

Fishcross Primary School



School Travel Plan 2019-20

What is a school Travel Plan?

A Travel Plan is a document compiled by a school or a campus which sets out a package of short, medium and long-term measures to encourage more children, young people and staff to choose alternatives to the car when making the journey to school. It signifies an all-round commitment to develop safer routes to school and encouraging active travel.

The need for travel plans has arisen due to growing concerns over:

- Increasing congestion associated with the 'school run'
- Pupil health concerns concerning inactive lifestyles
- The need for pupils to gain 'road sense' and independence
- Road safety issues and concerns partly generated by school run related traffic
- Air quality and climate change
- Less Local Authority funding available which requires targeting

We need our outcomes and targets that reflect our needs at Fishcross Primary and that they are realistically achievable.

Travel Plan Working/Action Group

Our first step this school session was to form a working group to look at our school travel issues. Our Travel Plan Group includes:

- Mrs Penman (Headteacher)
- Mrs A'Hara (School Assistant)
- Thomas and Amy (P7 pupils and our WOW Travel monitors)

We would like to include parents, representatives from the community, and Clackmannanshire Council to better reflect the needs of all our school community, and it may be that ad hoc attendance by Council staff, partners and parents will work best in the future.

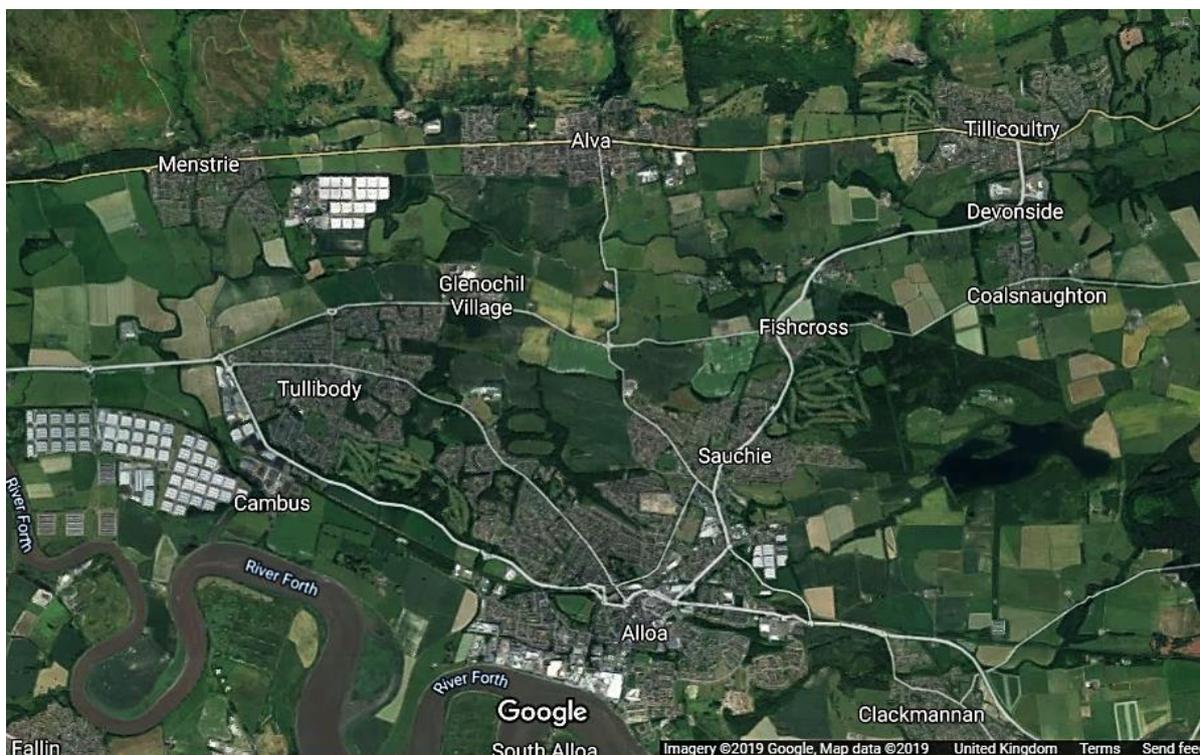
1. Aims of our Travel Plan

We have identified a number of aims to support our plan to encourage active travel to and from Fishcross Primary School.

- To proactively encourage and increase awareness of healthy, environmental and socially friendly travel choices amongst pupils, parents, staff and the wider school community
- To reduce the volume of vehicles on the school run and traffic congestion around the school gates
- Increase the number of children walking and/or cycling to school.
- To improve safety on the journey to school
- To increase the number of pupils participating in road safety education
- To secure funding and initiatives from Clackmannanshire Council and other agencies/partners.

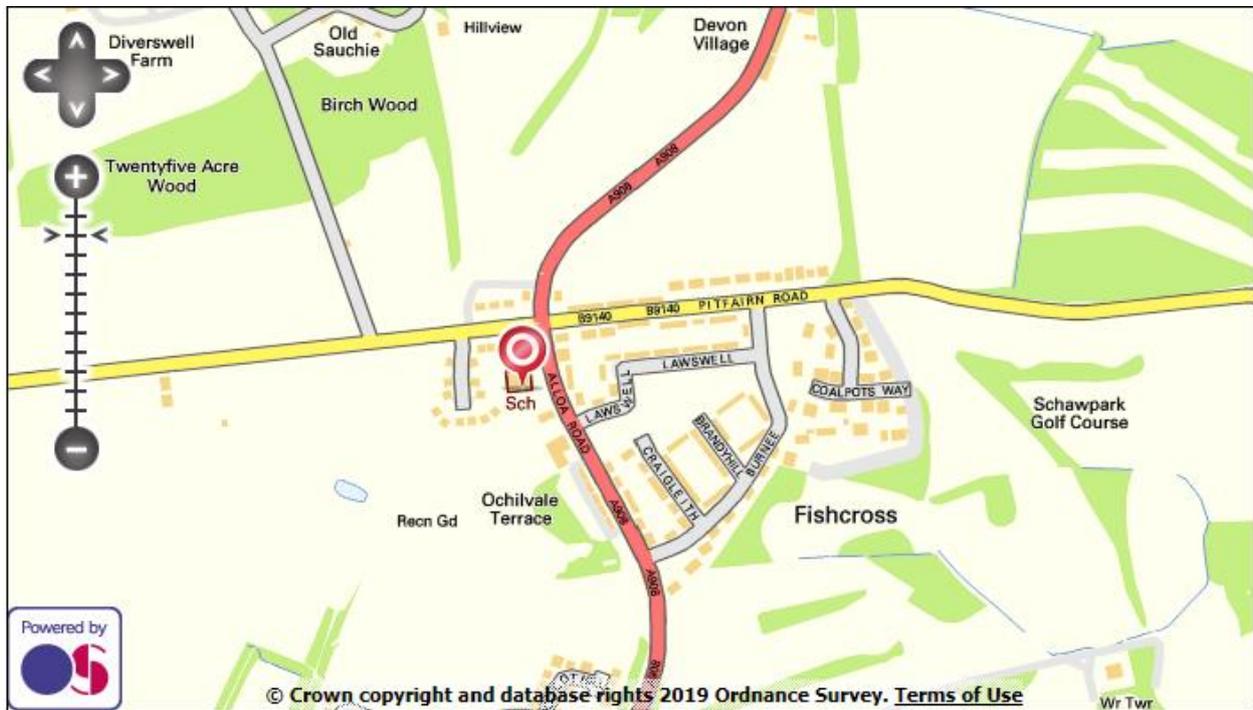
2. School Introduction

Fishcross Primary School is a small village school located by the main road near to the mini roundabout in Fishcross. The school was officially opened in 1875 and underwent a major extension and modernisation in 1991. We currently have 80 pupils who are taught in 4 classes. The school starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm. Pupils can come for breakfast club at 8.30am and there are often some after school sports clubs which run until 4pm.



Most of our pupils live within Fishcross and are a short walk from the school. However 44% of our pupils attend as a result of placing requests from other communities, including Menstrie, Coalsnaughton, Alva, Tillicoultry, Tullibody, Sauchie and other areas slightly further afield.

Fishcross is a small residential community on the outskirts of Alloa. The school is situated on the busy Alloa Road (A908) which links Alloa with other communities in Clackmannanshire. There is a mini roundabout a short distance from the school at the junction of Alloa Road and Pitfairn Road (B9140).



There is parking within the school grounds which is limited to staff and visitors, although some parking areas for use by parents and carers are located nearby. There are quiet residential streets near the school on either side of the main road. There is one entrance for pupils, which is located at the main road next to the bus stop.

The school has over 100 people arriving and leaving every day!



3. Present Travel Patterns

We encourage active travel to and from school and a significant proportion of our pupils walk, cycle or scoot to school. Around half of our pupils are here under placing requests from other areas and for them walking isn't always practical. There are some pupils who are driven to school and parents and carers park in a number of areas near the school: the parking area next to the snooker hall, the space between the Cats' Protection Centre and the snooker hall, and there is parking across the road along Lawswell. Parents and carers use these car parking areas to 'Park and Stride' to school.



Parents and carers dropping their children off for Breakfast Club at 8.30am may use the school car park. The school car park is only available for staff and visitors to the school at all other times. There is usually enough space available for all staff and visitors.

Our school is small and space is limited for drying wet clothes, and safely storing bike helmets. Pupils have pegs for outside jackets and school bags which are along the corridor walls outside their classrooms.



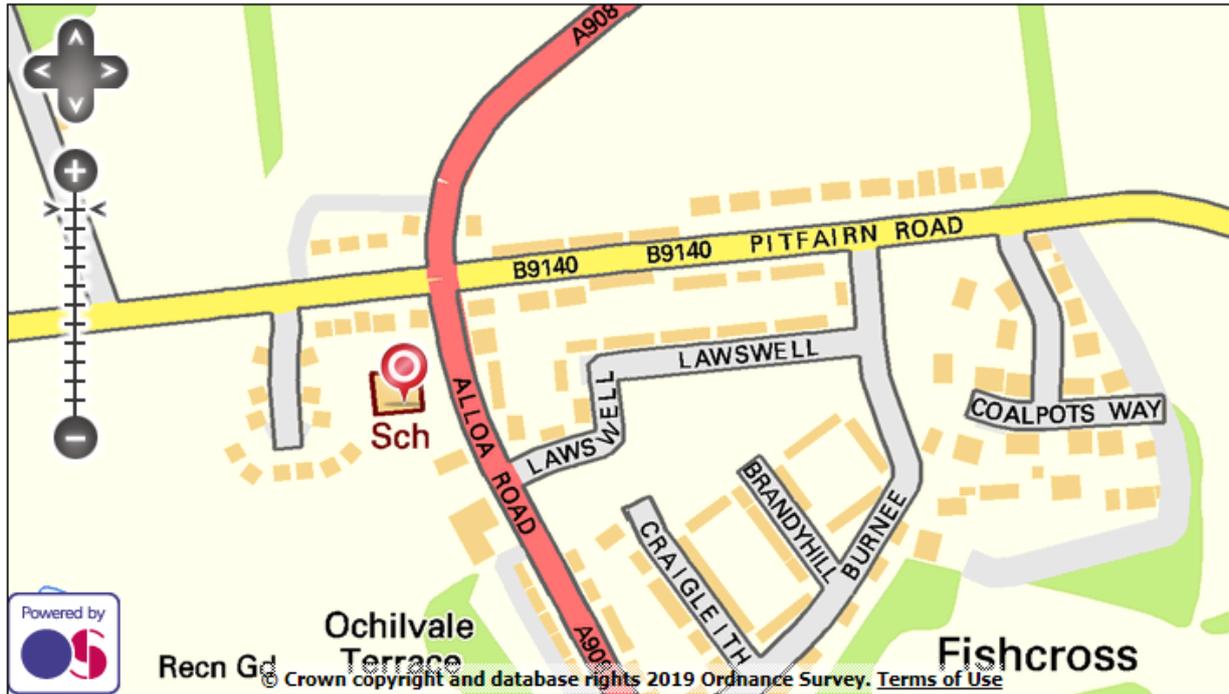
Pupils come into the school grounds via the gate at the top of the playground near to the bus stop on the main road. Children who cycle or scoot to school also enter the school via this location. There is space for up to 10 bikes in the cycle racks located near the main entrance between the school building and car park wall. There is additional space for bikes and scooters within this area.

The school is situated within a 20mph zone. There is a PUFFIN crossing just outside the school grounds on Alloa Road.

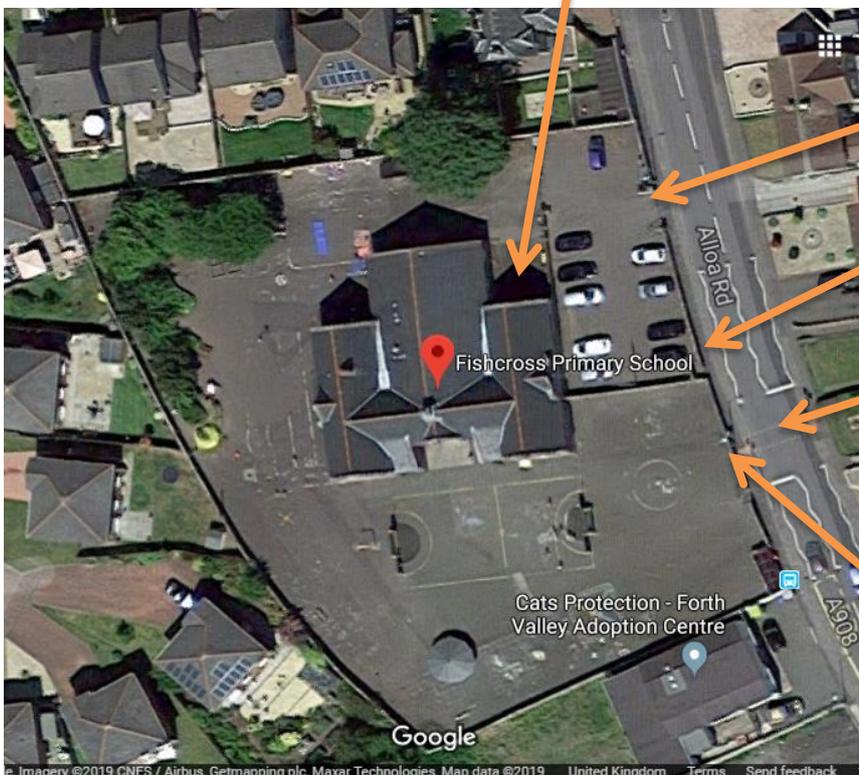


The school day is from 9am to 3pm, with lunchtime between 12.30-1.15pm. There can be after school sports clubs operating a few times per week between 3-4pm. The local councillor holds a surgery for local residents every second Friday 5-5.30pm. The Parent Council also hold meetings every term, usually on a Wednesday between 6-8pm. Other school events that run outside school core hours include Parent's Evenings, school discos, and school fayres. Some of these events will have an impact on local traffic.

4. Maps of the school site and Fishcross



Bike racks and space for scooters



Entrance to car park

Pedestrian entrance to school via car park

Position of the PUFFIN crossing

Pupil Entrance to school grounds

5. What we are doing already

In the current session 2019-20 the school has participated in Bikeability and road safety talks. All pupils in primaries 4, 5, 6 and 7 were offered Bikeability 1 and 2 courses which were completed in November 2019. PC Scott Arundel came to discuss road safety with pupils in primary 3. In previous years the school took part in the Living Streets WOW Project.

6. Consultation: Surveys and Data

In October 2019 we carried out an online survey which was shared with families through Class Dojo. The survey asked questions about how families normally travel to and from Fishcross Primary School and the reasons why they use those modes of transport. We also asked about the distance travelled and where families are travelling from. We also asked if families would prefer to travel by other means. The questions asked are summarised below:

- How do you normally travel to school with your child/children?
- What is the reason why you travel by this mode?
- If you currently Park and Stride, where from?
- What distance do you (and your child/children) live from the school?
- Which community do you live in?
- What would be your preferred mode of travel to and from school for your children?
- If you do not travel by your preferred mode of transport, please give reason(s) why?
- Would you consider using a Park and Stride site on a safe route to the school around a 5 minute walk away?

We had 22 responses to our travel survey which represents around one third of our families.

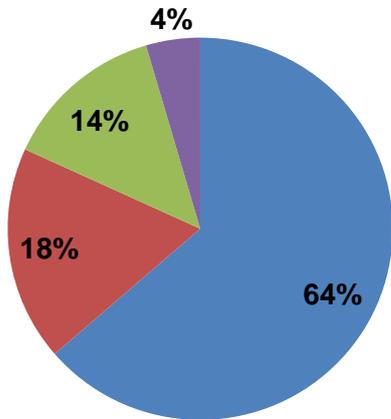
7. Summary of Survey Findings

We are in the initial stages of our consultation with families regarding travelling to and from school. The main points that we have learned from our October travel survey are:

- Most of our pupils live close enough to walk to school (64% of respondents).
- Around 1/3 of our pupils are driven and will often Park & Stride for the final stages of their journey to school.
- A small number of our pupils (4%) attend a before and after school club and are transported by mini bus between the club and school.
- Parents often combine the school run with travelling to work and so use the car.
- Some parents have concerns about the lack of a pavement between Devon Valley Drive and Fishcross Primary School and that cars are not sticking to the speed limit on the main road.

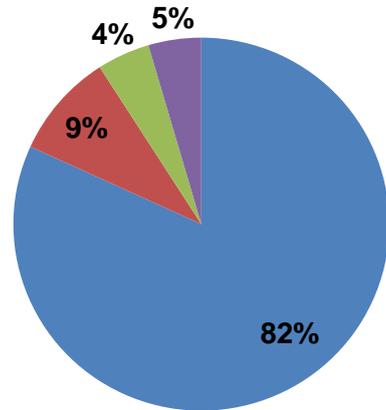
Current Travel Modes

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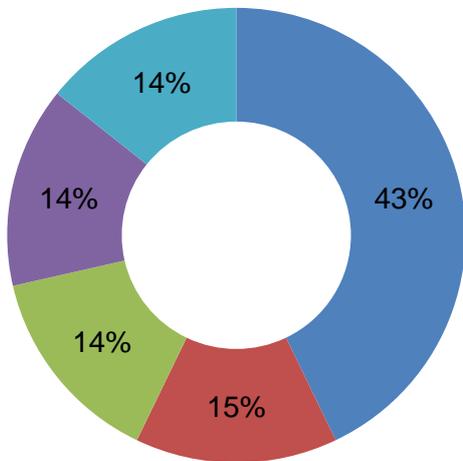


Preferred Travel Modes

■ Walk ■ Scooter ■ Park & Stride ■ Cycle



Barriers to Preferred Transport Modes



- Distance (live too far away to walk)
- Have to travel to work after school run
- Child needs to attend before/after school club
- Concerns about the main road and speed of vehicles
- Lack of Pavement on route to school

8. Objectives and Targets

Our objective:

- To promote healthy, active travel choices for pupils on their school journey

Our targets:

- To ensure that families are aware of healthier, active methods of travelling to school and to ensure that they know the Park and Stride locations for our school
- To increase the number of pupils travelling to school actively (walking, cycling, scooting) by 5% by the end of summer term 2020

9. Action Plan

Measure	Who	Responsibility	Timescale	Comments/ Progress
Survey created to gather information regarding current travel habits	Amy Thomas Mrs A'Hara	Mrs A'Hara	September 2019	Survey created successfully on Microsoft Forms
Survey shared with Parents through Class Dojo	Parents/carers	Mrs A'Hara	October 2019	Survey shared widely and 22 responses received
Travel group met with Donna Cromb to discuss Travel Plan requirements and progress	Amy Thomas Mrs A'Hara Mrs Penman Donna	Mrs Penman	28 th October 2019	Successful meeting with clear timescale and expectations shared
Travel Plan wall display created	Amy Thomas Mrs A'Hara Mrs Penman	Mrs Penman	4 th November 2019	Work in progress with items added as deemed appropriate
Meeting to discuss ideas for including pupil voice in the Travel Plan	Amy Thomas Mrs A'Hara Mrs Penman	Mrs Penman	20 th November 2019	Great ideas discussed but no action so far
Draft Travel Plan due	Amy Thomas Mrs A'Hara Mrs Penman	Mrs A'Hara Mrs Penman	6 th December 2019	Submitted
Include the School Travel Plan in the School Handbook		Mrs Penman Mrs Scobie	December 2019	
Publicise Travel Plan- launch at assembly	Amy Thomas Mrs A'Hara Mrs Penman	Mrs Penman	10 th January 2020	
Share Travel Plan with parents/families/community through Class Dojo/Twitter etc.	Mrs A'Hara	Mrs A'Hara	10 th January 2020	
Road Safety assembly	PC Arundel	Mrs Penman	January 2020	
Travel Plan logo competition	All pupils	Amy Thomas	January 2020	Prize for the winner required
'Be Bright Be Seen' dress down day	All pupils and staff	Mrs Penman	7 th February 2020	
Finish Travel Noticeboard	Amy Thomas Mrs A'Hara Mrs Penman	Mrs Penman	February 2020	

Measure	Who	Responsibility	Timescale	Comments/ Progress
Investigate suitable Park & Stride locations and share with families – produce a leaflet to encourage use of Park & Stride	Working Group to liaise with community and local businesses	Mrs Penman Mrs A'Hara	February 2020	
Survey of families to find out if they have made changes on journey to school	Working Group	Mrs A'Hara	April or May 2020	
Recruit new pupil members of our Travel Working Group	Working Group	Mrs Penman	May 2020	
Review our Travel Plan for session 2020-21	Working Group	Mrs A'Hara	May 2020	
Get ready for STP Fund in October	Working Group	Mrs Penman	September 2020	

10. Promotion of the School Travel Plan

We will share our Travel Plan with families using Class Dojo and will share this with the wider community via Twitter, the school website and sending copies to the Community Council, Parent Council and other interested parties. Information will be shared at all future open evenings and in the School Handbook.

11. Monitoring and Review

We plan to review our School Travel Plan in May 2020. We will carry out a survey in April to find out if anyone has become more active in their journey to school, and to assess whether we have met our objectives.

Signed Agreement

The Headteacher, teachers and pupils of Fishcross Primary School agree to our School Travel Plan and its objectives.

Signed:	<i>Mrs Penman</i>	Headteacher
	<i>Mrs A'Hara</i>	School Assistant
	<i>Amy B</i>	P7 Pupil
	<i>Thomas W</i>	P7 Pupil

Our School Travel Plan will be discussed at the next Parent Council meeting in the New Year.