Bridekirk Dovenby School – Traffic Monitoring

What do we want to achieve?

The Governors at Bridekirk Dovenby School carried out a parent questionnaire to enable all parents an open forum to comment on traffic, parking and safety at school. The issue of increased traffic at the school has been cause for concern and issues have been raised by parents, staff and Governors.

Governors will evaluate the information collected along with details of the traffic survey. They will work with Friends of Bridekirk Dovenby School (FOBDS) with the aim of improving the situation.

Questionnaires were completed during parent's evenings in February 2018. These are the most common issues;

Speed of traffic	Bus should be used by all children who have a bus pass	Dangerous parking close to the junction reducing visibility
Inconsiderate parking	Staggered finish time	Buses for children who are not currently within catchment
Installation of pavement on the road to Dovenby	Create a car park	Traffic calming measures and reduced speed limit at school starting and finishing times
Buses need to be considerate of other road users	Buses should switch their engines off when parked	Car sharing
Staff car park, separate staff parking	Widen the road, introduce passing places, and reduce the grass verge.	Reliable bus service
Send text of car registration numbers of repeat offenders – name and shame	Inconspicuous monitoring of parking by school and police	Concern over a serious accident occurring
Lollipop person to ensure safe crossing	Introduce a one way system	Increase the catchment area of the school
Parents/carers ignoring parking signs	Buses leave at an earlier time	Purchase additional land which can be developed for parking
White lines to designate parking spaces	Parking monitor to ensure safe parking, drop off and passing	

Traffic monitoring was carried out by Governors on the 20th and 21st February 2018. All vehicles passing the school were counted, along with a count of adults and children arriving at school. The unaccompanied children were those which arrived at school by bus. These children are met by a member of staff and escorted into the school playground. All traffic passing the school was counted. This includes non-school traffic.

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Out of School Club is open from 8am. From 8.35am a member of staff is present in the playground and children can be dropped off at school. The busiest drop off time is 8.45-8.50 which coincides with the arrival of the large bus. There is also a rush of traffic and children arriving between 8.50 and 8.55 when the bell rings. This was consistent over both days. Despite children being dropped off and cars leaving, there is still limited parking which causes cars to park on the opposite side of the crossroads.

School finishes at 3.15pm. There is a steady stream of traffic from 2.40pm, although many cars are parked earlier, and some parents arrive as early as 2pm to ensure a parking place. This has been noted by Governors and FODBS on more than one occasion. Due to lack of parking and all parents needing to be waiting on the playground at 3.15 there is an increased number of cars parking on the other side of the cross roads which is a national speed limit road. There is no pavement, a muddy verge and parents and children will walk along the road whilst returning to their car

What else have we done?

Governors, FOBDS and Staff have had discussion and meetings with Highways, Cumbria County Council, Cllr Keith Little, Contractors and Consultants. Governors have collected email addresses from volunteers ready to set up a working group.

What do we do now?

FOBDS will apply for a grant from Cumbria Community Foundation to request funds from the United Utilities Legacy Fund and The Tallentire Windfarm Fund for a staff car park within the current school grounds and a lay-by on land opposite the school.

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8.05 – 8.10					At 8.10 9 cars were already parked		
8.10 – 8.15	2		1		1		
8.15 – 8.20			1		1		
8.20 – 8.25							
8.25 – 8.30			1		1		
8.30 – 8.35	2		3		6		
8.35 – 8.40	10		4		14		
8.40 – 8.45	9	6	7		10	1	
8.45 – 8.50	18	25	9	2	10	1	
8.50 – 8.55	13		7	3	15		
8.55 – 9.00	15		7	2	14		
9.00 – 9.05	6		5		8		
TOTAL	75	31	45	7	89	2	

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2.30 – 2.35					At 2.30 19 cars were already parked – 4 of which appeared to be parents		
2.35 – 2.40			1		3		
2.40 – 2.45					1		
2.45 – 2.50					2		
2.50 – 2.55			1	1	5		
2.55 – 3.00	1		2	4	3	1	
3.00 – 3.05	1		3	1	6	1	
3.05 – 3.10	5		8	3	6		
3.10 – 3.15	2		36	3	7		
3.15 – 3.20	2		2		1		
3.20 – 3.25	1		1		1		

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TOTAL	12		51	12	54	2	

21st February 2018	Children < 11 accompanied	Children < 11 unaccompanied	Adult	Cars parked on other side of the crossing	Car/Motorcycle/ LGV <3.5T	MGV/Buses >3.5T	HGV >7.5T & Tractors
8.05 – 8.10					At 8.10 10 cars were already parked		
8.10 – 8.15							
8.15 – 8.20							
8.20 – 8.25	1		1		2		
8.25 – 8.30					3		1
8.30 – 8.35	2		4		7	1	
8.35 – 8.40	10		4		3		
8.40 – 8.45	9	8	3		8	1	1
8.45 – 8.50	23	26	12	1	13	2	
8.50 – 8.55	20	11	19	4	19	1	
8.55 – 9.00	5		2	5	6	2	

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9.00 – 9.05							
TOTAL	70	42	45	10	71	7	2

Time	Children < 11 accompanied	Children < 11 unaccompanied	Adult	Cars on other side of cross road	Car/Motorcycle/ LGV <3.5T	MGV/Buses >3.5T	HGV >7.5T &Tractors
2.30 – 2.35					At 2.30 28 cars were already parked		
2.35 – 2.40							
2.40 – 2.45					3		
2.45 – 2.50					5		
2.50 – 2.55				1	1		
2.55 – 3.00	1		2	3	5	1	
3.00 – 3.05			3	2	5		
3.05 – 3.10	1		7	5	5		
3.10 – 3.15	7		23	3	6		
3.15 – 3.20	1		2		12	1	

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3.20 – 3.25							
TOTAL	10		37	14	72	2	