

Young Active Travel Trust: Grant Funding APPLICATION FORM

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Date	05/02/2021

Signature of Lead Applicant	J. Steele
Name	Jennifer Steele
Date	05/02/2021

About Your Project

1. Please describe the project you are asking for grant funding to undertake.

Please refer to the guidance notes for information about what sort of projects will be given priority.

Walmley Infant School travel survey 2020/2021 has identified that 3% of our pupils cycle to school and 8% scoot to school. However 12% of pupils have identified that they would like to either cycle or scoot to school and we are keen for them to do so. In order to accommodate the extra numbers we wish to purchase new parking facilities for both scooters and bikes and to refurbish existing facilities.

Our current facilities are well used by our pupils and have been in place for sometime time now. Over time this wear is now beginning to show hence our choice to refurbish, our school wish to continue to offer safe parking. During the summer months the demand for secure parking increases so we would like to expand and offer more spaces to pupils with a view that this will become a permanent way to travel to school. This funding will support our plans and promotion of this form of travel to school.

2. What you will spend the grant funding on?

We will spend the grant funding on upgrading and new scooter racks and bike parking racks. These will allow pupils to secure their scooter or bike to the rack and keep them safe on the school premises. I have included evidence which shows the products we intend to purchase.

This funding will improve and expand these facilities on our school site and can offer more spaces to those children that wish to use this form of travel on a more regularly basis all year round and show a commitment by the school to the promotion of sustainable travel to and from school.

3. What benefits do you expect to result from the project?

By encouraging more pupils to cycle or scoot to school we can reduce the number of pupils who come to school by car and park on the residential estate adjacent to the school. This will reduce traffic congestion on the estate for residents and improve air quality in the local environment.

Pupils will benefit by actively exercising on their school journey, improving their health and wellbeing and socialising with other pupils they may meet on their way to school. Many pupils over the school year have been undertaking home school learning and with more parents potentially working from home, we see by providing increased facilities there is a real opportunity to change the habits of how our pupils and parents travel to school.

You can see from our travel survey results that there is an appetite from our children, so we would like to be able to offer this to enable travel habits to change for the long term.

4. What positive legacy will the project have on the school or wider community and what will happen when the grant funding stops?

We have been involved with Modeshift STARS now for 3 years and from our travel survey results we have seen our car use reduce from 32.1% when we start in 2017/18 to 18.28% in 2020/1. Our parents and pupils are moving towards more sustainable ways to travel to school, which in turn has reduced our congestion and improved our air quality and made our local streets safer. The school has been rewarded by achieving an accreditation of Bronze and Silver for doing so.

When funding is signposted to us for the great work we are doing, that allows us to improve our facilities we will take this offer up. This will allow us to show our school community that we wish to become a healthier, safer and sustainable school. So when looking for extra funding from our parents to support further initiatives in this area they see the benefits to their children and others in supporting the school in striving to achieve this goal.

During our recent Teams meeting we discussed the possibility of tapping into local business to provide support to purchase bikes/ addition racks in future and also local bike business to help to keep our current bikes we have in school in working order. We also discussed sponsored events such as walk to school etc to help fund additional racks in the future.

5. How does this project connect with your Modeshift STARS Travel Plan?

Please note funding is only available to schools who have committed to developing school travel plans through the on-line Modeshift STARS programme; or schools who will commit to registering on Modeshift STARS and achieving bronze level within 12 months (from date of award of grant).

For the 2021 academic year we have set a Modeshift STARS target to reduce car usage further by a 2% from 18.28% - 17.9%. We hope this will be achieved by promoting alternative means of sustainable travel to school including cycling and scooting.

We have delivered a wide range of activities that promote sustainable travel to school, these activities are all inclusive so that all pupils have an opportunity to take part. This project and funding again builds on this, and allows us to offer facilities that support a reduction in car use. This will support our school in getting active again after a sustained period of lockdown and this could be an great opportunity for our pupils and parents to change the way they travel to school for the foreseeable future.

6. Estimated project start date

10/05/2021

7. Estimated project completion date

10/07/2026

8. Approximately how many pupils will be involved in this project?

1600

9. Estimated total cost of the project

£1000

10. Amount of Grant funding sought

£1000

Evaluation

11. Please explain how you intend to evaluate the impact of the project and how you will measure success?

The school will complete a Modeshift STARS pupil travel survey during the 2021/2022 academic year to establish again how pupils currently travel to school and how they would prefer to do so. Success would be indicated if current and preferred car use fell by 2% and cycling or scooting increased by 2% to indicate a sustainable travel modal shift

Grant applications will be assessed and presented for determination to the Trusts and Charities Committee, as sole corporate trustee of the Young Active Travel Trust.

Details of your application may be referred to in publicly available committee reports, along with subsequent feedback or evaluations of any schemes funded by the Trust. Please indicate below your acceptance:

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