

School Travel Plan 2019/2020



Ark Oval Primary Academy

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About our school

Ark Oval Primary Academy is a transition primary school for 4 -11 year olds which opened on Cherry Orchard Road, in East Croydon in September 2011. From September 2020 we will also have a nursery on site serving 2 – 4 year olds.

It became a three-form entry school in the 2014-2015 academic year and as of September 2019 all year groups are now three-form. It is non-denominational and non-selective, welcoming boys and girls of all abilities from the local area.

The academy is characterised by high expectations and high achievement for all pupils. We provide a calm, nurturing learning environment where teachers really know pupils and their parents, and every child can flourish. Ark Oval Primary Academy aims to enable all its pupils to realise their full potential and will provide them with every opportunity to succeed. We want every pupil to leave the academy with a love of learning and well prepared for the transition to secondary school. Our aim is that each child will achieve a good level 4 at key stage two, which will give them a strong foundation for secondary learning.

We will support and stretch our students in finding their talents through rigorous and engaging learning both within and outside the classroom. Through outstanding leadership, teaching and pastoral support, we will provide an inspirational environment which celebrates success and encourages pupils to strive for excellence in everything they do.

School Information

Type of School	Primary
Age range of pupils	4-11
Number of pupils	609
Number of SEN pupils	94
How many SEN pupils are entitled to free transport?	0
Opening and closing times (Including clubs and extended schools)	School Day: 8:30-3:30 (Mon & Fri) Breakfast Club 7:15- 8:20 After School Club 3:30- 5:55

Nursery Information

Type of School	Nursery
Age range of pupils	2-4
Number of pupils	60
Number of SEN pupils	0
How many SEN pupils are entitled to free transport?	0

Opening and closing times (Including clubs and extended schools)	7.30am – 6pm
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The Site:

The site area is 1.10ha. the school site is relatively flat and level, with a school field (5275 sq.m.) to the east of the main building.

The school has its accommodation arranged in one two storey block that houses years 5 & 6 children. There is a separate 3 storey block that houses the remainder of our pupils from Reception to Year 4.

The nursery will be located in the same area as the former nursery but in a new modular building with its own dedicated outside space and direct access to the MUGA and green field space.

The main entrance is situated in Cherry Orchard Road with a further entrance in Oval Road. The school has limited parking within the grounds. There are approximately 20 spaces.

The nursery entrance will be alongside the car park.

Locality of the School



Figure 1.1 Ark Oval Primary Academy



Figure 1.2: Tram links:

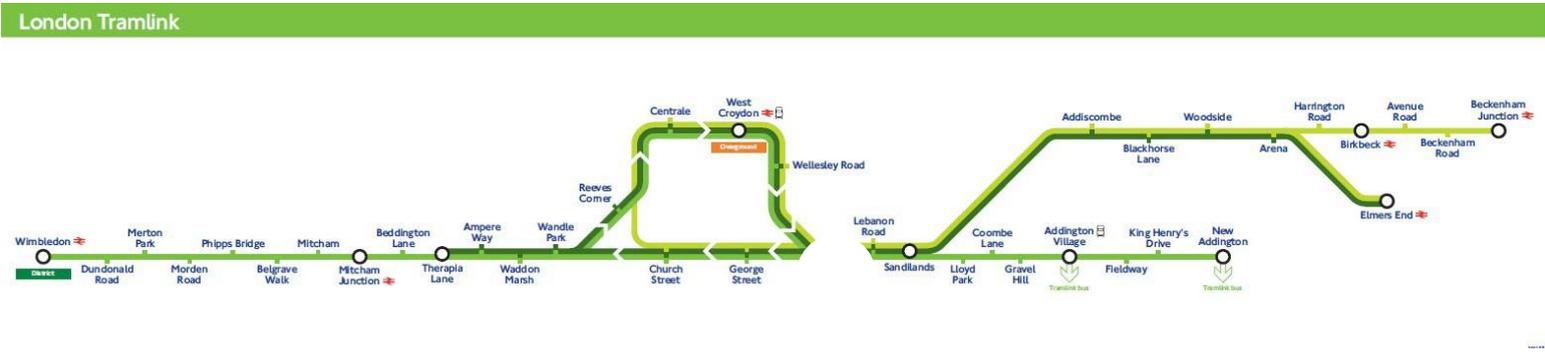


Figure 1.3: Bus routes from Addiscombe

Buses and trams from Addiscombe

Route finder

Day buses

Bus route	Towards	Bus stops
130	New Addington	20 21 22 23 24 25
289	Elmers End	26 27 28 29 30
367	Wick Croydon	31 32 33 34 35 36

Trams

Tram route	Towards	Tram stops
1	Elmers End	Tram stop
2	Wick Croydon	Tram stop
3	Beckenham Junction	Tram stop
4	Wick Croydon	Tram stop
5	Therapia Lane†	Tram stop

† Mondays to Saturdays except evenings

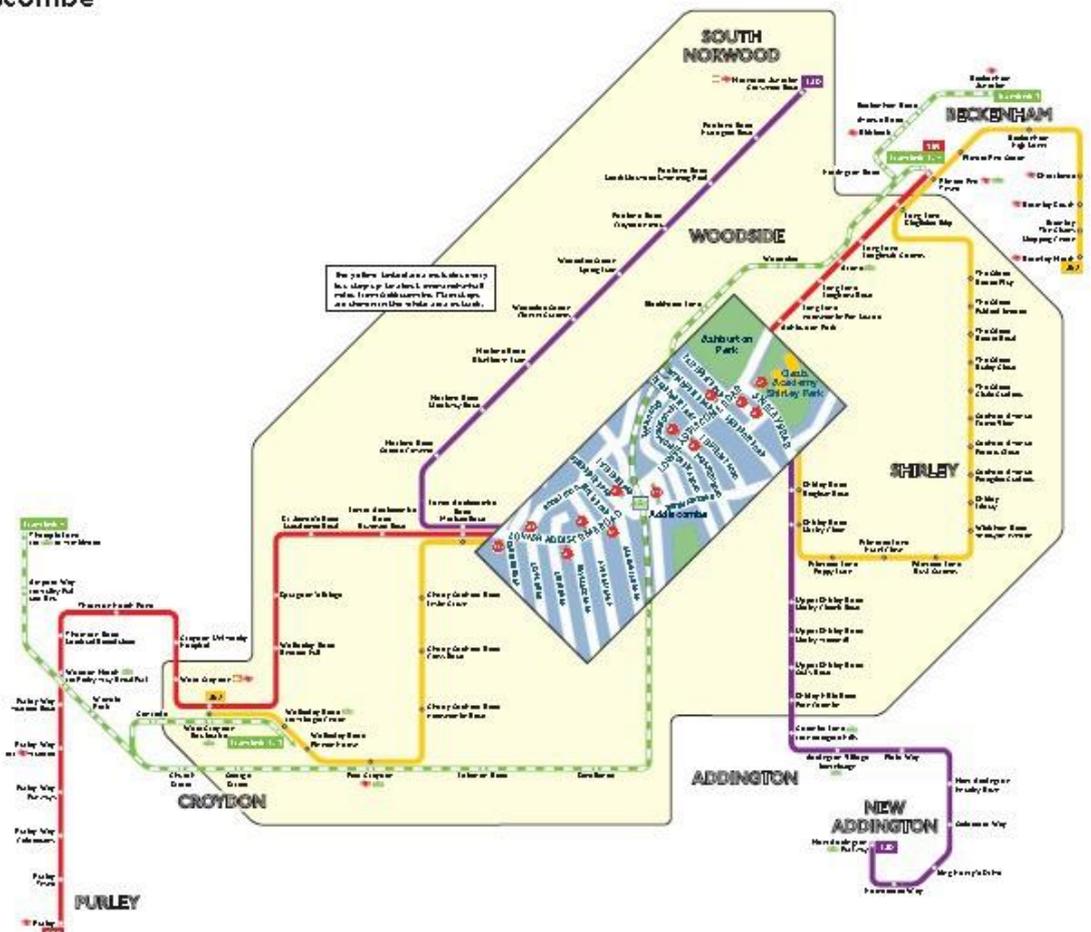
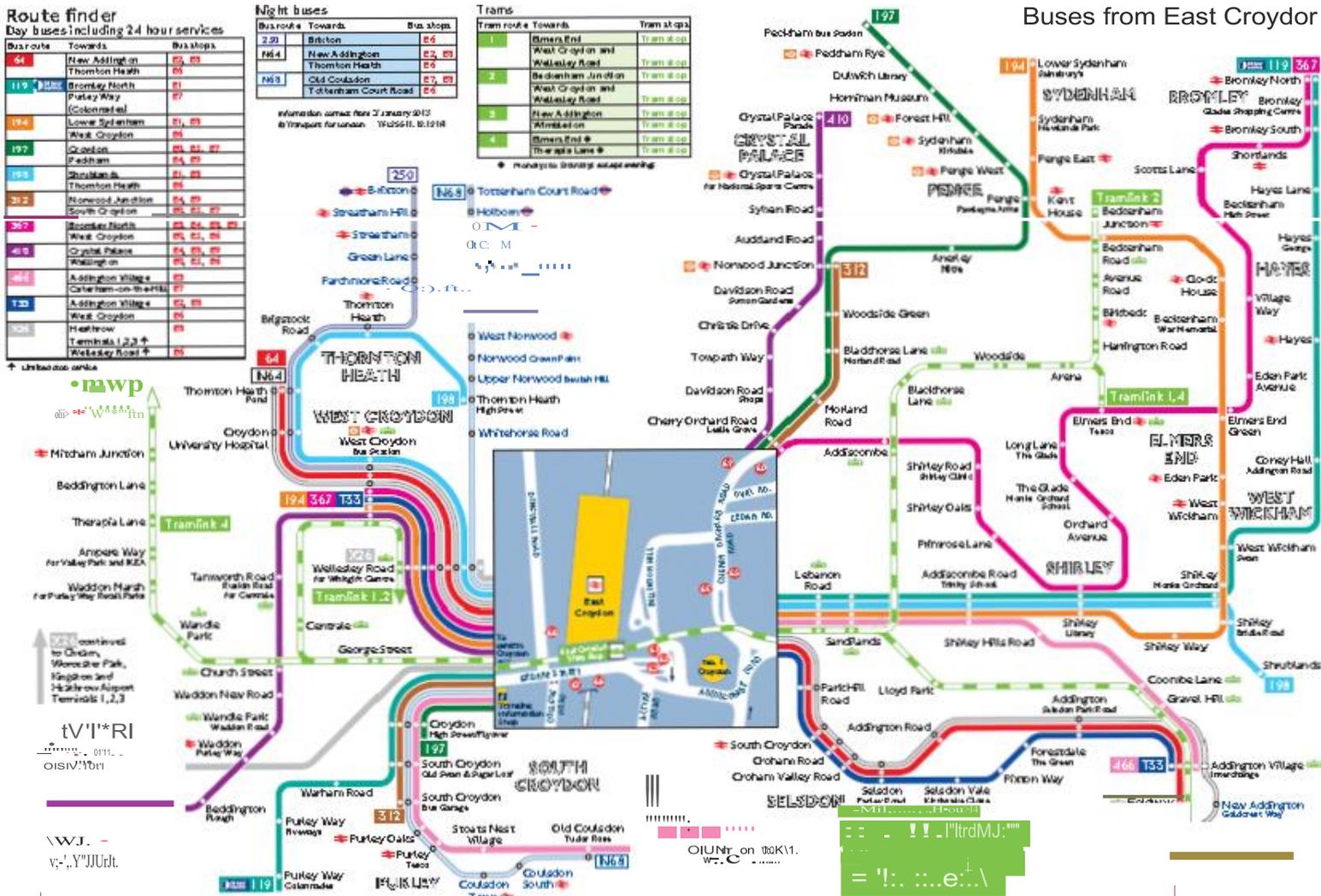


Figure 1.4: Bus routes from East Croydon



Buses from East Croydor

Figure 1.5: Catchment Area of Ark Oval Primary Academy

Oval students

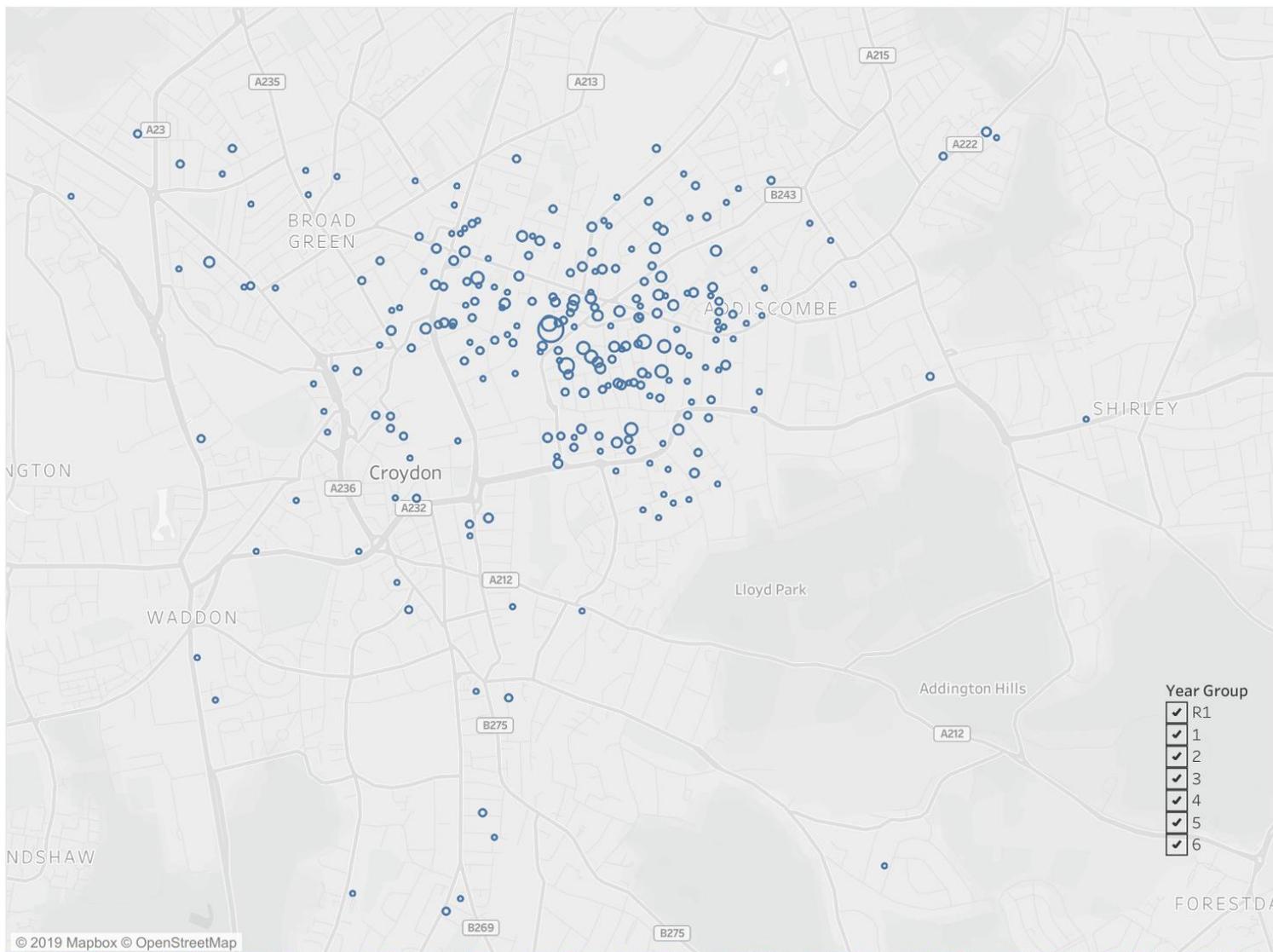


Figure I.6: Birds Eye View of Ark Oval Primary Academy



Travel Survey Results from pupil surveys

	Data from July 2019		Data from October 2015 (Travel plan implemented)	
Car Based				
Park and Stride	2.80%		2.83%	
Car Share	0.84%		2.26%	
Car/Motorcycle	21.57%	25.21%	23.77%	28.86%
Public Transport				
Rail/Overground	1.12%		3.40%	
Tram	4.20%		6.23%	
Public Bus	10.64%	15.97%	11.13%	20.76%
Non-powered				
Cycle	0.56%		2.08%	
Scooter	9.24%		8.11%	
Walking (accompanied)	46.50%		40.19%	
Walking (alone)	2.52%	58.82%	N/A	50.38%

Surveys carried out by using hands-up method Jul 2019/Oct 2015

Details of what the school is doing to encourage sustainable transport.

Action Description	Person(s) Responsible	Timescale	Outcomes	Status
Within the curriculum, promote the health benefits for walking and cycling to school	Karen Bramson	Throughout academic year	Greater awareness of healthy lifestyle amongst pupils	Achieved in some areas and continuously ongoing
Continue promoting the advantages of car sharing where there is a need for pupils to arrive or leave by car. This to include making the parents aware of the benefits	Karen Bramson	Throughout academic year	Increase the number of parents choosing to car share.	Ongoing

Extended Community Use of the Building:

The school hosts lettings arranged through an external lettings company – SLS – School Lettings Solutions to various organisations including a number of churches.

During times of local and general elections the school is used as a polling station.

Facilities:

The school currently has an outdoor toilet block for the children to use. Outside the school there is a zebra crossing to assist when crossing the main road. There is also a ‘crossing guard’ who supports children and parents in crossing the main road before and after school hours.

Number of Parking Spaces:

The school car park currently has 20 spaces for parking.

The car park is gated and locked once all members of staff have left the site in the evening and remains locked during the weekend, therefore meaning that it cannot be used as a public car park.

Behaviour Policy and travelling to and from school

The behaviour policy states that whilst the school is not responsible for pupils on their journeys to and from school we expect the behaviour of our pupils whilst in the community to be exemplary and not to bring the name of the school into disrepute.

Local Transport Links

Our school is well connected on the public transport network:

BUS NUMBER	MAIN DESTINATIONS SERVED
410	Buses towards Crystal Palace
197	Buses towards Peckham
312	Buses towards Norwood Junction
367	Buses towards Bromley North

Train and Tram Links

East Croydon Station (National Rail) – 9 minute walk from school

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West Croydon Station (National Rail) – 23 minute walk from school site

Consultation and Involvement

Governors

The travel plan is shared with governors annually

Positive developments that have arisen since the original plan was submitted:

In January 2015 Ark Oval Primary Academy was given funding from Cycle Pods Ltd and Croydon Council for 6 monopods and a scooter pod (pictured below). The minipods are used for both scooters and bicycles dependent on the needs of the pupils coming to school and they have space for a total of 38 bicycles and 24 scooters., these were installed in the school on the 27/10/2015.

When comparing the hands up surveys of 2015 to 2019 the results show that car based journeys have reduced by 3.65% from 28.86% to 25.21%; use of public transport has reduced by 4.79% from 20.76% to 15.97% and non-powered journeys have increased by 8.44% from 50.38% to 58.82%



Monitoring and Review

We will monitor and review The Ark Oval Travel Plan in the following ways:

The Travel Plan will be reviewed annually in the Autumn term to find out how people are travelling to school and to assess if the targets are being achieved. More frequent checks will be undertaken if changes occur to the Travel Plan

Karen Bramson will be responsible for promoting the Travel Plan and in conjunction with the Operations Manager undertake surveys and monitor its success and report to the Principal who will then report to the Governors.

Regularly promote alternative travel to all users where appropriate

Regularly review Travel Plan arrangements with staff, pupils and parents

Ark Oval Primary Academy will use resources appropriately to both maintain and improve facilities as and when needed

Promote safe sustainable travel to and from Ark Oval Primary Academy

Hold regular surveys and consultation with the local community to review impact and consider new opportunities for travel and transport provision to serve the school.

Toby Martlew Headteacher	Date: 30/09/2019
Karen Bramson Deputy Head	Date: 30/09/2019