

RAVENSCOTE JUNIOR SCHOOL

TRAVEL PLAN

2024 - 2025



Date of Approval		Date of Review	
March 2024		March 2025	
Signed	Amy Wells Headteacher	Signed	Emily Gibson Chair of Governors



Ravenscote Junior School

Travel plan

About our school

Ravenscote School is located at the meeting point of the Old Bisley Road and Upper Chobham Road, Old Bisley has a 30mph and Upper Chobham has a 30mph speed limit as it passes the school. There is also a second entrance to the school via the Upper Chobham Road, which has a crossing patrol point before and at the end of the school day. The school benefits from a pleasant rural location, which does become congested at peak times due to the proximity of the M3 motorway and Blackwater Valley Relief A331 road system, with Camberley & Frimley town centres nearby.

The school is situated on the outskirts of Frimley and Camberley.

There are recommended cycle routes near Ravenscote School to Frimley and Camberley. There are also cycle routes to nearby Heather Ridge Infant School, Prior Ridge Infant School and Tomlinscote Secondary College. However, none directly linking Ravenscote School to the major catchment areas, due mainly to the very narrow footpath systems, especially along the Old Bisley Road.

Where are we now?

Road safety is a high priority for the school, along with all aspects of pupil safety. Ravenscote hopes to set a great example to other schools regarding our safe travel routes to school and road safety initiatives. During the 2023-2024 academic year, **Bikeability** was offered to all children in Year 4 through Surrey Road Safety team, take up was not as high as we would have liked so we shall be consulting parents on how we can improve that.

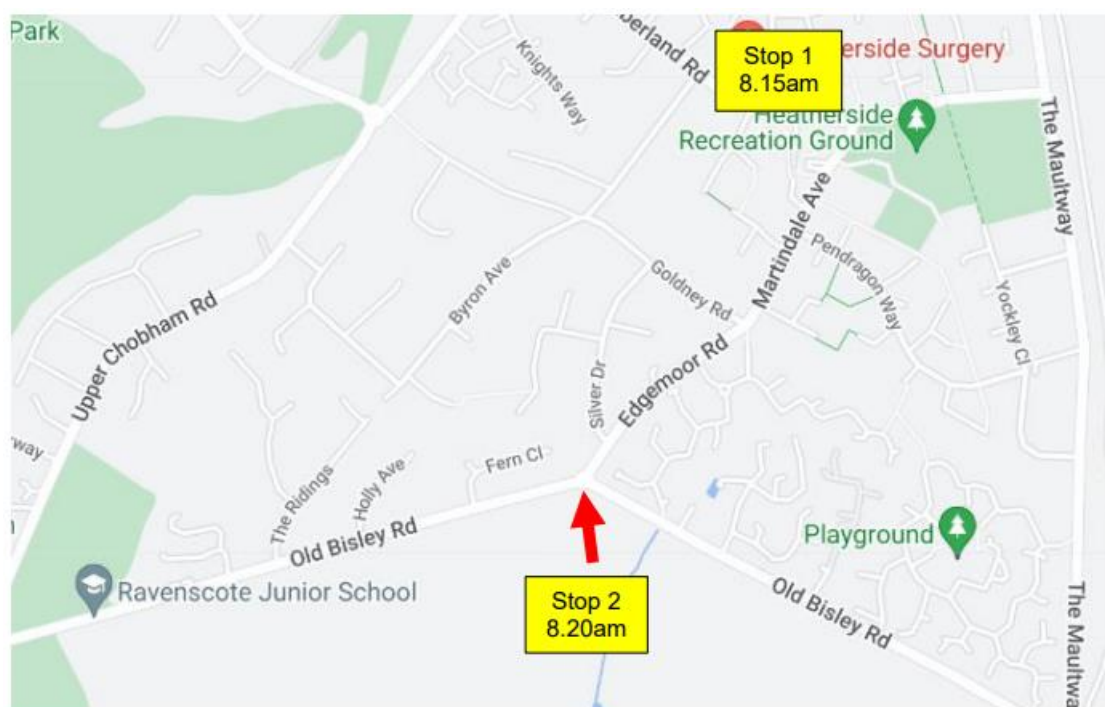
Each year for our PSHE topic, children consider how to safely come to school. These lessons are reinforced during assemblies where children are encouraged to follow the green cross code, to wear helmets and other appropriate clothing if cycling or scooting, and to be aware of their surroundings at all times.

In Year 3, children are given **Road Safety** awareness training, again this is provided by Surrey's '**Feet first**' programme. It offers all Year 3 children an opportunity to practice walking safely along the pavement and how to cross the road.

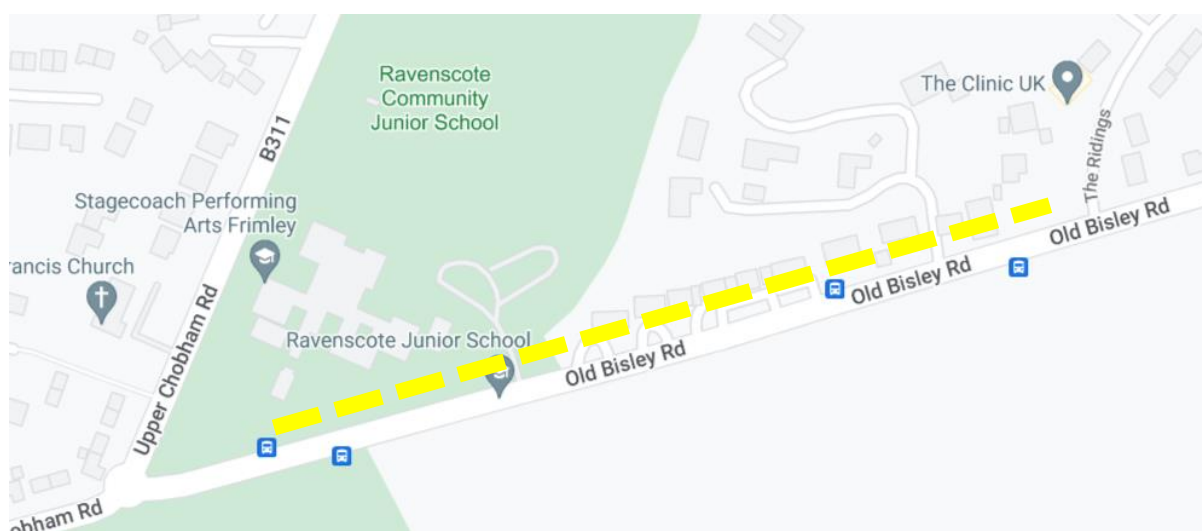
The school has a crossing point on Upper Chobham Road. This was installed in 2022. The **crossing** ensures children can cross the road safely at all times, by waiting for traffic to stop at the red light.

Although many children are from the local area, there are still a large number who travel to school by car. This is because siblings may be at other local schools and they need to be dropped off at a similar time, or because of work related responsibilities for the parents. In an attempt to address this, we have introduced the '**Walking bus**' which was initially meant to operate during national walk to school week. Due to the success of the walking bus, we continued it through the remainder of the Summer 2 term. Participation in the Walking bus was high with up to 80 children joining in at its peak. We also had support from Local PCSO's, who occasionally joined in the walk.





In addition to offering the Walking bus, we also encouraged a no parking zone between the main school entrance and The Ridings in an effort to increase safety for children walking to school.



What do we want to change?

- We would like to encourage more children to walk, ride or use a scooter to get to school.
- An official pedestrian crossing on the Old Bisley Road.
- Reduce the number of vehicles on the roads surrounding the school during school opening and closing times.
- Traffic calming on Old Bisley Road, particularly outside the main school entrance.
- Have a cycle path that travels to the school so that children can travel to school without having to go on the road.



- Resurfacing of pavements on the Old Bisley Road as they are in poor condition and there is the potential for tripping or other accidents.

Our Targets

- Ensure every child and adult in the school has appropriate road safety training.
- Educate children on the benefits of cycling, walking or coming to school on their scooter.
- Encourage parents, wherever possible, to walk their children to school through dialogue and offerings like the walking bus.
- Engage with the local council to explore the option of a traffic calming scheme on Bisley Road.
- Approach the local council about improving the condition of the pavements on Old Bisley Road.
- Update our mode of transport survey (Modeshift: Stars) and compare with 2022 results.

Next steps

Over the next year, we will be reviewing and updating the travel plan to identify areas for development and those which have been successful. Further consultations with children and parents about their mode of travel and how we might go about supporting increased use of sustainable transport.

We hope to involve the children in all aspects of the travel plan through the Eco and School councils to ensure every child has a safe journey to and from school.

