

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham  
**Riverside Bridge School**

**Riverside Bridge School Travel plan**

01/09/2019 - 31/08/2021

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## Summary

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At Riverside Bridge School we encourage pupils, parents/carers and staff to travel actively to school by walking or cycling wherever possible. Currently, only 24% of pupils walk, cycle or scoot to school. We would like to see an increase in this number. What are the benefits of active travel?

It improves mental health leading to improved attendance and academic success.

It improves physical health, helping pupils to achieve the recommended minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

It promotes independence and improves road safety awareness

It reduces congestion and noise in the community.

It improves air quality around the school.

In order to ensure as many pupils as possible are given the opportunity to realise these benefits we each have an important role to play. Staff will encourage pupils to travel to and from school more safely and actively by: promoting the benefits of active travel; celebrating the achievements of those who travel actively to school; raising awareness of the air quality benefits of active travel; providing cycle training to all pupils who wish to participate. What we ask of parents/carers: please encourage their child to travel actively to school by walking, scooting or cycling to school whenever possible; ensure their child walk or ride sensibly and safely on the way to and from school, and to push bikes and scooters on school grounds; ensure that bicycles and scooters are roadworthy and properly maintained. If in doubt consult a qualified mechanic; consider providing their child with a cycle helmet; ensure their child can be seen by fitting lights to their bike by supplying them with high visibility clothing; make sure their child has a lock for their bike or scooter and that they know how to use it if you are going to leave their bike or scooter on school premises; ensure you have appropriate insurance cover for their child's bicycle or scooter as the school is not liable for any loss or damage to cycles or scooters on the premises or being used on the way to or from school; if you travel by bus, can you get off the bus at least two stops early and walk the last part of the journey? We understand that sometimes there is no alternative to driving to school. Where a car must be used we ask parents to drive only part of the way, and drop their child off away from the school so that some of the journey can be walked or scooted. If you do have to drive their child and stop in the near vicinity please do so legally, safely and with respect for our neighbours and local residents. It is not acceptable to park or wait on double yellow lines, on the school zigzags or across residential driveways for any period of time. Please note that the decision on whether a child is competent to cycle or scoot to school is for the parents/carers to make. The school has no liability for any consequences arising from this decision. What we ask of pupils: ask their parents if they can walk, scoot or cycle to school; behave in a way that shows them and the school in the best light whether walking, scooting, cycling or using

public transport; ride or walk courteously, sensibly and safely on the way to and from school; push bikes and scooters on school grounds; check that their bike or scooter is roadworthy and properly maintained; consider wearing a cycle helmet; make sure they can be seen by using lights in the dark or bad weather and by wearing high visibility clothing; make sure they have a lock for their bike or scooter and that they use it. For pupils and staff who are unable to walk, cycle or scoot their whole journey to and from school, we encourage the use of public transport, car share and park and stride. Parents and carers are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their child on the journey to and from school.

# School information

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## Basic information

### Opening hours

08:30 - 16:00

### Student school hours

09:15 - 15:10

### Breakfast club opening hours

Unknown - Unknown

### Extended school visiting time

Unknown

### Number of staff

79

### Site crossing points

1 crossings

### Site crossing patrol

No

### Joint access

Unknown

## Travel and planning

### Bus routes

EL1 EL3 - limited

### Bus stop procedure

Bus stops within walking distance from the school

### Catchment area

The school is built on a new housing development plot with 10,800 proposed homes

### Expansion plans

Unknown

### Engineering measures

Unknown

### Other travel information

Riverside Overground due to be completed 2022 LBBD transport bus service for students at Riverside Bridge School

### Rules relating to school travel

School travel plan: At Riverside Bridge School we encourage pupils, parents/carers and staff to travel actively to school by walking or cycling wherever possible.

### Notes about travel in the area

Riverside Overground due to be completed 2022 EL2 Barking station Dagenham Dock station

### Cycle routes

Yes

## Facilities and parking

### Covered sheffield stand

50 spaces

### Sheffield stand

6 spaces

### Cycle racks

7 spaces

### Other cycle parking

Unknown

### Scooter parking

Unknown

### Access to car park

limited staff parking onsite. Available parking for parents and Disabled bays currently 6

### Helmet lockers

Unknown

### Student storage lockers

0 lockers

### Staff storage lockers

0 lockers

### Staff shower facilities

Yes

### Number of entrances

1 entrances

### Local speed limit

0 mph

### Motorcycle parking

Unknown

### Staff parking

30 spaces

### Staff car share parking

Unknown

### Disabled parking

6 spaces

### Visitor parking

5 spaces

### Coach parking

No

## Edubase data

### Address

Renwick Road  
Barking  
IG11 0FU

2039465888

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### Phase of education

Not applicable

### School type

Free Schools Special

### Gender

Mixed

### Age range

4 - 16

### Number of pupils

139

### DfE Number

301/7001

### URN

142134

### Status

Open

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# Issues

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## Current

### Park and stride to be improved

**Description**

Currently we have only 11 students that arrive travel to school using the park and stride. Many students are driven onto the school grounds due to the lack of parking near the school. This impacts the safety of children walking to school and as part of Healthy Living, we wish our students to be more active.

**Actions**

School to work with parent forum to arrange meetings with local authority and BRL to discuss extending areas around the school, for set times to allow more park and stride for the 3 schools on the campus.

**Identified date**

14/06/2021

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# Survey Groups

## Hands up Survey students 2021

Participants	Date	Responses	Response rate
Puplis	08/02/2021	146	97%

### Active travel (3%/0%)

Walking (1%/0%)

Scooting (1%/0%)

Buggy (0%/0%)

Cycling (1%/0%)

### Public transport (68%/0%)

Rail/Overground (0%/0%)

Tube (0%/0%)

DLR (0%/0%)

Tram (0%/0%)

Public bus (6%/0%)

School bus/Taxi (62%/0%)

River (0%/0%)

### Car (29%/0%)

Car/Motorcycle (29%/0%)

Car share (0%/0%)

Park and stride (0%/0%)

# Hands up Survey 2021 staff

Participants	Date	Responses	Response rate
Staff	08/02/2021	74	87%

## Active travel (8%/0%)

Walking (3%/0%)

Scooting (0%/0%)

Buggy (0%/0%)

Cycling (5%/0%)

## Public transport (30%/0%)

Rail/Overground (7%/0%)

Tube (0%/0%)

DLR (0%/0%)

Tram (0%/0%)

Public bus (23%/0%)

School bus/Taxi (0%/0%)

River (0%/0%)

## Car (62%/0%)

Car/Motorcycle (51%/0%)

Car share (11%/0%)

Park and stride (0%/0%)

