



Copthorne CE Junior School

School Travel Plan

Updated: December 2025



This travel plan is a living document, updated regularly, that sets out how a school will promote safer, active and sustainable travel to and from school. The plan contains information about how the whole school community travels, this includes:

- Pupils and Staff travel data
- What the area around the school is like, what is there to help travel actively to school, and any social factors that may impact on the travel to school
- Where we have infrastructure and where we have not
- The plans and actions we are doing, the results and what we would like to do in the future
- Evidences our concerns, actions and any requests for support our resources

This travel plan has been prepared to:

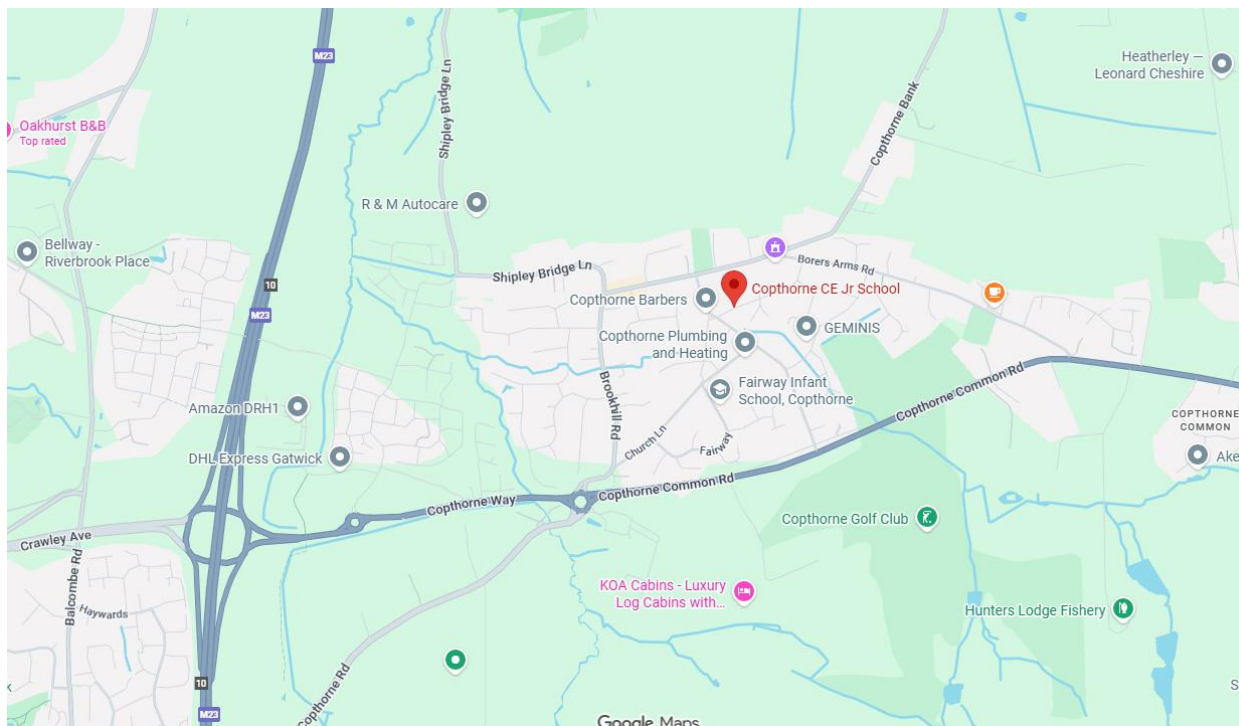
- Keep children fit, healthy and safe on the way to and from school
- Support local County Council's commitment to reduce our reliance on cars
- Help the environment by reducing congestion, air and noise pollution
- Educate children, parents and staff on the health benefits of various sustainable travel options
- Provide a structure to work to and record progress

Key facts

We currently have 223 children on roll (December 2025) with an average of 28 staff attending school each day. 83% of our pupils live in Copthorne and the other 17% travel to school from outside Copthorne. These children live in towns and villages all around us such as Crawley Down, Horley, Pound Hill, Rowfant, Shipley Bridge, Smallfield, Worth, Crawley, Forge Wood, Maidenbower, NewChapel and Burstow. Only 3% of our pupils live well outside our catchment area in places like Redhill, Horsham, Sevenoaks, Leatherhead and Lingfield.

31% of our staff live in Copthorne and 24% live in the surroundings. 45% of our staff live well outside our area.

School location



We are a village junior school with two classes per year group. The school is situated close to the M23 and has an easy access.

Copthorne has several Bus lines to link with nearby towns and villages such as Crawley, East Grinstead, Redhill, Horley... Bus stops are nearby the school. The nearest train stations are Three Bridges and Gatwick Airport train station, not possible to walk to school from the train station, a bus is needed.

The school is situated at the centre of Copthorne Village, in the middle of Church Road in front of the village field. The road in front of the school is a narrow one making it difficult for two vehicles to pass each other, the school and the village suggest a one-way traffic system during school times to facilitate the traffic and reduce congestion. Most of the parents and members of the community follow this suggestion.

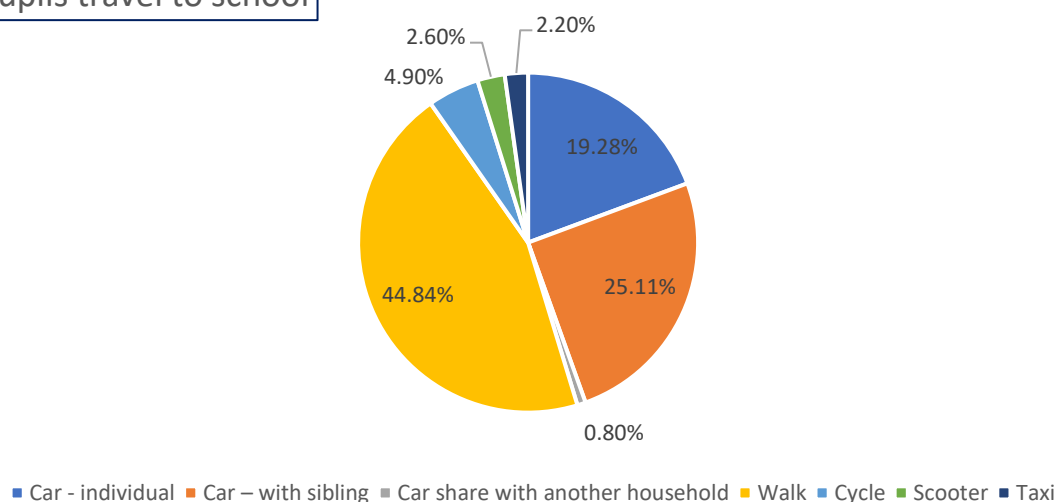
Travel survey

Latest data based on survey from December 2025 (223 pupils)

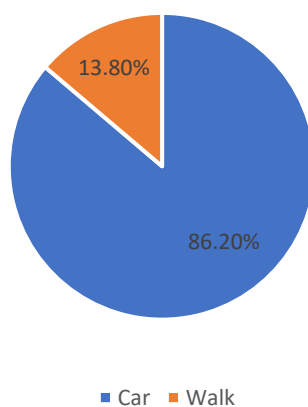
Method of travel	Number of pupils	% of school
Car - individual	43	19.28%
Car – with sibling	56	25.11%
Car share with another household	2	0.8%
Motorbike	0	0
Walk	100	44.84%
Cycle	11	4.9%
Scooter	6	2.6%
Train	0	0
Bus	0	0
Taxi	5	2.2%

Staff travel: 86.2% of our staff travels to school by car and only 13.8% walk to school.

Pupils travel to school



Staff travel to school



Challenges

- No car sharing among staff
- Percentage of staff that walks to school low in comparison with staff that lives in Copthorne
- None of our Y5 is coming to school by Bike or Scooter
- Very little car sharing for the pupils/families
- No School crossing patrol officer for a longtime

School Travel Action Plan 2025-26

Action	How will we achieve this?
Safer cycling for Y5 and Y6 pupils	Bikeability has been offered to our Y6 pupils for many years and from this year we have extended to our Y5 pupils.
Travel awareness and road safety embedded in curriculum	Engage with support services from WSCC.
Car sharing for staff	Try to promote when possible. Maybe 1 day a week
Car sharing for pupils	Try to promote when possible. Maybe 1 -2 days per week
Scooting and biking – all years but especially Y5	
Engage with parents to promote sustainable transport to a from school	Parent survey. Active and sustainable travel information distributed to parents.