

London Borough of Croydon

Elmwood Infant School

 Bronze accredited

01/09/2014 - 31/08/2017

Summary

We would like to be considered for a Gold School Travel Plan as we have completed a wide variety of activities across the year with all of our children and staff, including Nursery. School travel, road safety and the use of scooters and bikes to travel to and from school have all had a much greater profile across the curriculum. It has been rewarding to see the playground transform from one where no child was scooting or cycling to being a hive of activity at the start and end of the day. We have been innovative in our approach to school travel this year, for example, hosting a very successful Peddle My Bike Market and believe that our parents have a much better understanding of their responsibility to park safely outside our school. We have completed enough activities and events across the year to qualify for an application for Gold- many of them are just pending approval.

School information

Current Level

Bronze accredited

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Awarded

September 2016

Valid until

August 2017

Basic information

Opening hours

07:00 - 18:00

Student school hours

08:50 - 15:10

Breakfast club opening hours

08:00 - 08:50

Extended school visiting time

16:15

Number of staff

76

Site crossing points

0 crossings

Site crossing patrol

No

Joint access

Unknown

Travel and planning

Bus routes

250,450,60,289,198,64

Bus stop procedure

Unknown

Catchment area

Local area plus a few families who live in temporary accommodation a distance away from the school

Expansion plans

None

Engineering measures

0

Other travel information

Unknown

Rules relating to school travel

Unknown

Notes about travel in the area

Unknown

Cycle routes

Unknown

Facilities and parking

Covered sheffield stand

Unknown

Sheffield stand

Unknown

Cycle racks

Unknown

Other cycle parking

12 spaces

Scooter parking

30 spaces

Access to car park

Unknown

Helmet lockers

0 lockers

Student storage lockers

0 lockers

Staff storage lockers

20 lockers

Staff shower facilities

No

Number of entrances

0 entrances

Local speed limit

0 mph

Motorcycle parking

Unknown

Staff parking

14 spaces

Staff car share parking

Unknown

Disabled parking

0 spaces

Visitor parking

0 spaces

Coach parking

No

Edubase data

Address

Lodge Road
Croydon
Surrey
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Phase of education

Primary

School type

Community School

Gender

Mixed

Age range

3 - 7

Number of pupils

406

DfE Number

306/2014

URN

101721

Status

Open

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Targets

✓ Achieved

Buggy

Description

% or No.: Percentage; Current 1.00; Target 0.00.

Planned date

30/05/2016

Closed date

26/05/2017

↻ In progress

Reducing car use

Description

We have reduced car use by 1% but want to reduce this further. Our target is to reduce car use from 26% to 20%

Planned date

05/06/2017

Safety for Pedestrains

Description

Reduce the number of occasions when driveways and the private road is blocked. Reduce complaints from parents/residents (currently averages one per week).

Planned date

05/06/2017

Increase Active Travel

Description

We have increased active travel by 2% overall from last year to this year with an increase in scooting/biking to school from 7% to 11%. we want to increase active travel further from 67% to 75%.

Planned date

05/06/2017

Issues

✓ Resolved

Personal Safety

Description

Subtitle: No vehicular access to the school premises for emergency services.
 How Identified: Through discussion with the junior school and a needs analysis relating to vehicular access. . Details: The barrier outside the pedestrian gates are bolted together and are not able to be opened. This means that the only access to the school premises for emergency vehicles is through the junior gates. This relies on someone being available from the separate junior school to open the gates. As this is not always the case it puts the community at risk.

Identified date

25/07/2016

Closed date

01/11/2016

Actions

Replace the barrier outside the school with one that can be unlocked in order to provide access for emergency vehicles. Drop the kerb by the barrier. Contact Croydon Council to highlight this concern. Nov 016 - We contacted the council and have been told that it is not possible to create a vehicular access to our school from the pedestrian gates due to the road furniture and width of the gates. We have created a risk assessment to highlight the fact that we have gone as far as we can with this issue.

Road Safety

Description

Subtitle: Children getting out of vehicles when they are waiting in traffic. How Identified: Through consultation with neighbours.. Details: When congested, many children are being encouraged by parents to get out of the vehicle (either side) whilst they wait in traffic. This is very dangerous as children are opening doors onto oncoming traffic and jumping out of vehicles whilst they are idle at the crossing patrol or when waiting in traffic.

Identified date

08/06/2016

Closed date

05/05/2017

Actions

Traffic enforcement Informing parents of the dangers of this. Teaching children about these dangers Observation suggests that this has reduced significantly

Road Safety

Description

Subtitle: Speed outside the school - signage not working. How Identified: Through the questionnaire and observation. Details: Signage on lamp posts suggests that cameras are due to be installed but this has been the case for over a year. Speed restriction signs (flashing ones) are not working.

Identified date

20/04/2016

Closed date

14/09/2016

Actions

Establish the use of speed/parking cameras outside of the school - not been done yet Repair the speed reduction signage outside the school so that it works - completed

Cycling

Description

Subtitle: Lack of cycle pods. How Identified: Through the hands up survey. Details: Whilst most of our children will prefer to scoot to school some children have indicated that they would prefer to cycle to school. This is not

Identified date

20/04/2016

Closed date

possible at the moment as we have no storage.

02/12/2016

Actions

Installation of cycle pods Cycle Pods have now been installed and are being used by the children.

Current

Parking across the dropped kerb and over driveways

Description

Parents are parking across the driveways of neighbouring houses and across the dropped kerb. This is preventing children and parents from crossing safely. Parents mount the pavements and leave very little space for pedestrians to walk.

Identified date

26/05/2017

Actions

Ongoing reference in newsletter to this issue and reporting persistent offenders to the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Naming car registration numbers in the newsletter.

Parking

Description

Subtitle: Lack of disabled parking. How Identified: The issue was raised by a governor who finds it very difficult to access the school unless a space is reserved for her. With disabled children and parents attending the school on a daily basis this has now become an urgent requirement. . Details: There are no disabled parking bays within the school carpark or outside the school. This makes it difficult for disabled visitors, parents, carers and governors to access the school with ease and equality of opportunity. With such as small car park, leaving a disabled bay accessible at all times would significantly reduce the number of parking spaces available due to the layout of the car park and narrowness of parts of it.

Identified date

06/05/2016

Actions

Create a disabled parking bay immediately outside the carpark gates (on the main road). This bay would make the school accessible for visitors and staff, as well as parents and children. There are currently pay and display bays outside the school - one of these could be converted into a disabled bay.

Other

Description

Subtitle: Tactile Paving for Children with Visual Impairment. How Identified: Through an assessment of the areas around the school that need adapting to support children with visual impairment.. Details: We have children at the school with a visual impairment. Their vision is severely impaired and they use sight canes to assist them. Having tactile paving outside of the school would allow them to identify when they are crossing the entrance to the carpark as this is a particularly vulnerable place for them to pass.

Identified date

06/05/2016

Actions

Tactile paving either side of the carpark entrance to assist visually impaired parents/children and other pedestrians.

Road Safety

Description

Subtitle: Crossing at the junction between Bensham Lane and Campell Road.

How Identified: Through the consultation. Details: Over 25 parents raised this as an issue within the recent consultation. They all made reference to the difficulty faced when trying to cross at this junction and the danger that it presents.

Actions

Installation of a pedestrian crossing

Identified date

20/04/2016

Survey Groups

Whole school (pupil and staff) hands-up survey 2016-17

Participants	Date	Responses	Response rate
Pupils & staff	21/04/2017	439	97%

Active travel (67%/70%)

Walking (56%/33%)

Scooting (8%/18%)

Buggy (0%/0%)

Cycling (3%/18%)

Public transport (8%/7%)

Rail/Overground
(0%/1%)

Tube (0%/0%)

DLR (0%/0%)

Tram (1%/0%)

Public bus (6%/4%)

School bus/Taxi
(0%/1%)

River (0%/0%)

Car (26%/23%)

Car/Motorcycle
(21%/17%)

Car share (1%/4%)

Park and stride
(4%/3%)

2015/2016 Survey

Participants	Date	Responses	Response rate
Pupils & staff	28/04/2016	457	120%

Active travel (65%/72%)

Walking (57%/36%)

Scooting (7%/27%)

Buggy (1%/0%)

Cycling (0%/8%)

Public transport (8%/8%)

Rail/Overground
(1%/3%)

Tube (0%/0%)

DLR (0%/0%)

Tram (1%/1%)

Public bus (6%/5%)

School bus/Taxi
(0%/0%)

River (0%/0%)

Car (27%/20%)

Car/Motorcycle
(27%/20%)

Car share (0%/0%)

Park and stride
(0%/0%)

2008/2009 Survey

Participants	Date	Responses	Response rate
Pupils & staff	01/02/2009	233	0%

Active travel (57%/0%)

Walking (57%/0%)

Scooting (0%/0%)

Buggy (0%/0%)

Cycling (0%/0%)

Public transport (0%/0%)

Rail/Overground (0%/0%)

Tube (0%/0%)

DLR (0%/0%)

Tram (0%/0%)

Public bus (0%/0%)

School bus/Taxi (0%/0%)

River (0%/0%)

Car (43%/100%)

Car/Motorcycle (43%/100%)

Car share (0%/0%)

Park and stride (0%/0%)

Stories

STARS Car-free day

Our story

Today we are registering to promote Car-free day in September 2017. Our parents are very responsive to school initiatives and our children are fantastic at motivating each other to participate. We are excited to begin planning our car-free assembly and related activities for September.

Dates of activity

17/07/2017 - 08/09/2017

Number of participants

412

Bling your bike

Our story

All of the children have been encouraged to bling their bike or scooter.

Dates of activity

08/06/2017 - 08/06/2017

Number of participants

420

Walk to School Week

Our story

The whole school took part in Walk to School Week. The week was promoted at a staff meeting and assembly and all children took part across the week, including Nursery children.

Dates of activity

15/05/2017 - 19/05/2017

School Improvement Plan and Accessibility Plan

Our story

Our School Improvement Plan identifies our commitment to achieve a Silver School Travel Award. Our Accessibility Plan identifies some of the issues that have also been identified within our School Travel Plan which we aim to address.

Dates of activity

22/03/2017 - 22/03/2017

Number of participants

412

Peddle My Wheels

Our story

Peddle My Wheels Event. We are working with the peddlemywheels organisation to host a bike market in March. Children and adults are encouraged to bring old/unwanted bikes to school in the morning. These will be checked and sold at the end of the day to other children. We have promoted this to a number of local schools including St Mary's High School, Elmwood Juniors and Chestnut Park.
Update: Completed. A great success!

Dates of activity

21/03/2017 - 21/03/2017

Number of participants

412

Promoting Walking with the Marsden March

Our story

This activity is three-fold. It raises awareness and sponsorship for the Royal Marsden Hospital and also promotes walking for staff and pupils and encourages children to be punctual at school. In the run up to this event, staff started to walk to and from school, changing the way they travel. Over 20 members of staff took part in the Marsden March and we have raised over £1600. Two assemblies have taken place to share the information with children and to raise awareness.

Dates of activity

19/03/2017 - 19/03/2017

Number of participants

480

Why Animals Can't Ride Bikes

Our story

The booklet 'Why Animals Can't Ride Bikes' was shared with Year 1 and 2 in assembly and a copy of the booklet sent to all Year 2 children. Spare copies are available in our entrance area for parents and children to take. An assembly was delivered to KS1 which included celebration about the bike being 200 years old.

Dates of activity

01/03/2017 - 01/03/2017

Number of participants

240

Beep Beep Day

Our story

Beep Beep Day takes place on 8th Feb for all Reception and Nursery children. Nursery children are going to go out with hi vis vests on and cross the road safely as an activity. All children are coming to school wearing bright clothes and other road safety activities will take place across the day. Update: Day completed. All Nursery children went out with an adult to practise crossing the road safely. All EYFS children wore bright colours to school.

Dates of activity

08/02/2017 - 08/02/2017

Number of participants

170

Walking instead of using public transport/coaches

Our story

Trip to Wagamama, Croydon. Children from Year 1 and 2 walked from school to the Wagamama restaurant instead of using public transport.

Dates of activity

29/01/2017 - 08/02/2017

Number of participants

60

Working with the Junior JRSOs

Our story

Meeting with the School Travel Champion from Elmwood Junior School to identify ways in which the schools can work together to promote road safety for children and families. Assembly planned for 9th March. This is when the Junior JRSOs will deliver an assembly to Year 1 and 2. Update: Assembly completed and competition promoted.

Dates of activity

06/01/2017 - 17/03/2017

Number of participants

240

Zigzag lines enforcement

Our story

Enforcement of safe parking around our school has been a priority for the past year. We have placed banners supplied by Croydon onto our school railings and have also sent a newsletter to parents informing them that anyone caught parking dangerously or inconsiderately will have their vehicle registration number published in our monthly newsletter. We have re-sent our parking guidelines to parents to further reinforce this message and have completed an assembly with the children about safe parking and to introduce the A to Z of Traffic Tales.

Dates of activity

06/01/2017 - 17/03/2017

The A-Z of Traffic Tales

Our story

An assembly took place to explain the A - Z of Traffic Tales and to read the first in the series. The assembly reminded children about safety issues including the issues over parking on zig zag lines and playing safely around our scooter pods. The books have been placed in our new library so that they can be easily accessed by the children. The DVD has been promoted for use in class. The parent leaflets have been placed in our entrance area.

Dates of activity

06/01/2017 - 01/03/2017

Number of participants

240

Consultation with Crossing Patrol Officers

Our story

The Junior STAs and a group of children from Elmwood Infant School have invited our Crossing Patrol Officers into school for tea and a discussion about road safety and the issues they have to deal with. From this, actions to further improve road safety will be identified.

Dates of activity

06/01/2017

Number of participants

16

Story owner

STP Champion

Balance Bikes

Our story

We have been successful in securing funding for 8 balance bikes which will be based in our EYFS department and provide opportunities for our younger children to use on a regular basis.

Update: The bikes have arrived and are being used by Reception.

Dates of activity

06/01/2017 - 17/03/2017

Number of participants

120

Monthly Newsletters

Our story

<p>Our monthly newsletters often make reference to school travel. This one

Dates of activity

28/11/2016 - 17/03/2017

lets the parents and community know about scooter training, bike kits and our big walk!

Update: From January, we are now reporting vehicle number plates in the newsletter.

Number of participants
412

Banners borrowed from Croydon

Our story

We have borrowed three banners from the Local Authority which have road safety messages on them. We hope that these will help to deter parents and carers from parking outside the school. Each banner will be placed on our railings for a number of weeks before being swapped. If they have an impact we will invest in our own banners so that we can have them on our railings permanently.

Update: Banners purchased by the school.

Dates of activity

18/11/2016 - 06/01/2017

Emergency Access

Our story

We have tried to resolve the issue of lack of access to our school site for emergency vehicles and liaised with the Local Authority and engineers about this issue. Attached is a risk assessment that shows the outcomes of this research and the reasons why we have not been able to move further with this issue.

Dates of activity

01/11/2016 - 01/11/2016

Number of participants

2

Bike It Plus Pre-Hands-Up Survey

Our story

This is a specific Bike It Plus pre-Hands-up survey. The survey was conducted before the school embarked on any Bike It Plus activities

Dates of activity

01/11/2016 - 01/11/2016

Number of participants

225

MIGRATED STORY: Consultation

Our story

G6: Include safer and active travel in the school improvement plan
This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting C-19418

Dates of activity

30/10/2016 - 30/10/2016

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety

Our story

WoW

Dates of activity

07/10/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84572

Scooter training

Our story

Children across Year 2 took part in scooter training to enable them to develop the skills to use their scooters safely and to promote scooting/walking to school.

Dates of activity

05/10/2016 - 06/10/2016

Number of participants

60

Big Walk

Our story

On 4th October we took part in a Big Walk. This involved all the children and parents/carers and aimed to promote walking and road safety to the children and wider community. Parents were encouraged to walk with the children and staff.

Dates of activity

04/10/2016 - 04/10/2016

Number of participants

500

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety

Our story

<p>Walk to school month

 This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84573</p>

Dates of activity

03/10/2016 - 31/10/2016

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety

Our story

<p>Scooter training

 This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84575</p>

Dates of activity

03/10/2016 - 03/10/2016

Bike It Plus Kit Sale

Our story

We held a bike kit sale following the installation of our scooter pods. The sale was a great success and equipment was in high demand to the extent that we had to book in another sale for the following week. All equipment was sold including helmets, bells, gloves and locks for bikes and scooters.

Dates of activity

15/09/2016 - 29/09/2016

Number of participants

100

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety

Our story

WoW

Dates of activity

08/09/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84571

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety**Our story**

<p>Cycle training for pupils (E.g. Bikeability)

 This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84576</p>

Dates of activity

08/09/2016 - 30/09/2016

Other cycling activity**Our story**

We are taking part in Bike It Plus. So far our Bike It Officer (Viv) has worked with our school to do kit sales, talks to the children about biking to school, took part in achievers week to tell children about achievements of famous bikers and has delivered an assembly.

Dates of activity

07/09/2016 - 15/06/2017

Website - promotion of public transport**Our story**

Our website promotes public transport by having links to TFL, maps and lists local bus stations and railway stations.

Dates of activity

01/09/2016 - 01/09/2016

Scooter parking installed**Our story**

Our scooter pods were installed in the summer holidays and were available from the start of the autumn term for children to use. Since then the scooter pods are often full and our scooter training and kit list have increased popularity further.

Dates of activity

01/09/2016 - 01/09/2016

Number of participants

412

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety**Our story**

<p>Children's Traffic Club (Essential for nurseries)

 This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84580</p>

Dates of activity

13/07/2016 - 13/07/2016

MIGRATED STORY: Consultation

Our story

G3: Make residents and neighbours aware of the schools plans

Dates of activity

08/06/2016 - 08/06/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting C-19410

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety**Our story**

Scooter storage installed

Dates of activity

01/06/2016 - 29/07/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84577

Poster competition**Our story**

We had a whole school road safety competition, asking children to create a poster for our school railings. The winning posters were placed on our railings throughout the summer and first half of the autumn term.

Dates of activity

01/06/2016 - 21/10/2016

MIGRATED STORY: Promotion**Our story**

Other promotion method

Dates of activity

01/06/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting A-83202

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety**Our story**

Walk to school week

Dates of activity

20/05/2016 - 20/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84567

MIGRATED STORY: Smarter Driving**Our story**

School keep clear/ zig zag enforcement

Dates of activity

20/05/2016 - 20/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84569

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety

Our story

Other walking, cycling or road safety initiative - 1

Dates of activity

20/05/2016 - 20/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84570

MIGRATED STORY: Smarter Driving

Our story

Highway code is promoted to students, staff and parents

Dates of activity

20/05/2016 - 20/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84587

MIGRATED STORY: Curriculum

Our story

Other curriculum work

Dates of activity

20/05/2016 - 20/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting A-83206

MIGRATED STORY: Curriculum

Our story

Other curriculum work

Dates of activity

20/05/2016 - 20/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting A-83208

MIGRATED STORY: Funding

Our story

The school has identified and obtained other sources of funding

Dates of activity

20/05/2016 - 20/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting A-83209

MIGRATED STORY: Promotion

Our story

Newsletter

Dates of activity

20/05/2016 - 20/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting A-83201

MIGRATED STORY: Curriculum

Our story

School takes part in competitions

Dates of activity

20/05/2016 - 20/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting A-83205

MIGRATED STORY: Curriculum

Our story

Theatre in Education

Dates of activity

06/05/2016 - 06/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting A-53955

MIGRATED STORY: Consultation

Our story

S3: Meetings with Governors, staff, senior management team and school council

Dates of activity

03/05/2016 - 03/05/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting C-19412

MIGRATED STORY: Consultation

Our story

S6: Consult parents / guardians on travel and transport issues

Dates of activity

22/04/2016 - 22/04/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting C-18656

MIGRATED STORY: Promotion

Our story

Within the Prospectus

Dates of activity

20/04/2016 - 20/04/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting A-83199

MIGRATED STORY: Promotion

Our story

Information on the website

Dates of activity

20/04/2016 - 20/04/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting A-83200

MIGRATED STORY: Consultation

Our story

S4: Involve pupils in the travel plan process

Dates of activity

27/03/2016 - 27/03/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting C-19415

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety

Our story

Road safety talks

Dates of activity

23/03/2016 - 23/03/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84584

MIGRATED STORY: Public Transport

Our story

School promotes public transport

Dates of activity

20/03/2016 - 20/03/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84586

MIGRATED STORY: Public Transport

Our story

Additional information

Dates of activity

20/03/2016 - 20/03/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84590

MIGRATED STORY: Walking, Cycling and Road Safety

Our story

Other walking, cycling or road safety initiative - 1

Dates of activity

04/03/2016 - 04/03/2016

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84568

MIGRATED STORY: Public Transport

Our story

Public transport used for school trips

Dates of activity

20/07/2015 - 20/07/2015

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-84574

MIGRATED STORY: Public Transport

Our story

Private coaches used for school trips

Dates of activity

20/06/2015 - 20/06/2015

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-31770

MIGRATED STORY: Public Transport

Our story

Private coaches used for school trips

Dates of activity

23/03/2015 - 23/03/2015

This story was migrated from the old STARS system. If you need more information on this story, contact your STARS online contact, quoting I-25803