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### **Aims of our Travel Plan**

The aim of this travel plan is to identify safe, healthy and sustainable transport options and help to reduce the numbers of cars on the road at peak times during the school day. This plan outlines an action plan towards improving the safety of people's journeys to Southwick Community Primary School including parking around the school. This plan is for everyone who is a part of the school community and includes:

- Children and their families
- School staff and others who work on the school site
- Children Services and CAMHS visitors
- Community users

The plan will compliment the policies and procedures that are embedded in the school curriculum. As a community school we are committed to inclusion and increasing the numbers and the range of people accessing the school site. We hope to develop the growth in a safe environment and sustain it.



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### Introduction

DFES Number 394/2035

Southwick Community Primary School is situated between the ex mining communities of Monkwearmouth and the ex shipping communities, on the north side of the City of Sunderland, Tyne & Wear. The area had historically suffered from educational under achievement, low levels of adult literacy and numeracy, generational unemployment, poverty, low expectations and limited life experiences for both young and old.

The school stands on land that was formerly a pre war housing estate which at present is undergoing massive regeneration with the local housing association. There is a pedestrian promenade that runs through the school footprint which is used to access the local shopping centre.

The school stands close to both old and new residential areas and is adjacent to two busy main roads. One road is the main link between Southwick and the town centre, the other links Southwick to the Sea Road.

The school draws its admissions from three main areas which are Southwick, Marley Potts, and Carley Hill estates. There are currently 420 students from the Foundation Year through to Year 6 and a further 25 children are in New Beginnings Nursery based in Austin House which is linked by a corridor accessing the school. The nursery places consist of full and part time places with parents/carers dropping the children off and collecting them at lunchtimes, afternoon and early evening.

### Extended and Community Provision

The school site is open 50 weeks a year for community activities from 3.00p.m. - 7.00p.m 5 days a week. School staff are on reception from 8.00a.m – 5.00p.m. 5 days per week with the site manager facilitating the use of the site until 7.00p.m.

As an extended community school we also host family and adult activities on site throughout the year. We are committed to engaging and increasing the participation of parents/carers in the life of the school

The staffing compliment of the school is currently 17 teaching staff (See Appendix A) and 35 Adults Other Than Teachers.

### School Day

The school opens for students at 8.00a.m. Breakfast club is provided onsite every day which has on average number of approx 45 children attending. The school day begins with parents and children arriving at school from 8.40 a.m. and the children







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This situation has been resolved by the car park being closed during peak times of the school day 8.30 – 9.15a.m. and 2.45p.m to 3.30p.m. However other reasons for developing a travel plan are;

- To encourage a reduction in the use of cars to transport students to and from school.
- To encourage students to cycle to school.
- To improve facilities for students who choose to cycle to school.
- To encourage more students to walk to school.
- To promote the healthy aspect of walking to school without compromising safety and well-being.
- To minimise the potential for danger by restricting where parents/carers park.

### Members of School Travel Plan Working Group

Mr C Robson - *Headteacher*

Mrs H Ellison – *Deputy Head teacher*

Mrs P. Walmsley - *Premises Manager*

Mrs D Brown - *Parent Governor*

Mr M Butler - *Parent Governor*

### Objectives and Targets

Objective 1 To improve cycle facilities for students.

Target 1 To provide additional secure, weather proof storage for cycles.

Objective 2 To encourage more students to walk to and from school.

Target 2 To maintain/or improve the numbers of students walking to school over the next two years.

Objective 3 Safer journeys to and from school.

Target 3 To completely remove congestion outside the school.

### STAFFING

Head teacher

Mr Christian Robson

Deputy Headteacher

Ms Helen Ellison

Assistant Headteacher

Ms Joanne Thexton

Finance Manager

Mr A Kerby

Secretary

Miss Cerrone Phillips

Premises Manager

Mrs Pauline Walmsley

Reception

Miss Devon Hutchinson

Place 2 Be

Mrs Maria Clark

Early Years Teacher

Mrs Gill Rooke

Miss Beth Dickinson

Mrs Angela Skipp



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Key Worker	Miss Michelle Hewitt
Key Worker	Miss Rachel Scott
Key Worker	Miss Natalie Cogdon
Apprentice	Miss Megan Flood
Apprentice	Miss Rachel Maddison
Year 1 Teacher	Mrs Stephanie Jardine /Mrs Lucy Dennison
Year 1 Teacher	Miss Angela New/Mrs Susan Graham
Year 1 Teacher	Mrs Michelle Pattinson
Support Assistant	Mrs Christine Williams
Support Assistant	Miss Nicole Bilton
Year 2 Teacher	Miss Sam Spencer - <b>KS1 Leader</b>
Year 2 Teacher	Mrs Emma Foxton
Support Assistant	Mrs Julie Hutchinson
Support Assistant	Miss Lynn Dryden
Year 3 Teacher	Mrs Michelle Smith – <b>Lower KS2 Leader</b>
Year 3 Teacher	Miss Lauren Stephenson
Support Asssistant	Mrs Lesley Chorley
Support Assistant	Miss Rachelle Stoker
Year 4 Teacher	Mrs Claire Seaman/Mrs Caroline Waddell
Year 4 Teacher	Mr Philip Smith
Support Assistant	Mrs Janet Gibson
Support Assistant	Mrs Terri Hopper/Mrs Joanne Simpson
Year 5 Teacher	Mrs Charlotte Robinson
Year 5 Teacher	Mrs Annie Hanna
Year 6 Teacher	Miss Joanne Thexton - <b>Upper KS2 Leader</b>
Year 6 Teacher	Miss Georgia Hughes
Year 6 Teacher	Mrs Julie Watson
Support Assistant	Mrs Paula Purvis
Support Assistant	Mr Mark Scott
<b>Caretaker</b>	Mr David Reid
	Mr Joe Percy
<b>Cleaners</b>	Mrs Sandra Fullard
	Mrs Andrea Watson
	Mrs Alexandra Glanville
	Mrs Christine Johnson
	Mrs Joleen Lumsden



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### Lunchtime Supervisors

Mrs Connie Schonewald  
Mr Gary Kenny  
Mrs Sandra Fullard  
Miss Linsey Mather  
Mrs Dawn Dixon  
Mrs Beverley Morton  
Mrs Tanya Gray  
Miss Michelle Tosh  
Mrs Sylvia Collins  
Mrs Jeanette Cook  
Mrs Valerie Bowerbank

### Kitchen Staff

Mr Christopher Bradwell  
Mrs Andrea Watson  
Mrs Julie Ann Ridley  
Miss Joleen Lumsden  
Mrs Beverley Wood  
Mr David Roffe  
Mrs Vickey Furey

### New Beginnings Nursery

Nursery Manager

Mrs Helen Higgins

Nursery Ass

Miss Jamie Kerr  
Miss Rebecca Benson  
Mr Anthony Donkin  
Ms Sarah Huntingdon  
Mrs Debbie Mooney  
Ms Victoria Teasdale  
Ms Alex Morgan  
Ms Stacey Thompson  
Ms Rebecca Stoddart  
Ms Emma Thompson  
Ms Amy Patterson  
MS Vicky Eggleston

### Staff

The present school roll stands at 390 pupils and approx. 104 Children in New Beginnings Nursery. There are 21 teaching staff and 17 classroom support staff as detailed below:

Office Manager	Secretary
Premises/Community manager	Finance Manager
Counsellor	SENCO
Lunchtime Assistants x 11	Mid-day Supervisor
Cleaners x 5	Caretakers x 2



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Kitchen Staff x 7	
Peripatetic music teachers x 3 (1 hour per week each)	Artist

Three peripatetic music teachers (guitar, Samba and choir) coach groups of children for one hour per week in school. Staff work a variety of hours from 37 hours (full time) to a minimum of 7.25 hours per week and contracts are either term time or full time. All staff are involved in performance management and continued professional development to ensure the high standard of training is maintained.

### **Pupils**

There are 14 classes - Nursery to Year 6.

There is extensive work taking place in the foundation stage play area consisting of an outdoor classroom and zoned activities including mud kitchen, construction area, garden area, cycle track and many more activities. We also have a school library, ICT suite, dance studio a dining hall and a sports hall. SCPS has two playgrounds which have been extensively developed for children's play eg activity area on safety surface, climbing wall, yard stencils, gazebo, zoned areas and much more. We also have a very large school field, community garden and Multi Use Games Area.

### **APPENDIX B SCHOOL DAY TIMETABLE**

New Beginnings Nursery	7.30a.m. - 6.00p.m
Breakfast Club	8.00 a.m.
School Opens for Students *	9.55 am
Break time	10.40 am - 10.55 am
Lunch Early Years	11.30a.m. – 12.45 p.m.
Lunch Key Stage One	12.00 p.m. – 1. 10 pm
Lunch Key Stage Two	12.30 pm – 1.30 pm
Out of Hours Clubs Start	15.15 pm 16.30 pm

\* Students are not allowed in school prior to 8.00am

### **The Curriculum**

We provide a high quality, broad, balanced and creative curriculum for the whole child with long, medium and short term planning to ensure continuity for all pupils. SCPS is committed to allow every child to fulfil their potential (educationally, physically, emotionally and socially) in a secure, safe and happy environment. There is a strong caring school ethos based on trust, valuing contributions, celebrating all achievements and treating each other with respect. As a community we continually strive to develop our school as a centre of excellence.



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### **ICT Provision**

SCPS provides a high quality provision for ICT in a modern computer suite which is timetabled for all children and staff. Interactive white boards are in place throughout school and there is a bank of laptops, I PADS and digital cameras for children's use. We have a rolling programme to replace equipment in the ICT suite which is then re-used in the classrooms.

### **Extended Services**

Other users of the school are a Tae Kwon Doe group on Tuesday and Thursday. A Karate Club on Tuesday and Thursday. The school runs a holiday provision every holiday.

We also have available a number of study support activities where external providers run the clubs as well as volunteers and staff. Clubs are held during the lunch hour or after school. A sample of our clubs:-

Football	Street dance	Karate	Archery
Art	Choir	Music	Newspaper
French	Skipping	Trampoline	

### **Transition**

The headteacher and Y6 teachers work very closely with feeder schools to ease the transition for pupils in Y6 who move to Y7. Staff from these schools frequently visit SCPS and pupils attend the feeder schools for visits.

### **Description of Southwick Community Primary School's Current Travel Status**

SCPS has two school mini buses which provide transport to swimming classes at the Aquatic Centre, sports competitions, tournaments, football matches, award ceremonies and many educational visits when required.

### **Children**

- All parents sign a disclosure form allowing their children to go off site.
- Children in Y5 attend Sunderland Aquatic Centre each Thursday from 1.45pm - 3.15p.m using the school mini buses who are parked in the school car park.
- Every class has at least one educational visit arranged during the summer term (beach, park, gardens) however ad hoc visits are also organised as opportunities arise Y6 visited Sunderland hospital for IMPS training and Safety Works in Gateshead.



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- Children in Y5/Y6 are invited to attend a weekend (Friday to Sunday) for a residential trip at Derwent Hill, Keswick during the academic year a coach is hired for the journey.

### **Staff**

At present only a couple of staff walk to school as they live in the close vicinity the rest citing the reason as 'distance' from where they live and work e.g. Seaham, Morpeth, Boldon, and Sunderland therefore they use a car or car share. There is a local bus service but this mode of transport isn't used often by staff.

### **Sunderland Charter**

SCPS has achieved Gold Standard for 2016/7 for the Sunderland Charter. Staff have been working very hard to meet the standards for healthy food and drinks in the following areas:-

- The Tuck Shop sells only fresh fruit, healthy cereal bars and juice.
- The Lunchtime menus have changed to a more balanced and healthy selection. Children can choose from a selection of salads each day.

There are a variety of sports activities that children can attend at the study support clubs (football, archery and karate) that encourages children to do physical exercise and team work.

Children's PE lessons include a variety of activities eg apparatus, dance, gymnastics and games.

Coaches have been working with children throughout the school for enrichment afternoons. Children have taken part in tennis, rugby and skipping competitions.

### **Description of Southwick Community Primary School's Current Travel issues/problems**

#### **Issues**

There have been issues with parents/carers entering the parking area at the end of the school day and using the area designated as a 'drop off' only as parking zones while also triple parking to get into the small area causing a hazard for children entering their parents cars.

This situation has been resolved by the car park being closed during peak times of the school day 8.30 – 9.15a.m. and 2.45p.m to 3.30p.m. Zig Zag lines have been applied and the problems have now been resolved.



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### **Why have a Travel Plan?**

The initial reason to form a travel plan began as members of the school council were approached by pupils who had requested that a cycle shelter be erected. This meant that pupils could use their own bikes to cycle to school and leave them in secure storage until the end of the day.