schoolhouse Lane. This is an exceptionally narrow road which has a sharp right angle bend in it. It is usually used by pedestrians and a very few people who live on the Lane.