



## TRAVEL PLAN

**Current Accreditation Level Approved Travel Plan**

**Accreditation Expiry Date 31/03/2032**

### Introduction

#### Site Details

Type of Site	School
URN	803001
Name of site	Two Bridges Academy
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#### Site Introduction

Two Bridges Academy is going to be a newly build Special Educational Needs (SEN) school due for opening to pupils in September 2023, aged between 2 - 19 years old. The school will be a specialist provision for pupils with severe learning difficulties (SLD) as well as profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD). It is envisaged that a high proportion of pupils will have Autism (ASD), and additional complex and multiple overlapping conditions. This means that Two Bridges Academy will meet a broad range

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of needs with an estimated 10%-60% pupils non-ambulant with significant physical difficulties, and 10%-30% requiring a low stimulation environment

The school will be net zero carbon, and is located next to Marlwood Secondary School, being built within grounds that the Marlwood school had once occupied.

The individual pupil needs are unknown until admissions are processed before the school opens to pupils in September 2024. This also impacts on the number of staff employed.

Each pupil will have an arrangement in their Education Health and care plan (EHP) for the local authority to provide transport to and from the school, these travel arrangements are reviewed as part of the EHP annual review process.

The school facilities including a hydro pool will be available for letting.

The school will be the hub for Enable Trust administrative staff, approximately 8.

Local Amenities	Two Bridges Academy is positioned next to Marlwood Secondary School which is part of Castle School Education Trust (CSET).
Type of School	SEND
Education Level	Early Years/Foundation, Key Stage 1,Key Stage 2,Key Stage 3,Key Stage 4,SEND,16-18
Headteacher Designate	Carrie Osmond

## Student Information

Age Range of Students	2 - 19
Number of Students	112

## Staff and Volunteer Information

Number of Full Time Employees	90
Number of Part Time Employees	0
Number of Volunteers	0
Volunteers who have been involved in the delivery of your Travel Plan	Two Bridges Academy Steering Committee comprising staff and Trustee.

	Opening times	Closing times
Monday	08:00:00	18:00:00
Tuesday	08:00:00	18:00:00
Wednesday	08:00:00	18:00:00
Thursday	08:00:00	18:00:00
Friday	08:00:00	18:00:00
Saturday		
Sunday		
Students' Official Start Time	08:55:00	
Students' Official Finish Time	15:30:00	
Breakfast Club Starts		
Breakfast Club Finishes		
After School Club Starts		
After School Club Finishes		
Other Timings	The school will be open for lettings after school hours and weekends, but as yet these will not be known.	

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Site Occupation	<p>Proposal:  September 2024 - total 32 pupils  September 2025 - total 74 pupils  September 2026 - total 112 pupils FULL</p> <p>Staff totalling approximately 90 when full, including Trust Hub staff</p>
Site Ownership	Two Bridges Academy will be leased from South Gloucestershire Council
Site Size	The site measures c. 15,000sqm
Other site details	The site formed part of Marlwood Secondary School's curtilage, and is located on the edge of Alveston, c 2km from Thornbury. The site is bound to the North by Thornbury Golf Centre, to the east by Marlwood School, and to the south by Vattingstone Lane.

## Additional Information

Local Authority Officer Working at Site      South Gloucestershire

## Aims and Objectives

### Aims & Objectives of Travel Plan

Aim	<p>The ultimate aim of the Two Bridges Academy Travel Plan measures and initiatives is to encourage the uptake of sustainable travel, and a decrease in single car occupancy trips, and to increase awareness regarding sustainable travel.</p> <p>The Travel Plan will aid the day to day management of travel to and from the school, and have identified measures for encouraging sustainable travel choices against which the effectiveness of the measures can be gauged.</p> <p>The implementation of the Travel Plan is intended to achieve the following:</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Remove the barriers, both perceived and actual, to walking, cycling, car sharing and using the bus for school journeys, and promote the accessibility of the school by these modes.</li><li>- Increase awareness in the school community of the impact on the wider community of their choice of travel options.</li><li>- Encouragement of safe and viable alternatives to single occupancy car use for access to the school site.</li><li>- Provide information to help the school community to understand the benefits of active, sustainable travel and to support all members in selecting healthy, sustainable alternatives.</li></ul>

## Travel & Transport Infrastructure

### Facilities

	Description	Numbers
Cycle Parking	Covered Sheffield Stands	1
	Total Staff Cycle Spaces	8
Shower Facilities	Showers available	2
Motorcycle/scooter	Parking facilities	none
Coach Parking	Facilities for coaches to park	2

## Facilities

Details of coach parking facilities	<p>Two Bridges Academy will have 7 dedicated minibus drop-off bays in the car park, alongside 5 taxi drop-off spaces. These dedicated drop off/pull in zones are adjacent to the school building entrance to ensure efficient drop-offs occur without blocking the circulation of vehicles that are able to drop off quickly.</p> <p>The school will have two mini bus parking spaces for its own transport.</p> <p>Given the needs of the pupils, their travel arrangements will be fixed and arranged by the Local Authority as part of each pupil's Education and Health Care Plan, with the vast majority using sustainable mass transit (mini buses), and other specially provided for as needed, e.g. via taxi.</p>
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## Transportation Links

Does the school have a School Street in place?	<p>No</p> <p>Two Bridges Academy will have a dedicated pedestrian access from Vattingstone Lane, approximately 30m east of the sites vehicular access. This will be gated and will enable a safe route for pedestrians past the car park to the main building.</p> <p>Footways are present along Vattingstone Lane to the east towards Alveston on both sides of the carriageway and Two Bridges Academy will have a footway extension running from the south-eastern boundary of the site connecting into the existing pedestrian network. The existing footways are generally c.2m wide, well-lit and of good quality. To the north of the site there are no pedestrian facilities provided.</p>
Details of Walking Access to site	<p>Below are examples of walking routes to and from the site likely to be used by staff from Alveston. These routes cover the main public transport links to and from the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• David's Lane Bus Stops - Walk north along footways on A38 before turning left on to B4061. Walk north along footways on B4061 before turning left onto Down Road. Cross Down Road using zebra crossing before continuing west along footway for 520m before turning right to go north on Vattingstone Lane for approximately 170m before reaching the site.</li><li>• Strode Common Bus Stops - Head west along Down Road for 140m, crossing at the zebra crossing just before the junction with Vattingstone Lane if necessary. Turn right heading north up Vattingstone Lane for approximately 170m before reaching the site.</li></ul> <p>These routes are good quality, and provide a safe and attractive route for staff to walk as part of their journey.</p> <p>Cyclists will use the vehicular access, or dismount and push their bikes through the pedestrian access.</p>
Details of Cycling access to site	<p>There are no dedicated cycle facilities in the immediate vicinity of the school, local roads are quiet and deemed safe for cycling.</p> <p>The Avon Cycleway, which is a ring route around Bristol passes through Thornbury, Chipping Sodbury, Keynsham and Clevedon, is just 2.2km north of the site. The National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 41 passes just 2.2km to the north of the site. The Avon Cycleway links to the NCN Route 41 just 500m further to the north (2.7km north of the site). It offers a viable option for staff commuting from nearby villages such as Alveston, Olveston and other areas further afield such as those within Bristol.</p>
Details of Bus access to site	<p>The nearest bus stops to Two Bridges Academy, Alveston are:</p>

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The Cross Hands, Alveston Down which is 325 meters away, and a 5 min walk.

Strode Common, Alveston which is 415 meters away, and a 6 min walk.

The Ship, Alveston is which is 913 meters away, and a 12 min walk.

Alveston Down Post Office, Greenhill Down is 805 meters away, and an 11 min walk.

David's Lane, Alveston which is 1213 meters away, and a 16 min walk.

The T3 service stops at David's Lane on the A38, providing a 30min frequency across the weekday between Thornbury and Bristol. Bus schedules can be subject to change, or services removed or added, as transport organisations may alter their services.

### Details of Rail access to site

The nearest railway station is Bristol Parkway, which is 8 miles away.

Two Bridges Academy will have one vehicular access point off Vattingstone Lane acting as an entrance and exit point, and internally a clear one-way clock-wise traffic system. Vattingstone Lane forms the minor arm of a priority staggered cross roads with Strode Common/Down Road and The Down, and connects the site to Alveston to the south east and to Aust and M48 J1 to the west.

#### Directions:

From the North - Take M5 to Junction 14, signposted Thornbury (A38). Turn off the A38 at Alveston on to Thornbury Road (B4061). After 200 yards (opposite The Ship Inn) turn left into Down Road. Take the 4th right turn into Vattingstone Lane and the school is 200 yards on the right.

### Details of Road Access to site

From the South – Take the A38 from Bristol (or leave the M5 at the Almondsbury Interchange to join the A38 for Thornbury). Travel about 5 miles along the A38 to Alveston. Turn left at The Alveston House Hotel (traffic lights) and follow the B4061 to Thornbury. After 200 yards (opposite The Ship Inn) turn left into Down Road. Take the 4th right turn into Vattingstone Lane and the school is 200 yards on the right.

From the East – Take the M4 to the Almondsbury Interchange, join the A38 and proceed as in (b) above.

From Wales - From the M4 take the M48 and immediately having crossed the old Severn Bridge, Thornbury is signposted from the exit (B4461). Follow the B4461 for 1 mile to Vattingstone Lane and the school is on your left.

## Car Travel

Accessible parking spaces	3
Electric Vehicle Parking Bays	2
Electric Vehicle Charging Points	2
Staff Parking Bays	48

## Fleet Vehicles

Bus/Minibus	2
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Further Information Two Bridges hopes to obtain grants, fund raise, and obtain sponsorship towards two new school minibuses.

## STARS (Sustainable Travel and Road Safety) Audit

Name of road (outside main entrance)      Vattingstone Lane

Name of other roads surrounding the site

Date of assessment

Speed limit of the road outside main entrance      20mph

Speed limit on other roads surrounding your site      30mph

## How many of the following crossing facilities are present within 500m of your site?

Pelican Crossing

Puffin Crossing

Toucan Crossing

Zebra Crossing

School Crossing Patrol

Pedestrian Refuge

## Further Questions

Is there any traffic calming within 500m of the site, e.g. speed bumps, build outs      No

Are there railings present outside or near the main entrance?      Yes

Is the main vehicular entrance used for pedestrians/cyclists as well as cars?      No

Are there any dedicated cycle lanes leading to the site?      No

What is the quality of the pavements like within 500m of the site?      Good

Any other obstacles or road layout issues within 500 metres

# Targets

Status	Type	Mode of Travel	This Year's %	Preferred %	Target %	% Change	Percentage Points	Due Date	Target
Registered	Staff Mode of Travel	Car Share			3	0	3	2024 / 2025	Staff to be encouraged to car share. Recruitment information, induction procedures and item on website will encourage staff car share.
Registered	Staff Mode of Travel	Walk			3	0	3	2024 / 2025	Staff to be encouraged to walk to school, or park and stride where possible. Recruitment information, induction procedures and item on website will encourage walking to school.

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## Consultations

Status	Type	Action	Responsible	Target Completion	Reporting	Completion Date
Planned	Residents, Businesses and Local Community	RBLC2 Residents are consulted on the development and implementation of the School Travel Plan	Tracy Norris	31/10/2023	3 Travel Plan consultation events as part of Section 10 consultations in September and October 2022	30/11/2021
Planned	Senior Management and Governors	SM1 The School Travel Plan / STARS is discussed at Senior Management / Governors meetings	Tracy Norris	31/10/2023	Trustee meetings prior to new Governance and SLT in place	

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## Travel Initiatives

Status	Type	Action	Person Responsible	Target Completion	Reporting	Completion date
Planned	Air Quality	AQ1 School promotes car sharing	Tracy Norris	31/10/2024		
Planned	Air Quality	AQ13 Anti Idling Initiative	Tracy Norris	31/10/2024		
Planned	Air Quality	AQ6 Highway code is promoted to students, staff and parents	Tracy Norris	31/08/2024		
Planned	Cycling	C2 Cycle parking installed	Tracy Norris	31/08/2024		
Planned	Road Safety & Training	R10 Be Bright Be Seen Activities	Tracy Norris	31/12/2024		
Planned	Road Safety & Training	R11 School invites experts/organisations to talk about personal safety	Tracy Norris	31/12/2024		
Planned	Road Safety & Training	R5 Pedestrian skills training	Headteacher	30/04/2025		
Planned	Road Safety & Training	R6 Independent travel training	Tracy Norris	30/04/2025		
Planned	Walking & Scooting	W11 Walking trips	School Travel Plan Co Coordinator	31/05/2025	Teachers to provide evidence to School Travel Plan Co Coordinator including lesson plans, risk assessment and photos	
Planned	Walking & Scooting	W9 Educational / Curriculum Walks	Travel Plan Co Coordinator	31/05/2025	Teachers to submit report to Travel Plan Co Coordinator with evidence e.g. lesson plans, risk assessment, photos.	

## Supporting Initiatives

Status	Type	Action	Person Responsible	Target Completion	Reporting	Completion date
Planned	Partnerships	P2 School works with other schools to promote safe and sustainable travel	Tracy Norris	31/05/2025		
Planned	Promotion	PR13 Information on website	Tracy Norris	30/06/2024		
Planned	Promotion	PR17 New parent pack	Tracy Norris	31/08/2024		
Planned	Promotion	PR2 Info sent to residents / school communicates with residents	Tracy Norris	31/08/2024		
Planned	Promotion	PR4 Presents to / shares ideas with other schools	Tracy Norris	01/03/2023		01/03/2023
Planned	Promotion	PR6 School has an active travel policy	Tracy Norris	21/06/2022		
Planned	Promotion	PR7 Travel information on notice board	Tracy Norris	31/08/2023		

