

Inverkeithing Primary School Travel Plan



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1.0 WHY HAVE A SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

School-related traffic congestion and the risks congestion poses to the safety of the pupils, teachers, parents, residents, and motorists in and around school locations is a significant problem in communities around Fife.

The most obvious cause of traffic congestion around our schools is vehicles, and the biggest source of those vehicles is parents' dropping off and picking up their children from school.

Statistics highlight that 1 in 4 cars during the hours of 8:30 to 9:15 and 2:30 to 3:15 is primary school traffic.

Our annual Hands Up Survey highlights that 23%, that's **5562** primary school children are driven to the school gate each day with a further 17% opting to Park and Stride. That is an additional **4111** pupils being driven in and around the school streets.

Fife Council's Road and Transportation Service are working with schools in Fife to develop School Travel Plans and support Junior Road Safety Officers to develop campaigns such as Walking Buses, Park n Stride sites, Parking Pledges, available routes to school maps, delivery of Bikeability as well as looking at any engineering works that may be required to make active travel to school your first choice of travel.

2.0 BENEFITS OF HAVING A SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN?

The benefits of encouraging active travel are clear and a school travel plan can ensure that your school has a long-term vision with aid to support Junior Road Safety Officers with delivering campaigns to:-

- Improve health and well-being by reducing harmful emissions and increasing activity levels.
- Improve safety through engineering measures and increasing road safety education.
- Improve access and opportunity by developing pupils' skills for safe and independent travel.
- Improve the environment by reducing pollution and CO2 emissions.
- Gain school accreditations such as Fresh Air Frankie STP Awards, Active School Award Eco School Award, Cycle Friendly School Award
- Have access to additional funding and support.

All work associated with School Travel Planning has been designed to fit into the Curriculum for Excellence.

3.0 CURRENT TRAVEL HABITS

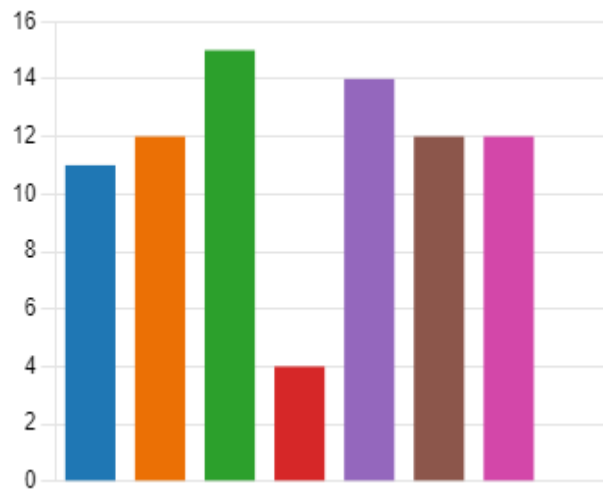
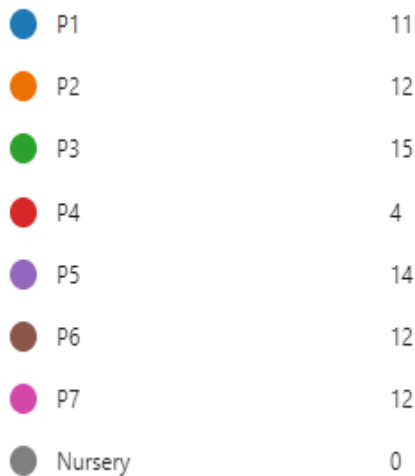
Each year all Fife schools undertake the Hands Up Survey which gives a true reflection of how pupils are travelling to school and the latest results show that 65% of pupils are actively travelling to school with a further 32% being driven.

	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other
P1-4	68	10	16	22	39	3	0	0	43%	6%	10%	14%	25%	2%	0%	0%
P5-7	81	2	16	21	16	6	0	0	57%	1%	11%	15%	11%	4%	0%	0%
TOTAL	149	12	32	43	55	9	0	0	50%	4%	11%	14%	18%	3%	0%	0%

3.1 Family Questionnaire

80 families answered the school travel plan online questionnaire, and the results are detailed in the graphs and text below.

What school year is your child in?



How do you normally travel to school?

By walking!	58
By cycling!	2
By scooter!	5
By public/school transport!	4
By car!	11



How do you normally travel from school?

By walking!	55
By cycling!	2
By scooter!	6
By public/school transport!	3
By car!	12

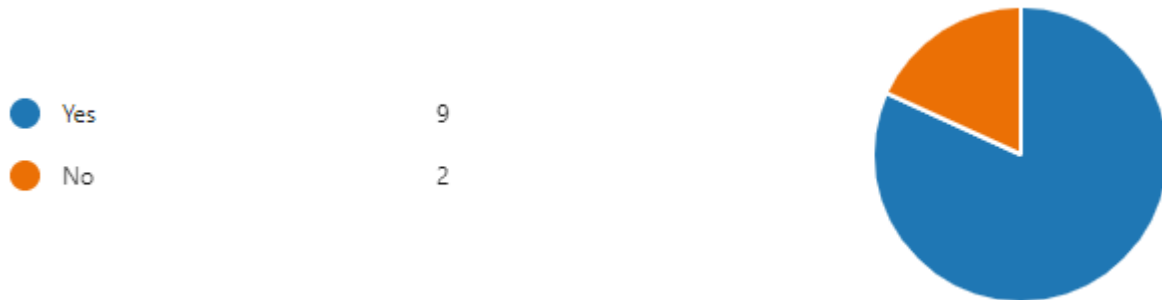


Those parents who are already actively travelling to school were asked if they would like to volunteer to help the school set up a walking bus;

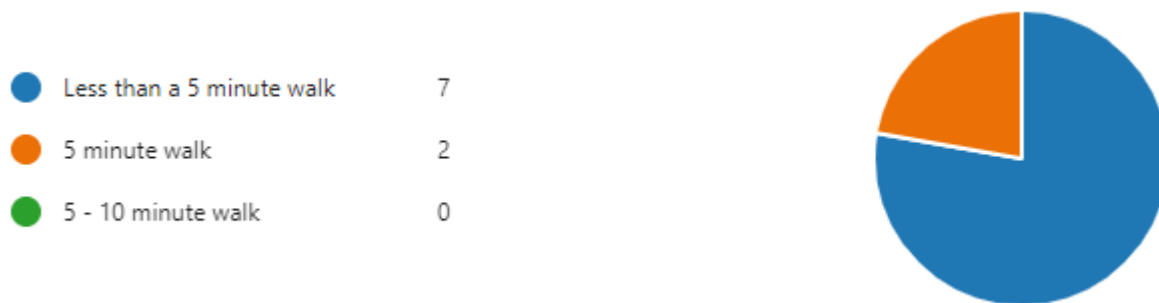
Yes	2
No	53



All parents who stated that they drive to school were asked if they would consider using a Park and Stride Site away from the school gate to help with congestion.



How far from the school gate would you be willing to Park N Stride from?



Those parents were then asked what could they do to help with safety concerns with regards to parking around the school gate?

- don't park near the school gate.
- Unfortunately, I would love to walk the children to school but for the safety of my autistic child I have to drive. Congestion is really bad, and my son was nearly hit by a car several weeks ago (driver reversing without looking) a parking attendant to stop parents parking on paths and road side would be more beneficial and a school crossing patrol officer outside the school is desperately needed the amount of primary and secondary school students who don't use the cross and just walk across the road is just a serious accident waiting to happen
- I try to park either in the nursery car park if there's a space or further down the road away from the school and walk along.
- Opening the school car park again
- I don't have an option but to drive them to school/nursery due to work.
- Open the car park.

- Keep the car park open congestion wasn't so bad before COVID restrictions, which are still being enforced.
- I park a bit outside of the school.
- If you reopened the school car park, we could maybe park in there again
- Having a crossing guard at the school

Parents were then asked if they wanted to add anything else about their journey to school.

- There isn't a direct bus route via public transport, and I live outside of catchment so I need to drive. Morning drop offs are at breakfast club but afternoon pickups need to be quick as I am taking my lunch break later in the day to do the school pick up so don't have a lot of time.
- A walking bus, crossing patrol officer outside school would be beneficial.
- In warmer months we are happy to work but realistically in the winter we will use the car so a safer way to accommodate this would be brilliant
- Less parking around the traffic lights at school entrance
- We stay out of catchment area so not as easy to travel to school apart from car unfortunately.
- There needs to be a crossing between the new houses and the schools.
- Unfortunately, due to my work schedule I require to go straight to the office after dropping Jack off at school and Holly for nursery. Whilst I would prefer to walk them to school this isn't an option for my work.
- I do the school run on the way to work, so I don't have any alternative but to drive.
- We live in the new builds & it would be great if there was a crossing nearer rather than the traffic lights. Lots of car park on road & it's very difficult to see.
- We already park away from the school and walk as parking outside the school is unsafe before COVID we parked in the school carpark without issue.
- Cars parking at the bus stop outside school is terrible.
- We walk or cycle to school.
- I drive my child to her grandparents' house and they wake her to school so a combination of journey really.

3.2 Staff Questionnaire

How far do you travel for work and what mode of transport do you use?

● Under 2 miles	5
● 2 - 5 miles	4
● 6 - 10 miles	2
● 11+ miles	5



● Walk	1
● Cycle	0
● Bus	1
● Car Share	0
● Car	14



If you drive, where do you park?

● Car park within school	13
● Car park outwith school	0
● Streets around school	0



Staff were also asked if they would like to consider car sharing ?

● Yes	12
● No	3



They were also asked if they would like to undertake Bikeability training to deliver cycling in school, only one member of staff said they would.

When asked what would encourage them to consider an alternative mode of transport to work, they replied.

- Only if I lived nearer.
- Actually, take the train which is not an option but I don't have many other options
- Unable to consider alternative as I do nursery drop offs on route to work.
- More flexible options due to time commitments.
- Better public transport links. I live in a rural setting.
- Nothing
- Compensation and funded travel
- Have used buses in the past but not always convenient.
- The weather!
- Cost and availability
- Time! - I have 3 children to organise before leaving and am in school for 8am.

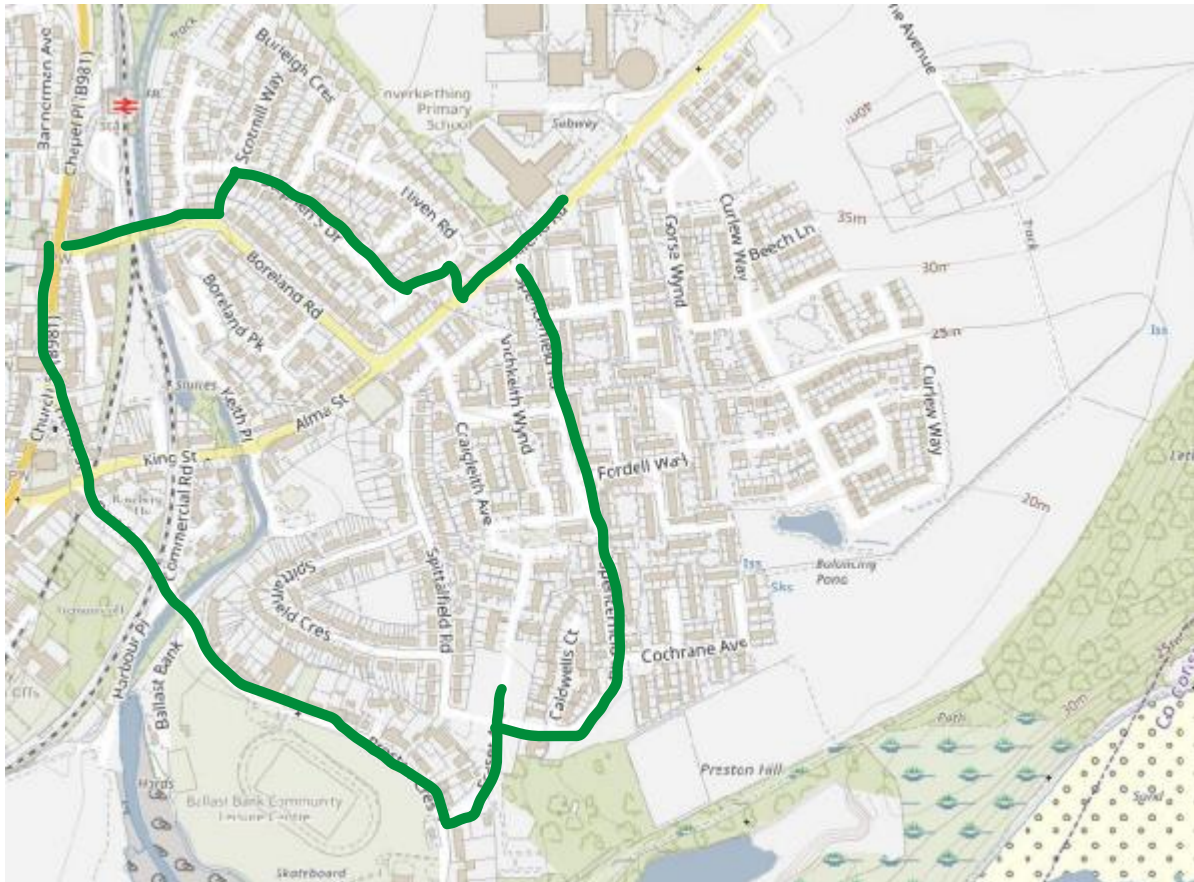
Finally, when asked are there any improvements you could make to your journey to ensure the routes to school are less congested?

- No
- Due to the fact I take the train there is no congestion on my personal route.
- the time I travel the roads are not usually congested.
- No, there are various routes i can take.
- At the time I travel I don't encounter congestion.
- Being compensated for using public transport
- Not congested
- Come and leave building at less congested times.
- Alternative routes

4.0 MAPPING WORK AND ROUTE AUDIT

A mapping exercise was carried out within the school to identify the routes pupils actively travelled and these were then audited by the school travel plan team and the Junior Road Safety Officers, Mrs Reekie was also present. The routes identified were:

Hillend Road
Niven Road/Stephens Drive
Boreland Road
High Street
Spencerfield Road and New Housing Estate



4.1 Access Arrangements

Our school is a PPP school that is located beside Inverkeithing High School and Inverkeithing Nursery forming a shared campus. There is one main entrance for pupils, one vehicle entrance and a separate entrance for the nursery.

Our school car park gates are locked in the morning and evenings as part of our site management plan.

5.0 ACTION PLAN

Action	Solution	Action Owner
Promote School Travel Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload plan to website and social media pages • Create a JRSO notice board or story board. • Create articles for school newsletters, social media, and assemblies, • Keep the school travel plan team updated on all work carried out to include in the Fresh Air Frankie termly newsletter. 	School
Travel Tracker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the travel tracker every day 	School
Local and National Campaigns	<p>Term 1</p> <p>Week 1 Hands up Survey Active Travel</p> <p>Week 2 Cycling Competition</p> <p>Week 3 Bike Week</p> <p>Week 4 Interschool Active Travel Challenge</p> <p>Term 2</p> <p>Week 1 Launch #dontparkhere Campaign</p> <p>Week 2 Parking Letter to Parents</p> <p>Week 3 Road Safety Week</p> <p>Week 4 Be Bright Be Seen Competition</p> <p>Term 3</p> <p>Create an active travel leaflet for the new starts that can be included in the school induction pack.</p> <p>Big Walk and Wheel</p> <p>Term 4</p> <p>Week 1 Walk to School Week</p> <p>Week 2 Scoot to School Week</p> <p>Week 3 Active Travel Treasure Hunt</p> <p>Week 4 Bike to School Week</p>	School School/Travel Plan Team
Reduce congestion	Consider developing the following: - Parking Pledge, Park N Stride Site, Walking Bus	School/Travel Plan Team
Bikeability	Deliver Bikeability	School/Bikeability Team
Awards	Work towards gaining the Fresh Air Frankie School Travel Plan and Active Schools Award	School/Travel Plan Team

6.0 MONITORING & EVALUATION

The JRSO will continue to meet periodically to monitor progress.

Specific progress will be monitored by participation in the “Hands Up Travel Tally” each year and a repeat of the full travel survey will take place in 2027. The school’s ongoing commitment to travel planning will be publicised in the school handbook, the school newsletters, the Parent’s notice board and through assemblies.

7.0 DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

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

- Fife Council Roads and Transportation via the Travel Plan Team
- Fife Council Education Service
- Fife Council School Estates Team
- Parent Partnership
- Active Schools
- Copies will also be made available to the parents from the school office and via the school information site.

ROUTE AUDIT

INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report results from a Route Audit, undertaken on 26th April 2024, of key routes taken by children attending Inverkeithing Primary School. The weather was bright and sunny but cold.

1.2 The audit team consists of:

- Trudy Brown– Travel Plan Coordinator (Sustainable Transport & Parking)
- Marta Ramage - Travel Plan Coordinator (Sustainable Transport & Parking)
- Mrs Reekie – Depute Headteacher at Inverkeithing Primary School
- Junior Road Safety Officers - Kyla Amhaz, Nathan Currie, Jessica Donnelly, Oliver Garner, Anya Rood and Araya Temple.

1.3 The school is situated on Hillend Road and has a timed 20 mph limit. Hillend is a very busy distributor road and is part of the local bus route.

1.4 The routes audited were:

- Hillend Road
- Niven Road/Stephens Drive
- Boreland Road
- High Street
- Spencerfield Road and New Housing Estate

2. AUDIT FINDINGS

2.1 Hillend Road

Issue

Congestion and pavement parking were the main issues discussed with the JRSO. At the time of undertaking the audit parents had started to park at 2:30. JRSO stated that parents pull up and drop off pupils in the middle of the road and then drive off.

Pelican Crossing light was broken on both sides of the carriageway.

Recommendation

School to work with the school travel plan team to undertaking campaigns focused on parking at the school gate. JRSO to make a short video highlighting the issues to parents and to ask them to be more mindful.

Run a campaign with pupils about the parking outside the school gate – this could be ‘design a banner’ competition.

Action

Deliver campaigns from the action plan and communicate the dangers of parent parking through social media and newsletters.

2.2 Niven Road/Stephens Drive**Issue**

Both Streets are residential and are within a 20-mph zone. The routes were much quieter and the JRSO pointed out that they felt there was no real issue or concerns.

Recommendation

School travel plan team recommends that the school highlights, through Road Safety Education, pupil’s own responsibilities when actively travelling to school. Always be mindful of your surroundings and make sure of your own safety. During the audit JRSO’s were not self-aware of residential drives.

Action

School campaigns based on Road Safety and the actions outlined in their travel plan.

2.3 Boreland Road/High Street**Issue**

The main issues raised by pupils were volume of traffic and difficulty in crossing the road at the junction of Boreland Road and High Street.

Recommendations

Continue to deliver road safety education and campaigns around safer places to cross a road. These can all be found on the Road Safety Scotland website. <https://roadsafety.scot/children-and-educators>

Action

Junior Road Safety Officers deliver campaigns during school assemblies.

2.4 Spencerfield Road and New Housing Estate

Issue

As this area is within a 20 mph zone pupils did not raise any real issues with actively travelling to school within this area. The main area of concern was when they reached Hillend Road. Again, parent parking and inconsiderate behaviour of pupils from the nearby High School made pupils from the primary school feel unsafe.

Recommendation

Deliver campaigns as highlighted previously and speak to the High School about pupil behaviour.

Action

JRSO and school to deliver their school travel plan actions.

3.0 Summary

The condition of routes around Inverkeithing Primary School, although congested during morning and evening pickup times are deemed safe for those pupils who actively travel to school.

There is an array of traffic management interventions in place around the school gate such as School Keep Clear Markings, designated bus stops, Pelican Crossing and a School Crossing Patrol Officer.

The main issues facing pupils are those of parents who cause congestion around the school gate and through the actions outlined in the travel plan the JRSO can work towards making the school journey safer and happier for everyone.