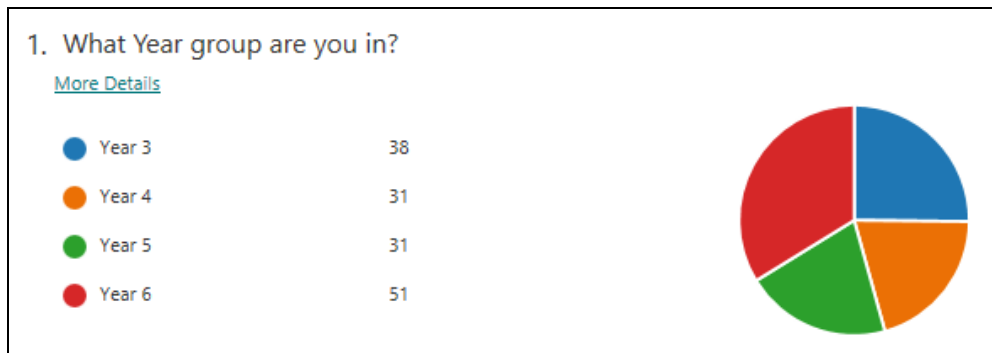


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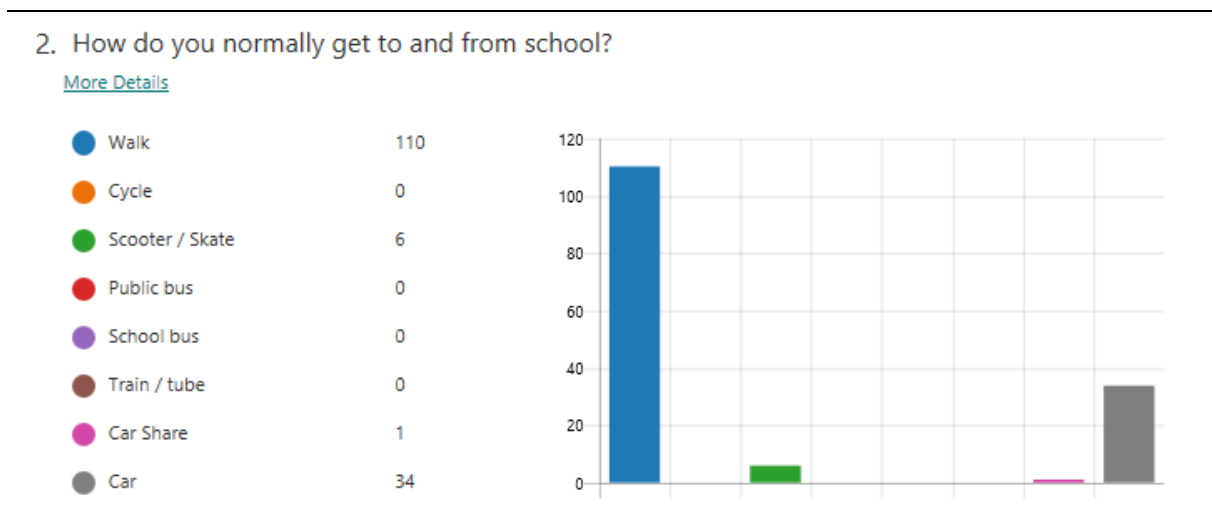
151 respondents

Q1: What year group are you in



The survey was sent out electronically due to covid lockdown and families given 1 week to respond. Parents were sent 2 reminders to complete - Overall response rate was 59%. Any pupils in school were given opportunity to complete in school to increase response rate. Year 3 in particular had a low response rate (49%) compared to Year 6 with 85%.

Q2: How do you normally travel to and from school?



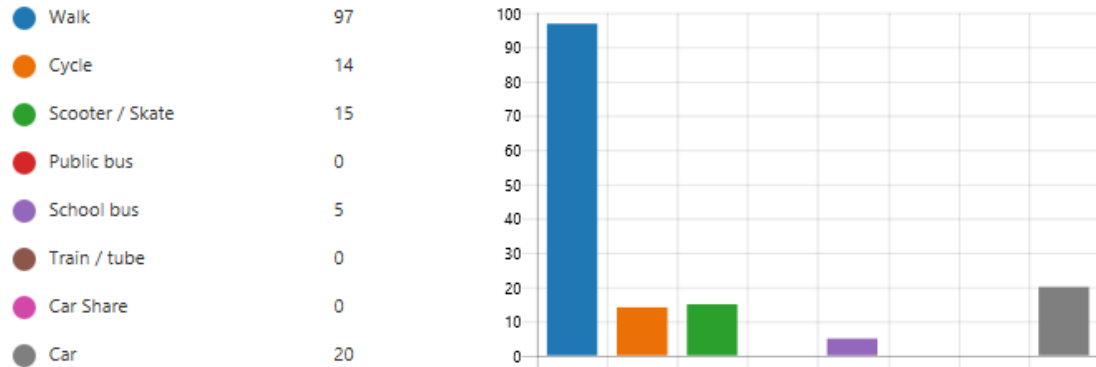
There are families who do not live in Sawtry (or live part of the week elsewhere). The remainder who drive live in the village so there must be reasons other than distance preventing them from not driving. The low number of pupils cycling or scootering is due to covid as the school is not permitting them at the moment. In previous years the bike and scooter storage is full and overflowing.

Q3.

How would you prefer to travel to and form school?

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Analysis of the pupils who would prefer to travel to school by school bus is that nearly all were pupils who do not live in catchment (therefore not possible). The think the other pupil just liked the idea of getting on a bus!

Q4. Please tell us about anything that you experience on your journey to and from school that prevents you from travelling sustainably

*Some respondents gave more than one reason.

No issue or walks	92
Live in another village or too far away to walk	11
Work	10
Inconsiderate or dangerous parking around the school	10
Disability or illness preventing being able to walk	6
Weather	8
Speeding drivers / volume of traffic	6
Crowds of pedestrians eg, blocking paths	3
Inconsiderate drivers -eg splashing puddles, blocking driveways	3
Lack of bike and scooter storage	3
School site issue (narrow paths, one entrance)	2
Other	4
- Teenagers, no disabled spaces, fell of bike so now walks, covid restrictions	
Total	158

School response and actions:

We are pleased that nearly 60% of responses were positive and people felt happy walking to school. However the school feels this could be improved. The following areas stood out.

Parking: The school is concerned about the parking around school. This is difficult to manage as there are also the Infants school and pre-school on-site as well as the local secondary school all with pupils leaving between 2.45 and 3.15pm. Identifying culprits who are parking illegally or dangerously is difficult as all 4 organisations are separate. In the past the school has spoken to drivers, placed reminders in the school newsletter, contacted the police and requested the PCSO attends and tickets drivers. These have had some success but this is limited and temporary. The school has also encouraged local residents to contact the police.

Crowds of pedestrians: this issue is linked to the above issue with all 4 schools closing at a similar time. This has been discussed previously but as many families have children in several settings there is no immediate solution. Covid restrictions on site entry also exacerbate this at present. The school is also concerned that the staff car park is frequently crossed by pupils and some barriers to reduce or prevent this would increase safety. The school regularly reminds pupils not to cross the car park and use the correct entrance either by supervising or in the newsletters.

Speeding drivers / volume of traffic: Traffic calming measures are already in place on Green End Road, however for pupils in other parts of the village there are no measures. The issue is not necessarily outside of the school as several roads quickly lead to different parts of the village.

Lack of bike and scooter storage: School has ordered 3 bike storage places for visitors and is due to receive 2 scooter racks from LA. Children in Year 3 and 4 can store their helmets in their own lockers and pupils in years 5 and 6, there is racking above their coat pegs for their helmets. The school is hoping to re-site the bike racks away from the playground to increase playground space and make the entrance route for bikes and scooters safer for all.

Q5. Is there anything that can be improved or made safer about your journey?

*Some respondents gave more than one reason.

No (happy with journey, left blank or couldn't think of an improvement)	71
Pedestrian crossing	12
Road markings (eg, yellow zigzags or double yellow lines)	5
Measures to promote or ensure parking around the school is better / safer	21
Lollipop person	7
Traffic calming measures / reduction	12
Improvements to school car park (reduce pedestrian access / crossing car park)	4
Improved pavements	6
Someone monitoring / supervising the roads each day	2
Better bike or scooter storage	2
Buddy system	2
Road safety lessons / bikeability	6
Other - Parents allowed to use school car park , arrest anyone who drives, kids club on same site (covid related)	3
Total	153

Pedestrian crossing: There is a pedestrian crossing on Green End Road. Work would need to be done in conjunction with Highways to see if an additional crossing on Middlefield Road (or elsewhere) would be a workable solution.

Road markings: The road markings around school are faded and this has already been raised with Highways who disagreed. Work would need to be done in conjunction with Highways to see if additional markings would be beneficial.

Parking around school: In addition to the steps the school regularly takes such as newsletter reminders, contacting the PCSO. Work would need to be done in conjunction with Highways to see if any additional steps could be taken.

Lollipop person: This would have significant impact on the school budget. Work would need to be done in conjunction with Highways to see if this would be beneficial and where this could be sited as with the school being in the centre of the village children disperse in multiple directions at the end of the day.

Improvements to the school car park: It is hoped that this will be happening in the medium term. This would prevent vehicles who should not use the car park being prevented from doing so and prevent people crossing the car park from several directions. This would have to be done in conjunction with Sawtry Infants school. It may also require an additional section of pavement outside of the school to be built.

Improved pavements: Work would need to be done in conjunction with Highways to see if this would be beneficial.

Someone monitoring outside each day: This would have significant impact on the school budget. However, school can request PCSO or police to attend if parking concerns are raised.

Better bike or scooter storage: School has ordered new storage and is hoping to relocate current storage to a better and safer position.

Buddy system: School could explore this possibility.

Road safety lessons: Action to introduce scoot safe and walk safe in addition to the annual bikeability (school also always agrees to additional bikeability when it is offered). This will be a very useful addition to the PE, lifeskills and SMSC curriculum.

Other: Post covid it is expected that the kids club will return to site. We cannot arrest people who drive! It would be extremely dangerous to allow parents to drive into the school car park as children, young toddlers cross the car park at present. Also, there is not the room to do so.

Actions: Key action points from this will help form travel plan targets for 2021-22.