

Appendix D Marlborough St Marys Temporary Travel Plan Supplement – July 2017

Applicable Period – July to December 2017

This document should be read in conjunction with the Marlborough St Marys primary School travel plan dated April 2016.

All references to data and traffic assumptions, parental choices, vehicle movement numbers and pedestrian routes are fully described in that document as part of the travel plan for the new school.

Purpose - The original document was prepared in support of the planning application to build a new primary school in replacement of St Marys Infants and St Peters Junior Schools. The two schools were preparing to combine in the creation of one new school within a new purpose built building on land being made available adjacent to the existing infant school site. The amalgamation was completed in time for the new school year which began in September 2016 with a new Head Teacher (former St Mary's infant Head) and new Deputy Head teacher (new external appointment). The new amalgamated school has operated under the new name and school number on the split dual site. It is governed under a new school governing body that comprises former governors of the two schools and new members.

The new school has been under construction throughout this academic year with construction traffic operating under the approved site management plan. The Construction site entrance is accessed from the far side of the site off Van Diemens Close. See location plan on page 4 above.

The construction of the new building is now coming to a close and the completed building will be handed over to the school on 14th August. The school has been preparing for the decant and moving process over many months with packing completing during the last week of term. This week (w/c 24/7/17) the contractor will be moving all the contents of both sites into the new buildings, setting up all the IT equipment ready for practical completion and handover. Once the decant is complete the existing St Marys infant site accessed off Ducks Meadow, will be handed over to the contractor. This part of the site has been separated from the new school to allow the demolition of the existing buildings and the creation of new carparking and access/egress for the new school from Ducks Meadow. The detailed design is all set out and approved under the detailed planning consents now in place.

Construction Process – By the time of handover in mid-August 2017, the vehicular access to the construction site off Van Diemens Close will cease to be used and the area will have been re-landscaped as part of the main playing field areas. All on going construction activity for the demolition of St Mary's Infants and creation of the new school vehicle entrance and carpark will enter from Duck's Meadow. This process will start in late July 2017 and continue until December 2017. The areas have been strictly segregated and a solid hoarding is in place to separate off the school demolition activity.

New School Access – during the period of demolition from late July until December, there will be no vehicular access to the new school for staff or parents from Ducks Meadow. These plans have been repeatedly communicated to the parent body via newsletters and parental communication, and have been repeated again at the end of this term and in information for the new school year starting in September 2017. The contractor also holds a detailed layout plan with traffic management arrangements for this period that has been assessed both internally and externally by the project’s health and safety and traffic management advisors.

Access for Deliveries and SEN provision - During this demolition period the contractor is obliged to maintain a safe delivery route across this temporary site for all deliveries to the school including catering supply. There is also a temporary route being maintained to allow the drop off of a small number (c.6 each day) of children attending the special needs resource centre in the new building and have to be delivered by vehicle for mobility reasons. Separate to the demolition area, pedestrian access off Ducks Meadow for parents taking their children to the new school and the under 5’s centre will be maintained.

Pedestrian Access – the whole emphasis of the travel plan arrangements in the main document has been to promote improved pedestrian access to the new school and full details are provided in that document. There are new pedestrian access points from Van Diemens Close and there is a new improved pedestrian access from Ducks Meadow as part of both the new school and the temporary arrangements during the final demolition phase described here. Suggested pedestrian approach routes and maps to these have been circulated by the school to all parents. The new school is built all on one level with all classrooms having direct access to the outside with the ability of all parents to take their children to and collect from their own class door on foot. This has been a key part of the whole design process to encourage pedestrian traffic into the site and improve the interaction between the teachers and parents. It is therefore been important to ensure that from day one of the new building opening, all of these improved pedestrian access routes will be available and are being actively promoted for use.

Staff Car Parking – during this initial period and until all the new carparking facilities are fully completed, there will be no staff vehicles allowed on site and no staff traffic using Ducks Meadow. We have been able to maintain the existing staff car parking facilities at the old St Peter’s School for the whole of this period and have been able to more than double the number of available spaces there by using the now redundant playground areas that surround the rear of the school buildings. This will provide more than enough temporary capacity. The site remains in the ownership of the county council who have approved this continued use with appropriate legal documentation and public liability insurance in place. The staff are able to walk the few minutes from the old junior school site, to the new school site and enter via the new improved pedestrian access at the Van Diemens Close end. This is a route that they are all quite familiar with.

Completion – this temporary works period is planned to end in December. Dependent on final completion dates, the new permanent vehicle access as envisaged in the main travel plan will come into force around Christmas and be fully operational by the beginning of the January term in 2018. At that point all of the vehicular and pedestrian provisions of the main plan will apply.