

School takes steps to encourage healthier, greener travel choices

Oasis Academy Nunthorpe is a primary education school at the heart of Grimsby's Nunthorpe Estate. The academy has recently worked with North East Lincolnshire Council to develop a Business Travel Plan.

In February 2017 Oasis Academy Nunthorpe submitted a successful application for Sustainable Travel Grant funding. Over the coming months, the school plan to introduce a series of green travel initiatives, intended to encourage and enable staff to make healthier travel choices, and, where possible, walk or cycle to work. Although 73% of staff at Oasis Academy Nunthorpe live within a 2-4km cycle range, with many living on the estate itself, at the time of the staff travel survey only 11% of staff walked or cycled to work on a regular basis. The survey uncovered that many would like to cycle or walk, but considered carrying school equipment to be a barrier to sustainable transport.

In response, Oasis Academy Nunthorpe will use the sustainable travel grant funding to provide staff who wish to walk or cycle to work with:

- Backpacks or trolley bags to transport their equipment
- Personal safety alarms
- Lockers for the storage of wet weather gear and cycling equipment.

Oasis Academy Nunthorpe also plan to host 'Cyclists Breakfasts' to provide support and reward those who cycle to work. It is hoped that the cyclists breakfasts will improve staff sociality and build a sense of community.

Oasis Academy Nunthorpe are confident that the new equipment will inspire staff and students to explore their travel options, lead a healthier, more active lifestyle and switch to sustainable modes of transport. It is anticipated that the shift towards more sustainable transport choices including cycling, walking and public transport, will relieve pressure on the on-site car parks, reduce congestion and make the site safer and more accessible to staff, students and visitors.

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