

APPENDIX 1

Telford & Wrekin Transport team – Outcome of Safe to School Walking Session – January 2017.

The Transport team carried out safe to school walking sessions and their key findings are as follows :

Journey 1 – TF2 8SU to Telford Priory School – 1.6 miles walking distance

This route was taken in the morning on a normal school day. This route was 1.6 miles and took approximately 40 minutes to complete. The route was fairly busy however there were no obvious hazards.

We believe this route to be a safe and reasonable route for a secondary pupil to walk.

Journey 2 – Telford Priory School to TF2 8SU – 1.7 miles walking distance

This route was taken in the morning on a normal school day. This route was 1.7 miles and took approximately 35 minutes to complete. The route was fairly busy with cars for some parts of this route whereas others are quite quiet.

We believe this route to be a safe and reasonable route for a secondary pupil to walk.

The Transport team confirmed that both routes had quality tarmac pavements and adequate street lighting and recommended Route 1 but of course parents will no doubt want to explore various routes with their children which fit their individual needs.

A map of both the routes taken is attached for reference and there are photographs available should you wish to view those.

The Department for Education's Home to School Travel & Transport guidance deems it appropriate for a child of secondary education to walk to school where the school is less than three miles.

Road safety is a matter of education so it is important that parents in cooperation with the school ensure that children learn and understand the Highway Code. We fully appreciate that each child is an individual and in some cases parents may feel that they do need to accompany their child and that is their choice. In some cases we find that parents also prefer their children to wear high visibility vests or coats when walking to school.