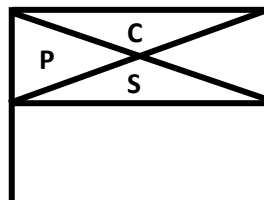


Cardenden Primary School

School Travel Plan



September 2014

Head Teacher: Mrs Susan Harper

School Address: Cardenden Primary School

Carden Castle Avenue

Cardenden

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 School Background

The school currently comprises of 8 classes for session 2013 - 2014, with 161 pupils from Primary 1-7. In addition to this, there is a full time nursery which holds spaces for 40 children in the morning and 40 in the afternoon. The school staff is made up of the Headteacher, Principal teacher and 11 teachers. There are also support staff, office staff, Early Years Officers, Kitchen and Cleaning staff and a janitor. The school is also well supported by the Parent Council and Parent Helpers.

The children play an active part in the life of the school through the Pupil Council, Eco Committee and Playground Buddy Scheme. The school is working towards their Green Flag status.

In August 2011 Cardenden Primary moved into a new building. The car park and playground were also re structured.

1.2 Location Plan

Cardenden Primary is located on Cardenden Castle Avenue.



2. SITE AUDIT

There is a car park located within the grounds for staff and visitors to use. It cannot be used by parents. The exception is any disabled pupil requiring access. They may use the disabled bay located in the car park.



There is a bicycle shed located next to the car park.

Carden Castle Avenue can become very congested at beginning and end of school day. This is due to parents in cars collecting children.



Car Park



Bike Shed



Car Park

2.1 Access Arrangements

Pupils and parents access the school by 3 gated paths. The nursery have a separate secure entrance next to car park. A fence encloses the path.



Parents dropping children off are asked to consider not parking on Carden Castle Avenue. They are asked to park further from school and walk.

3.0 POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

As a school we are aware of the increasing numbers of pupils being transported to school by car. We are also aware of the risks of this form of transport. Not only is this detrimental to our environment, each year road traffic accidents cause the majority of accidental deaths of children and young people.

3.1 Our Aim for the School Travel Plan (STP)

There is now a heightened awareness of the physical, social and emotional benefits of active travel to school, as well as the positive environmental impact that this can have. It is for these reasons that our school is committed to developing a School Travel Plan

.3.2 Formation and of a Travel Action Group (TAG)

In school a group looked at making travelling to school safer. School staff and parents along with the Travel Committee of children (a group of 6 from P 4-7) have looked at how to make improvements.

- Reduce travel by car to school
- Reduce traffic and parked cars on Carden Castle Avenue
- Encourage active travel to school-walk, safe cycling, scooter.

3.3 What we have done.

- Regular stories and information sharing at whole school assemblies.
- Taking part in Active Travel Months
- Signing up to Bikeability scheme
- Put signs in car park stating staff only.
- Pupil Council designed leaflets for parents
- Parent Council writing letter to transportation.

- Working with Fife Police to deter use of Carden Castle Avenue as a pick up/ drop off point
- Working with Community Council to raise profile of efforts school are making
- Increased car park spaces by 6 to ensure staff can park in car park.
- Identified Safe Routes to school with Transportation (Denise Richmond)

3.4 Future Aims

- Keep high profile by including assembly work, pupil council work.

Reduce cars picking up/dropping off at Carden Castle Avenue4.

CURRENT TRAVEL PATTERNS

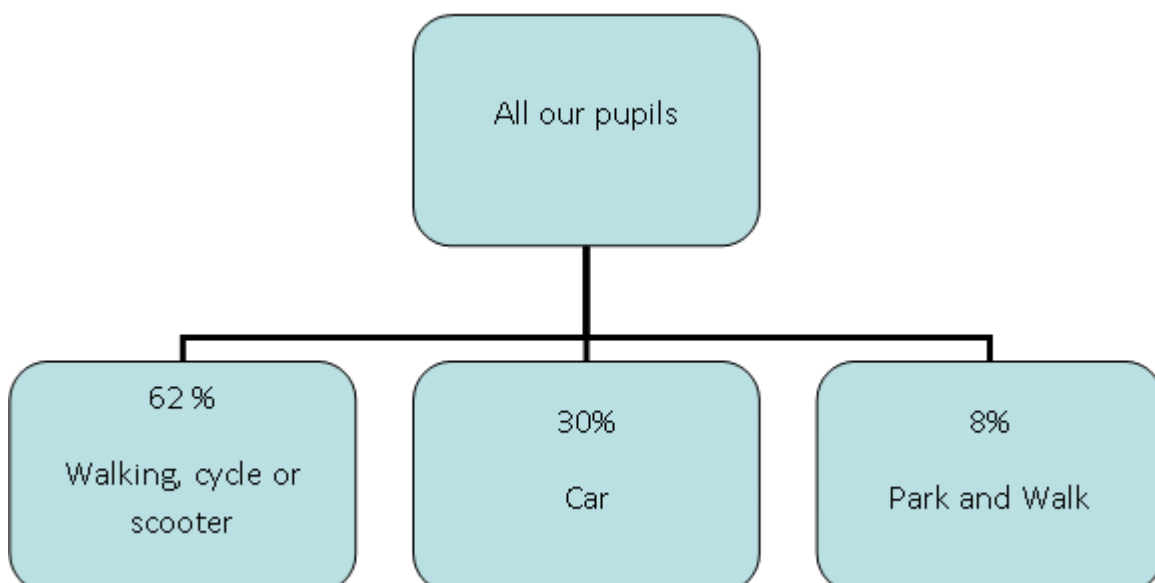
4.1 Travel to/from school. May 2014

4.1.1 Pupils

Most children walk, cycle or scooter to/from school-62%

Significant number of children are taken by car and dropped off at school-30%

Some children are dropped off a street away from school and walk part of way.- 8%



October 2011 the results of surveys were similar - but there has been an increase of children being driven by car to/from school.

Over half of our P1 and P1/2 class are being driven to school.

Pupils surveyed stated

I'm not allowed to walk or cycle to school so I feel lazy.

I like walking to school because I can talk with my friends.

When my Mum drives me to school it is a waste of petrol.

I would like everyone to walk because they park at the gates and you can't see if there is traffic.

I feel a bit good because I walk a bit of the way.

I would like more cars not to park too close to the school because sometimes it gets too busy and it takes ages to cross. And if cars keep parking at the school it makes it dangerous.

I don't like how some cars are parked on the yellow lines and it is confusing. People could get run over.

If you walk it is part of your 60 minutes of exercise.

4.1.2 Parents

From May 2014 survey parents responded thus

67% allowed pupils to walk alone or walked with their child

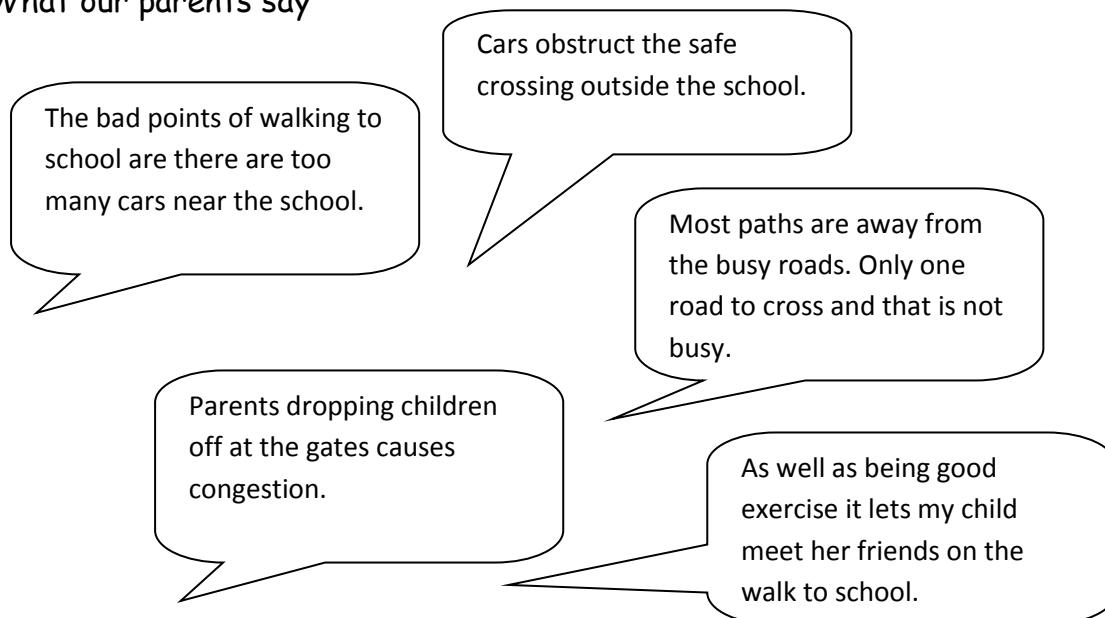
25% took pupils to/from school in car

8% took pupils in car-parked and walked.

Parents driving children to school-80% in recent survey stated "convenience" to be the reason.

We want less congestion so it is safe for all pupils to walk to school.

What our parents say



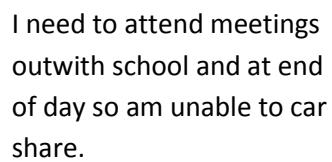
4.1.3 Staff

All our staff travel to work by car on their own or car share.

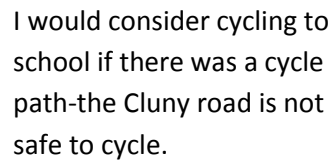
84% take car on their own

16% car share

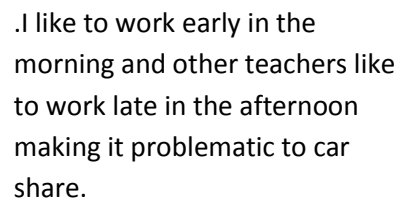
What our staff say



I need to attend meetings outwith school and at end of day so am unable to car share.



I would consider cycling to school if there was a cycle path-the Cluny road is not safe to cycle.



.I like to work early in the morning and other teachers like to work late in the afternoon making it problematic to car share.

5. Mapping Work

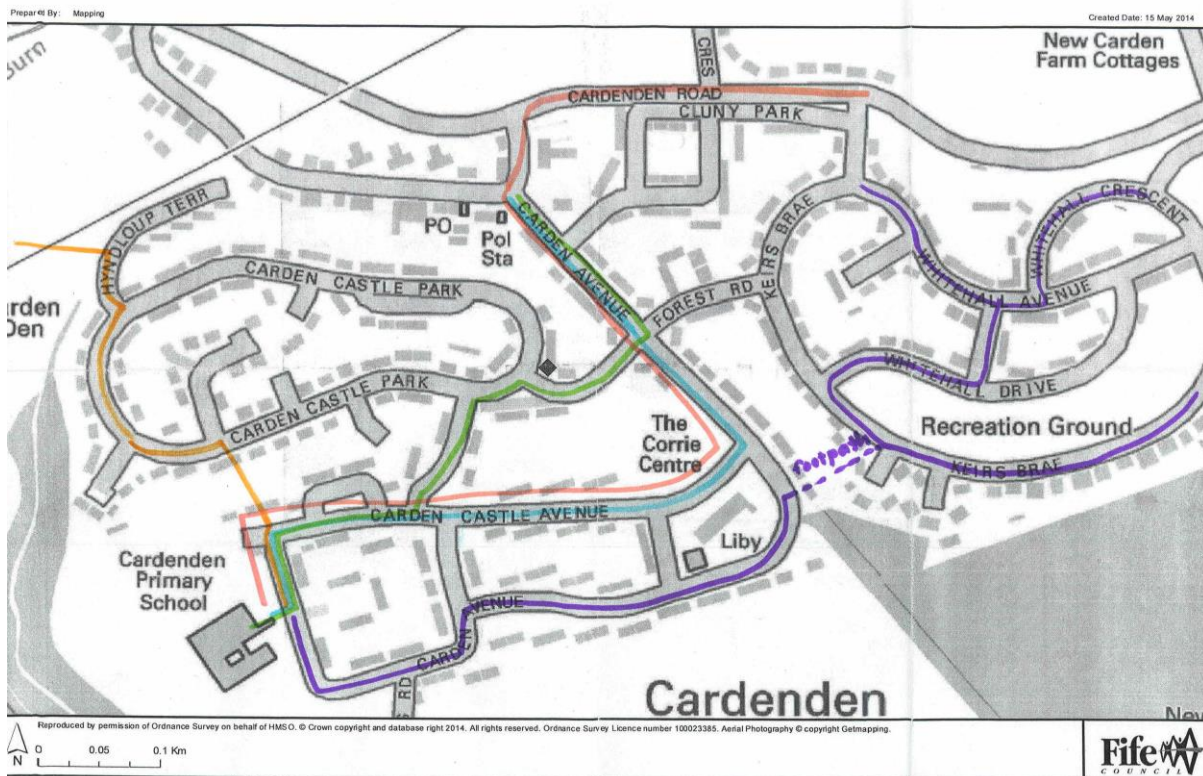
All classes worked with their teachers to look at local maps in the area. Teachers used a series of coloured pens to draw the routes to school.

All pupils, apart from 3, came into school grounds in Carden Castle Avenue. When children are being driven to school it is in this street that majority are being dropped off. This causes the road to be congested and dangerous.

Cardenden is a safe area to walk in as there are many routes from home to school that are on pavement and footpath. There are relatively few roads to cross.

5 main routes to school.

Cardenden Primary School
Safer Routes to School



6 Route Audit

A route audit was completed by pupils, staff and parent along with a member of Fife Council -transportation .

Footpaths and pavements were looked at. Lines which need refreshing were noted and action was taken to repaint. A full copy of the route audit can be seen in Appendix 1

7. KEY ISSUES AND BARRIERS

The main causes of congestion are:

- Parents dropping off children as close to the school as they can.
- Parked cars in Carden Castle Park
- Cars parking at the entrance of the school, making visibility in this area very poor.

8. ACTION PLAN

Behavioural Initiatives

Priority -High	Action	Action Owner	Target Date
Encourage active travel to school-walk, cycle, scooter.	Use Assembly to Highlight dangers of congestion in Carden Castle Avenue Visit from Sixty Minute Kid	School/TAG	April - June 2014
Encourage less car travel	Target Nursery & P1 parents to reduce car travel to school	School/TAG	April - June 2014
Ensure bike travel is safe.	Run Bikeability course as after school activity	School	June - September 2014
Where cars are used, encourage use of streets further away as Park and Walk.	Recommend other streets/areas to park as area safe for children to walk from.	School Travel Team	June-August 2014

Physical Measures

Priority- High	Action	Action Owner	Target Date
Encourage less car travel	Request refresh of 'School Keep Clear' markings	Transportation	April 2014

Encourage active travel to school-walk, cycle, scooter	Safer Routes to School Signs to be applied to Footways on Core Path Network	Transportation	August 2014
Encourage less car travel	Enforce no Parking by parents within Car Park New signs installed	School	On-going

9. MONITORING & EVALUATION

This will be done termly. Plan will be updated as required.

10 DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

The following bodies will receive a copy of the School Travel Plan:

- Fife Council Transportation Services and Travel Plan Team
- Fife Council Education Service
- Fife Constabulary Road Safety Unit
- Community Police
- Parent Council
- Active Schools Co-ordinator
- Copies will also be made available to the parents from the School Office and via the school information site.

Susan Harper September 2014

Appendix 1

Safer Routes to School
School Travel Plan
Street Safety Audit
Cardenden Primary school
21 November 2011

SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL
SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN
STRATEGIC ROUTE SAFETY AUDIT
CARDENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
21 NOVEMBER 2011

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1. BACKGROUND

A Strategic Route Safety Audit of walking routes to Cardenden Primary School was carried out on the morning of 11 September 2011. The audit was attended by Mrs Harper, Acting Head Teacher, Mrs Hutchison, Classroom Assistant and local resident, and four members of the pupil council; Chloe Young, Erin Young, Josh Grant and Kacey Duffy and also Denise Richmond (DR) of Transportation Services.

The pupils of Cardenden Primary School carried out a mapping exercise in the classroom to identify the routes they walk to school. Following this exercise the core network of walking routes to the school were identified for safety audit. These 'core routes' will form the 'Safer Routes to School' (SRTS).

2. CURRENT SITUATION

The vehicular entrance to the school is from Carden Avenue to the staff carpark. The school has 3 pedestrian entrances all from Carden Avenue.

Carden Avenue is the main drop off point for children arriving by car and is normally very busy at school start and finishing times.

The school does not have a school bus as the majority of the pupils live within reasonable walking distance.

There are several good remote footpath links through the catchment area and these will form part of the SRTS.

The residential areas adjacent to the school are covered by a full time mandatory 20mph speed limit and have associated traffic calming features.

There are enforceable school keep clear markings on Carden Avenue outside the school frontage. There are also children crossing/school warning signs on both sides on approach to the school on Carden Avenue and Carden Castle Avenue.

3. CORE NETWORK

The "core network" of footways chosen for street safety audit was:
Whitehall Avenue, Keir's Brae, Forest Road, Carden Avenue, Carden Castle Park and Carden Castle Avenue.

4. STRATEGIC ROUTE SAFETY AUDIT

4.1. CARDEN AVENUE – PARKING PROBLEMS

In the strategic route safety audit the issue of parents parking to pick up and drop off pupils was raised. Some local residents are annoyed with parents parking inappropriately and blocking driveways. "School keep clear" restrictions are not always observed.

RECOMMENDATION: DR to request refreshing of "school keep clear" markings at each gate. An investigation into provision of advisory markings for driveways will also be carried out.

ANTICIPATED TIMESCALE: 9 January 2012.



4.2. CARDEN AVENUE – FLOODING OUTSIDE NUMBER 129

There is a good remote footpath along the front of the houses at 129 Carden Avenue. Pupils pointed out that outside number 129 Carden Avenue there was a flood of dirty water rising from a hole in the ground.

RECOMMENDATION: DR to request that responsibility for the flood be investigated and damage repaired.

ANTICIPATED TIMESCALE: As soon as possible after audit.

4.3. REMOTE FOOTPATH LINK CARDEN AVENUE TO KEIR'S BRAE – STREET LIGHTING

In the strategic route safety audit the pupils noted that a lighting column had been smashed and the top was lying in undergrowth.

RECOMMENDATION: DR to request the column be reinstated (LC PATH 225/948 02).

ANTICIPATED TIMESCALE: 9 January 2012.

4.4. CORE PATH NETWORK – SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL SIGNS

RECOMMENDATION: DR to request safer routes to school signs to be applied to footways on core path network.

ANTICIPATED TIMESCALE: August 2012