



Maiden Erleigh School in Reading

DfE Number: 870/4001

a Maiden Erleigh Trust school

School Travel Plan **2015-2016**



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1. Introduction

The aim of our school travel plan will be to encourage and facilitate safe and sustainable travel to and from our school for our pupils, parents and staff.

Our aims are to:

- Walk, or go by bus or train if we can, only go by car if we have to;
- Be safe – learn to walk and cross the roads and learn what makes a route the best to choose;
- Help to make the routes to school safe and attractive;
- Enjoy the streets; buildings; plants and creatures; weather; people; and come and go in friendship groups;
- Learn about the problems cars make, so we can minimise them.

The school will move into its new buildings in autumn 2016 and so the impact of the school on the local area will change. In addition, it will take some years before the school is full to its designed capacity, and so in the next 4 years there will be a surplus of school places, car parking etc once the new school is occupied. This surplus will however reduce over time as the pupil numbers grow.

Future surveys will be undertaken to keep pace with this growth, including asking students how they *usually* travel to school and how they would *prefer* to travel school to measure actual performance and to identify opportunities to increase the amount of sustainable travel.

2. School details

Maiden Erlegh School in Reading opened as a free school in September 2015 to 180 Year 7 pupils in temporary accommodation adjacent to the Hamilton centre, Reading RG1 5SG. It is run by the Maiden Erlegh Trust, which has been successfully running Maiden Erlegh School in Earley, a large secondary comprehensive school of 1800 for students in Earley and Lower Earley.

Maiden Erlegh School in Reading will move into its new building in autumn 2016. Access to the new school will be via Crescent Road and it is adjacent to the Reading UTC.

The application to open a free school was approved by the Department for Education to meet the needs of the local community in terms of provision of a local secondary school and to provide places for the growing numbers of secondary aged children in the area over the next 5 years.

The school currently has 3 children with a statement of Special Educational Need /Education Health Care Plan. Currently we have no SEN pupils qualifying for funding for home to school transport or with specific transport needs attending our school.

The school day starts at 8.40am and finishes at 2.55pm (2.20pm on a Friday). Our pupils also benefit from a range of after-school activity clubs.

Pupils access the temporary site via the shared entrance with the Hamilton Centre at the top of Hamilton road. There is a staff car park accessed via this shared entrance for up to 16 cars, including one disabled bay. There is also a bike shelter for staff and students on the temporary site. Some of our teaching staff also teach at Maiden Erlegh School (Earley) and there is a small amount

of travel between the 2 sites during the school day. This has been kept to a minimum through sophisticated timetabling across both schools.

Staff and visitors to the Reading Borough Council owned Hamilton centre also use the same access road. They have their own car park.

3. School Travel Plan Objectives

Maiden Erlegh Trust has an ongoing commitment to:

- Make arrangements for the safety of students and promoting this in regard to their journey to and from school.
- Improve the health and fitness of pupils.
- Support the development of students into responsible, informed and participative members of the community.
- Encourage students to walk or cycle to school.

4. School Travel Plan Targets

The Trust has set the following targets for this travel plan which will only be in existence for 1 year. A new travel plan will be produced once the new school is occupied in autumn 2016.

- a. Raise awareness of pupils of the benefits of using sustainable travel to school
- b. Reduction in number of children being 'dropped-off' directly outside school.
- c. Reduce the numbers of parents bringing children to school by car
- d. No accidents to pupils in the area around the school entrance.

5. Surveys

The school opened in September 2015 and so there is little information on travel arrangements and how they have changed over time. Our initial information from parents prior to the school opening indicated that 74% will always choose an environmentally friendly route to school, such as walk, bus or cycle. 12% have indicated that they will always use a car. 14% will sometimes use a car.

6. Action Plan

Action	Measure	Timeframe	Owner	Monitoring
Raise awareness of pupils of the benefits of using sustainable travel to school- including creating a pupil focus group	Pupils understand the impact of various methods of travel on the environment	June 2016	Assistant Headteacher	Senior leadership meetings and Local Advisory Board (LAB)
Undertake surveys of pupils and staff on their actual and preferred transport arrangements	Data is available on travel arrangements and any changes throughout the year	Autumn term 2015 and Summer term 2016	Headteacher	Senior leadership meetings and Local Advisory Board (LAB)

Highlight travel issues with parents, especially on admittance to school, e.g. new parent meetings	Parents are aware of the impact of their travel arrangements	Autumn and summer terms	Headteacher	Local Advisory Board (LAB)
Work with other schools on the campus (Alfred Sutton Primary school and the Reading UTC and Reading Borough Council) to limit the impact of our establishments on the local environment	Aspects of travel are considered by the Joint Management Committee and alternative arrangements put forward and considered.	On-going	Business Manager of Maiden Erlegh Trust	Local Advisory Board (LAB) and the JMC for the campus
Review, monitor and amend arrangements at the school entrance to improve safety of all where possible/necessary	Arrangements are such that no accidents occur	On going	Headteacher	Local Advisory Board (LAB)
Review all aspects of this Travel Plan to feed into a future Travel Plan once the school is in the new building (Autumn 2016)	The school has data to feed into the Travel plan for the new school.	July 2016	Headteacher	Local Advisory Board (LAB)
Submit a review of this travel plan to Reading Borough Council prior to occupation of the permanent building.	Report submitted and approved	July 2016	Business Manager of Maiden Erlegh Trust	Local Advisory Board (LAB) and Reading Borough Council

**7. Maiden Erlegh School in Reading School Travel Plan Agreement- September 2015-
July 2016**

We support the content of the school travel plan:

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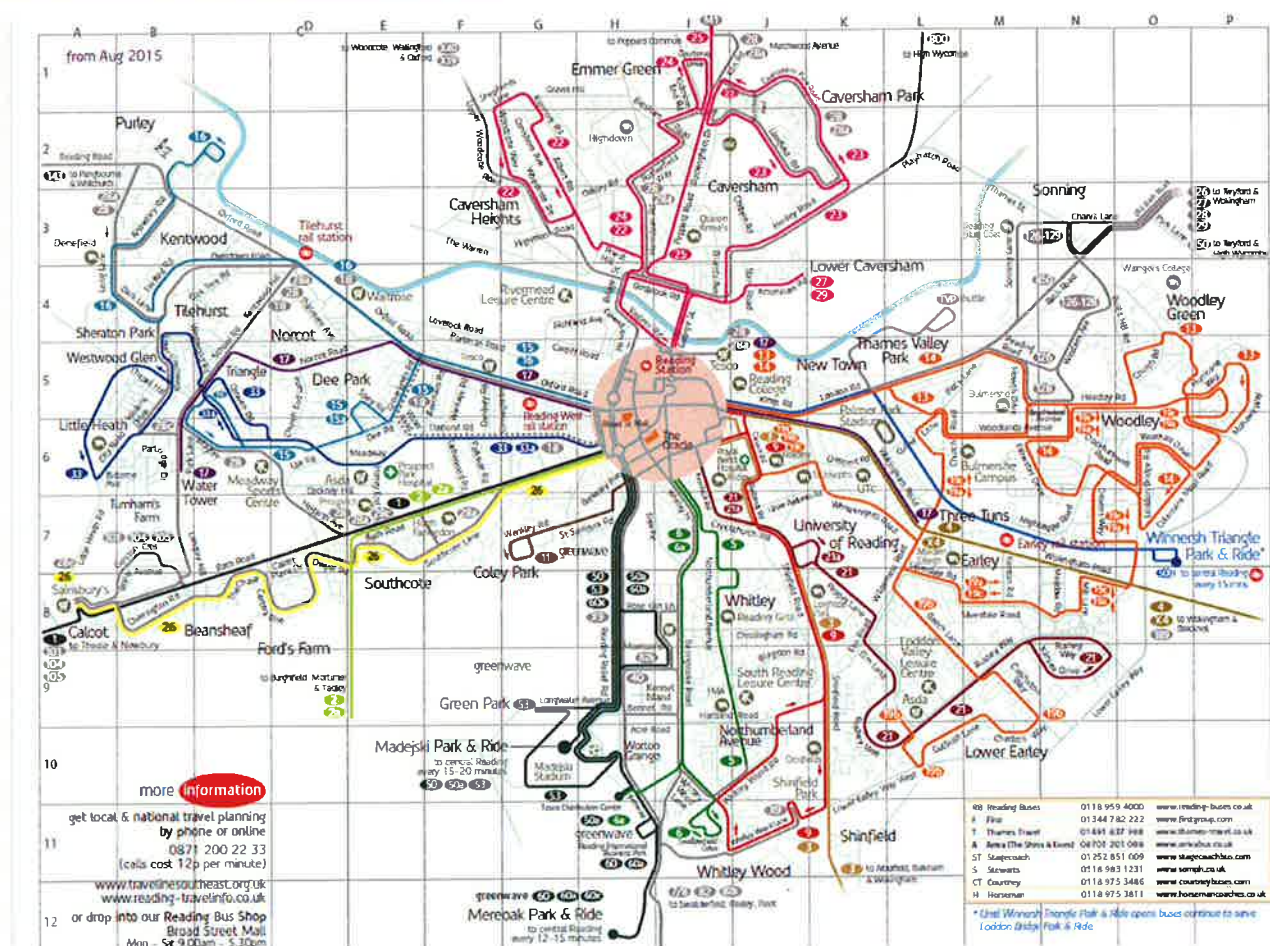
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8. Appendices

Appendix 1 Reading Buses network map

<http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/maps/>



<http://www.reading-travelinfo.co.uk/media/99787/cyclemapsummer2014.pdf>



Appendix 3 Maiden Erlegh School in Reading (temporary site) Site plan

