

# Kettle Primary School Travel Plan 2019

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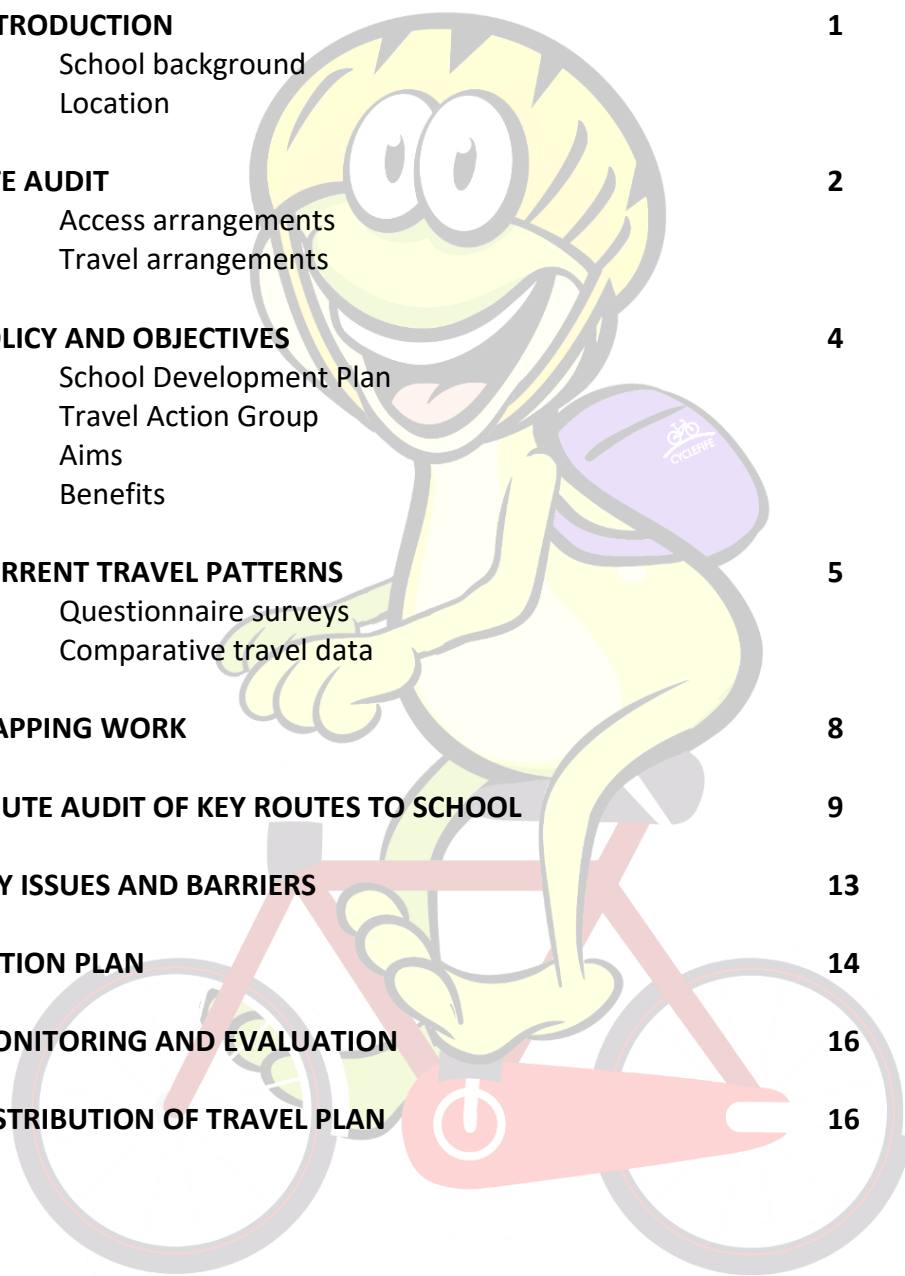
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Kettle School was built in 1875. It is a friendly village school which serves the villages of Kingskettle and Kettlebridge and the hamlets of Kettlehills, Burnturk and Balmalcolm.

The school has a high profile in the life of the local community.

The school building consists of five classrooms which all open on to the central hall which doubles as the gym and dining hall.

A controlled entry system is in place. The **thirty two** place nursery is housed in a separate building at the rear of the school.



The school roll currently stands at **103** and we have **19** staff. Kettle primary is part of Bell Baxter School Cluster.



## **2.0 SITE AUDIT**

The school has one pupil entrance and is accessible from Rumdewan Terrace

There is a car park at the front of the school. This car park is for staff and visitors and must not be used by parents unless there has been prior agreement made with the Head Teacher. Pupils must not walk across the car park.

## **3.0 PLAN AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

Aims of the School Travel Plan

- To identify and promote safer routes to school.
- To improve road safety education and encourage children to see the benefits of walking/cycling/scooting as a healthy, beneficial and preferred mode of transport to school.
- To increase the number of pupils walking and cycling to school in safety.
- To reduce traffic congestion around school.

Benefits of the STP

For the school:

- Improve safety and reduced pollution
- Reduce traffic congestion around school
- Established safer routes to walk or cycle to school

For Pupils:

- Increased travel awareness and improved road and personal safety
- Increased knowledge and awareness of the local community and environment
- Improved fitness through increased levels of walking and cycling

For Parents:

- Reduce driving stress and improve journey quality
- Less time spent driving children to school
- Reduce concerns about safety at school gates

For the community:

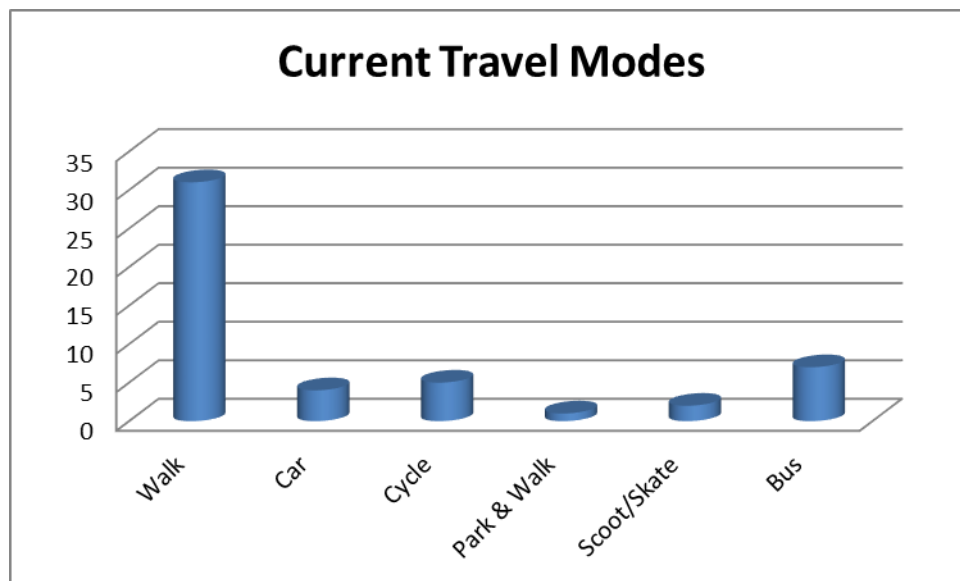
- Improved community awareness
- Creation of a safer environment

#### 4.0 CURRENT TRAVEL HABITS

Questionnaires were issued to parents, pupils and staff as part of the consultation and information gathering. 58 parent/pupil surveys were completed and the findings from these have been collated and analysed; these results form the basis of this document.

#### 4.1 Pupil & Parent Survey results

The results from the parent/pupil questionnaire as to how child travel to school are as follows:

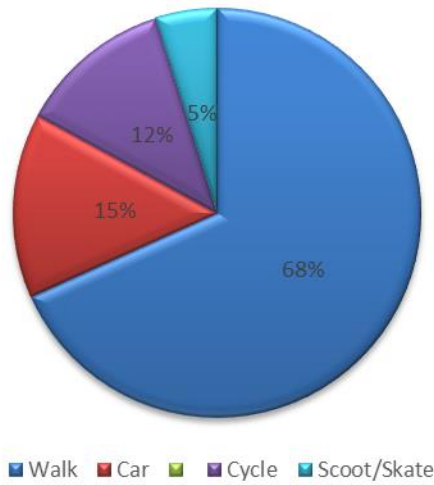


The diagram shows that the majority of children attending Kettle primary school travel to school by foot. This could be because 68% of those surveyed stated that they lived within a 1 mile radius of the school gate.

Overall 71% of those who answered the survey stated that they lived within a one mile radius of the school.

The below diagram also highlights that 15% of those who live within a mile radius are driven to school each day and it is these families in particular that we would like to encourage to travel actively to school.

### Travel Mode of those who live within 1 mile of the school



81% of parents would prefer their child to travel more actively with 76% willing to allow their child to be involved in Bikeability training which would then allow more children to have the opportunity to cycle to school and be equipped with the necessary skills to do this safely.

When asked if there was anything else they would like to comment on with regards to the travel choices the following suggestions were made.

*"I'm concerned with pupil safety in front of the school with traffic such as buses and tractors driving past really quickly. I would suggest the area is closed during drop off hours"*

*"Lollypop person at foot on North Street/Rumdewan, Kingskettle"*

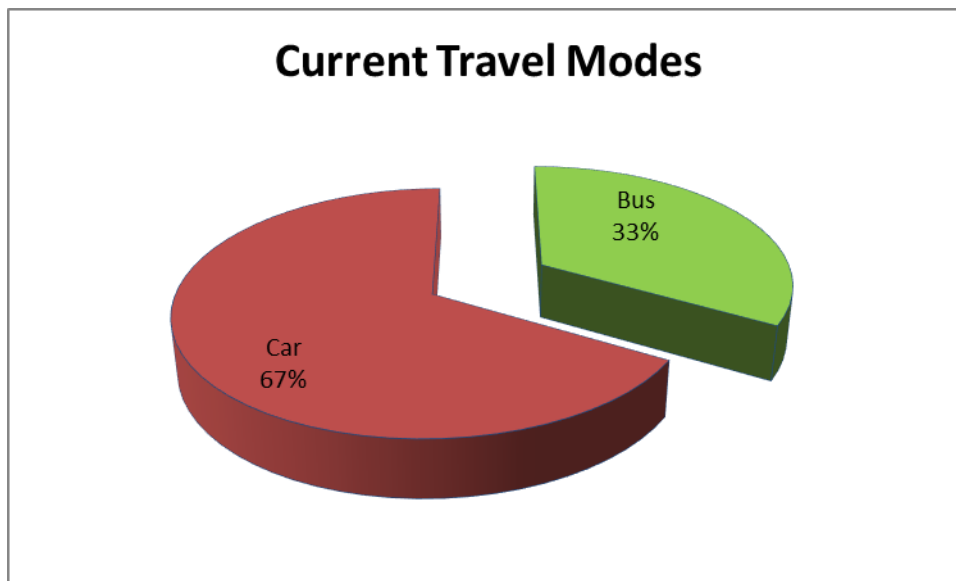
*"Encourage children always to wear helmets on their bikes and especially scooters"*

*"I live on the edge of the village and have a speed indicator sign outside my house, I am shocked by the speeds of parents and fear for when my children want to walk to school without me. Would love to see a police speed check here @ some point. I see parent's park badly or in school car park, perhaps a week of police confronting them"*

*"More needs to be done to slow traffic on rural road (school bus is great tho) - many of which don't have pavements. I enjoyed cycling but wouldn't be happy allowing my kids to cycle independently on these roads"*

#### **4.2 Staff results**

The staff results showed that 67% of those staff who completed the survey travelled to school by car.



The majority of staff live 6-10 miles away from the school. 100% of them said that they would consider car sharing.

In the comments section staff identified that improvements around the school gate need to be improved and suggested the following:-

“No parking lines in front of school would help as parents continually park here and also within our staff carpark. One member of staff has recently had her car damaged due to not being able to access car park due to parked cars. We put cones out but they ignore them and park on these”.

### **Comparative travel data**

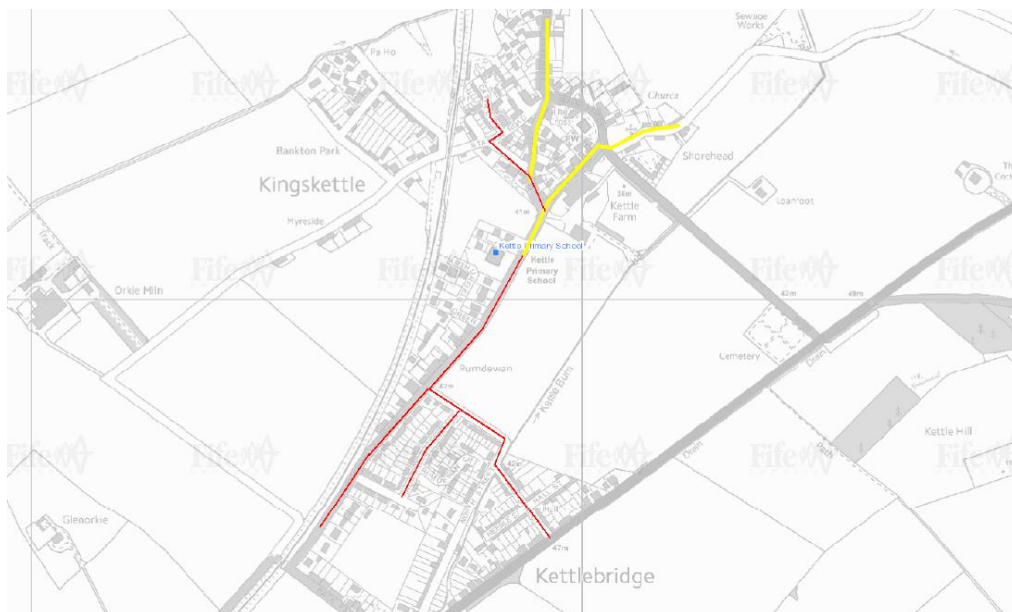
The above table highlights that Kettle are above the Fife walking average but the percentage of children been driven to school is nearly 6% above the rest of Fife schools average. However, our overall active travel modes to school are very positive.

Comparison table				Park & Walk	Bus	Taxi	Car
	Walk	Cycle	Scoot/Skate				
<b>School Travel Plan surveys (%)</b>							
<b>Dec 16</b>	53%	9%	3.5%	2%	12%	0%	7%
<b>Hands Up Travel Tally (%)</b>							
<b>Sept 17</b>	34.5	8.2%	5.5%	9.1%	12.7%	0%	29.1%
<b>Fife - primary schools – Hands Up Travel Tally %</b>							
<b>Sept 17</b>	46.29%	4.19%	5.55%	15.20%	5.04%	1.23%	22.3%

## 5.0 MAPPING

In April 2018 the pupils carried out a mapping exercise with Marta Ramage and Karen Swanson to identify the main transport routes to school.

The exercise was carried out with all children from each class across the school. During this exercise children drew on their route to school and discussed the positive and negative parts of their journey. The mapping exercise identified the following main routes to school:



## 6.0 ROUTE AUDIT

## 7.0 KEY ISSUES AND BARRIERS



The following key issues and perceptions relating to journeys to and from Kettle Primary School were identified through the Travel Plan work:

- Inconsiderate parking around the school which causes problems including:
- Congestion at school gate
- Blocked vision for walkers and cyclists
- Blocked vision for other drivers
- Low proportion of children walking to school, especially in bad weather.
- Concerns about road safety when walking or cycling

## 8.0 ACTION PLAN

### Behavioural Initiatives

Action	Solution	Action Owner	Target Date	Priority
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Road Safety Education	Education in school and at home.	School, Pupils and Parents	2018/2019	High
Promote the use of identified safe routes to school.	Posters, Information given in newsletters and assemblies, websites and Social Media	School, TAG and Parents	Termly	High
Continue to participate in incentive schemes that encourage sustainable methods of travel to school.	Active Travel Month,  Walk to school Week,  Bike Week	School, TAG and JRSO Committee,	Termly	Medium
Distribute travel plan to the appropriate bodies and make available to parents.	School website for access by all parents, shared at parent council and summarised in the school newsletter	School	2018	High
Reduce congestion around school gate	Introduce the following:  Parking Pledge  Park N Stride  Walking Bus	School/Parents	Termly each year  Yearly  Autum/Winter terms Spring/Summer terms	High
Bikeability	Continue to develop training	School/Bikeability officer	Yearly	Medium

### Physical Measures

Action	Action Owner	Target Date	Priority
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South Street Parking – Amendment to extend the existing waiting restrictions	Traffic Management/Parking Attendants	2018/2019	Medium
Speed on main route A912 – continue to monitor the area with regards to volume of traffic	Traffic Management	2018/2019	Medium
Missing footpath link side of Pleasance/New Road –this is beyond the scope of the STP but may fall into the Charrette	School/School Travel Plan Coordinator	2018/2019	Medium
Lomond Crescent junction – positioning of dropped kerbs – see full audit report  Investigate options for reducing congestion	Traffic Management  JRSO/School/travel plan coordinator	Academic year 18/19	High

## **9.0 MONITORING/EVALUATION**

The JRSO's will continue to meet on a monthly basis to monitor progress and will review the Travel Plan on an annual basis. Specific progress will be monitored by participation in the "Hand's Up Survey" each year. The school's ongoing commitment to travel planning will be publicised in the school handbook, school newsletters, school website, summary information leaflets accessible to parents/carers and visitors, the Pupil Voice and Junior Road Safety Officers noticeboard and through assemblies.

## **10.0 DISTRIBUTION**

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

- Fife Council Assets, Transport and Environment via the Travel Plan Team

- Fife Council Education Service, Directorate Operations Team
- Fife Council School Estates Team
- Parent Council
- Active Schools
- Copies will also be made available to the parents from the School Office and via the school website.