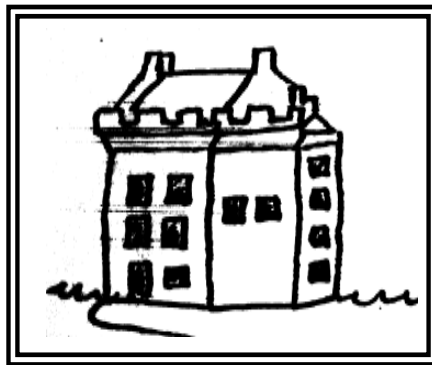




Stirling Council

Fintry Nursery and Primary School

School Travel Plan



Date agreed: 21.01.16

Bodies consulted: Parents, Children, Staff & Stirling Council

Planned review date: August 2017

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1. INTRODUCTION

What is a School Travel Plan?

A School Travel Plan aims to encourage a school community to identify and address problems associated with the school journey. Every school will create its own travel plan and set its own targets according to its circumstances and travel issues. The overall objectives are to encourage safer, healthier and more active travel choices for the journeys to and from school.

Rationale

Our Travel Plan forms a part of our 'Care and Welfare' Policy which states:

'All children are morally and legally entitled to care and protection within school and while under the supervision of education service staff. The definition used in this policy statement is that Care and Welfare is about making sure children are safe and protected... there is a focus on developing children's knowledge and understanding, skills, abilities and attitudes necessary for their emotional, physical, health and social wellbeing now and in their future lives.'

Aims of Fintry and Nursery Primary School Travel Plan:

The School Travel Plan was agreed by a group of Parents, Staff, Children and the support of Stirling Council.

- to improve the safety of our journeys to and from school and nursery;
- to encourage children, parents and staff to walk/cycle to school and nursery when possible.
- to highlight the benefits of active travel outside school; and
- to raise awareness of healthy, environmentally friendly alternatives to the car.

2. Our Nursery and School

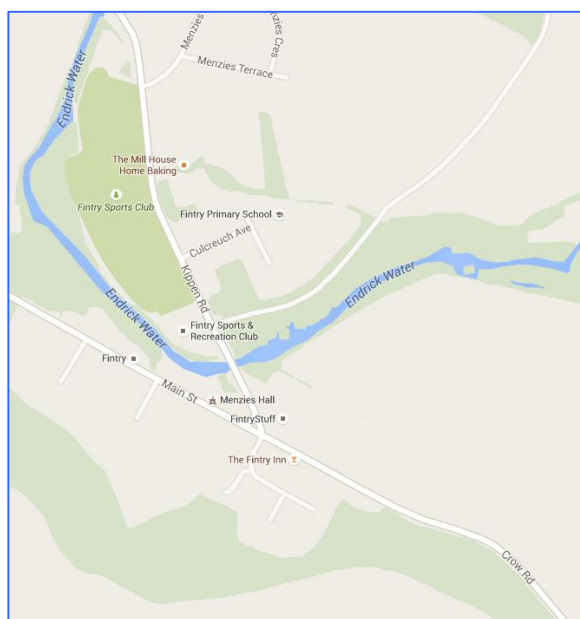
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Fintry School and Nursery is set in a rural environment 17 miles west of Stirling. The school is situated at the top of Culcreuch Avenue, off Kippen Road. The school roll for this session is 48. The nursery roll this session is 8 children.

Many children live within walking distance of the school. Our catchment area includes families living in the surrounding countryside of Fintry. We have three families who travel by taxi along the Crow Road, B822, to School. We have several families who travel by taxi to school along the B818 from Killearn. We have one family who travels along the B818 from Denny. We have two families who travel by taxi from Knockraich farm, this is a very short distance but there is a stretch of their route with no pavements to allow the children to walk to school.

Traffic calming slows vehicles at the junction of Culcreuch Avenue and Kippen Road. Entering the village from Kippen there is a flashing signal to warn drivers that this is a school zone.

There is one main entrance to school at the top of Culcreuch Avenue. However, it is possible for children who live in the Menzies Estate to cross the fields and gain access to school across a stile at the rear of the school perimeter.



Culcreuch Avenue is a residential street; no parking restrictions are in place along the Avenue. The road is straight and then splits to the right and left, this creates a hammerhead junction. The school is situated at the top of the Avenue. Although the road is relatively quiet of traffic, at peak times of school start and finish times the road is very busy with parked cars and many cars turning at the hammerhead. This can be hazardous.

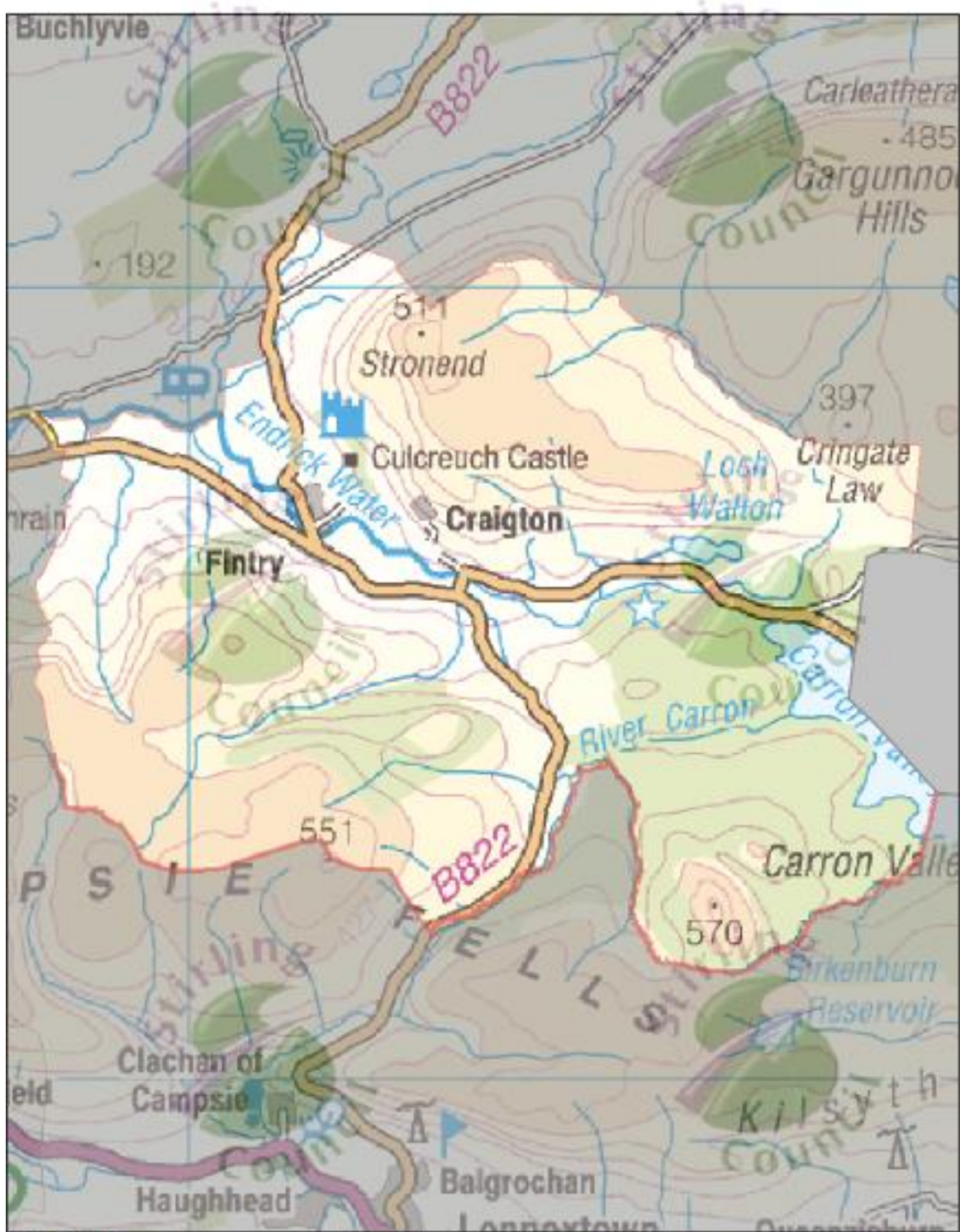
An additional hazard, due to changes to the weekly refuse collection, is that the school bins now are placed on the pavement in front of the school; this includes a large metal bin on a permanent basis, and, recycling boxes weekly. The result is poor lines of vision for children crossing the road to walk down the Avenue to and from school.



Parents and children are encouraged to park at the Fintry Sports Centre, cross at Kippen Road, and walk to school along Culcreuch Avenue. This has not been successful. The Parent Council has funded a banner that is on display during term time to discourage parents from dropping off, picking up or parking in Culcreuch Avenue.

There is parking available on the school premises for staff and visitors only. All staff live within a 5 to 16 mile radius of the school.

There is a small area for cycle storage. Bikeability lessons are in place for Primary 6 and 7

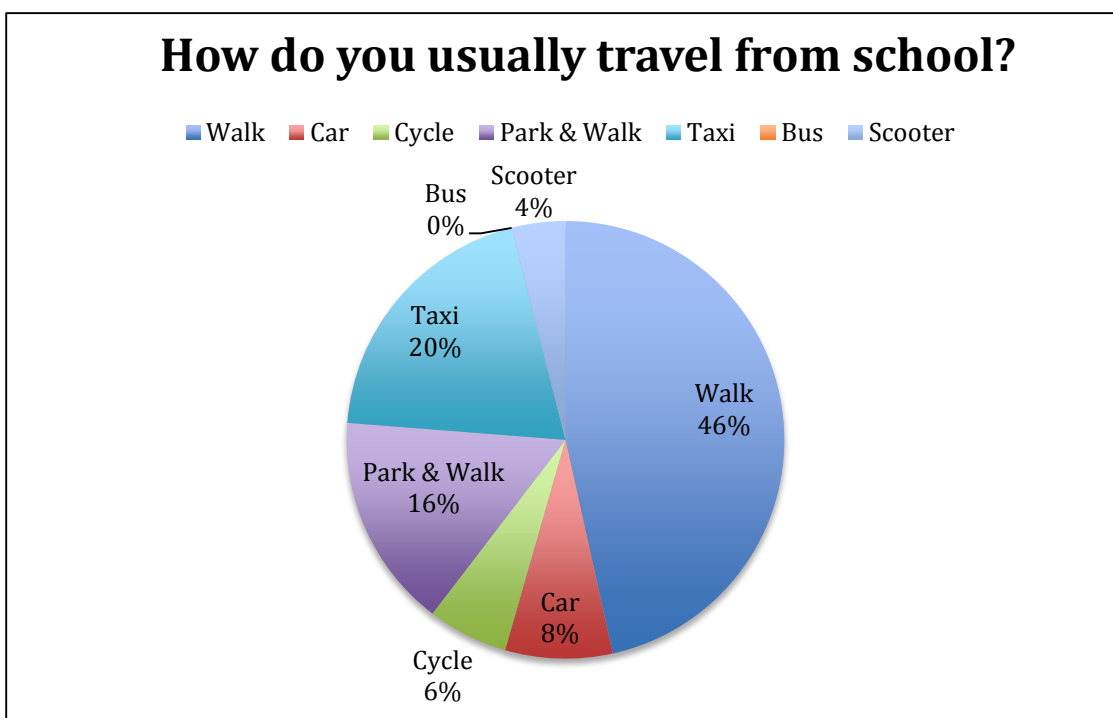
Catchment for Fintry Nursery and Primary School Culcreuch Avenue, Fintry, G63 0YB



<p>Fintry Primary School Catchment</p>		<p>Planning & Resources Children's Services Viewforth Stirling FK8 2ET 01788 442805</p>	
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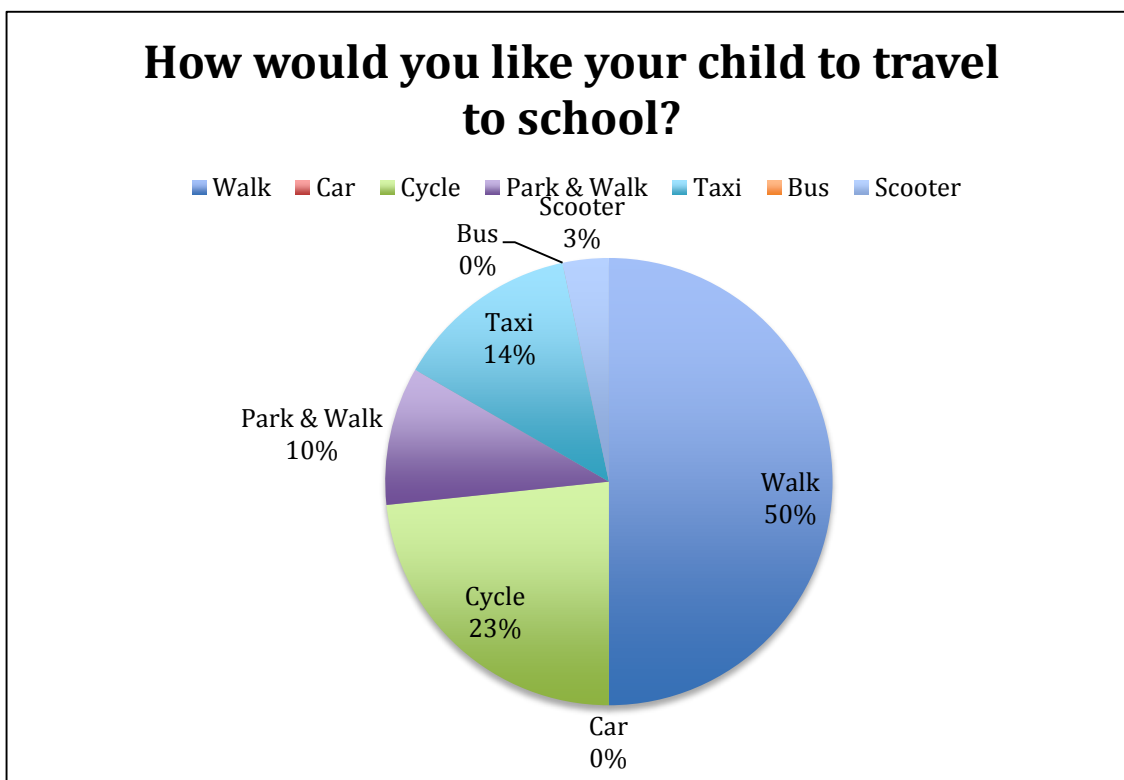
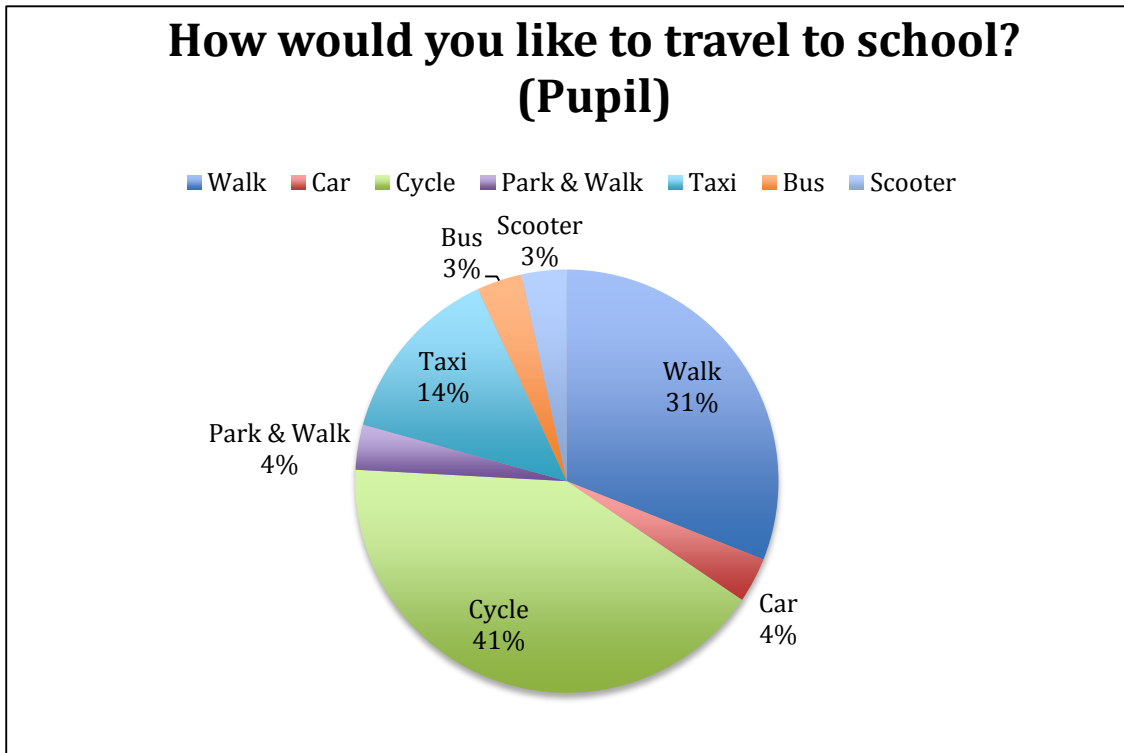
3. Current Travel Situation

The School Travel Plan has been devised with input from staff, parents and pupils; we have undertaken an extended period of consultation and discussion between all stakeholders and carried out a questionnaire to obtain an outline of their views. The plans will be submitted to Stirling Council and further consultation. The results for the questionnaire follow:



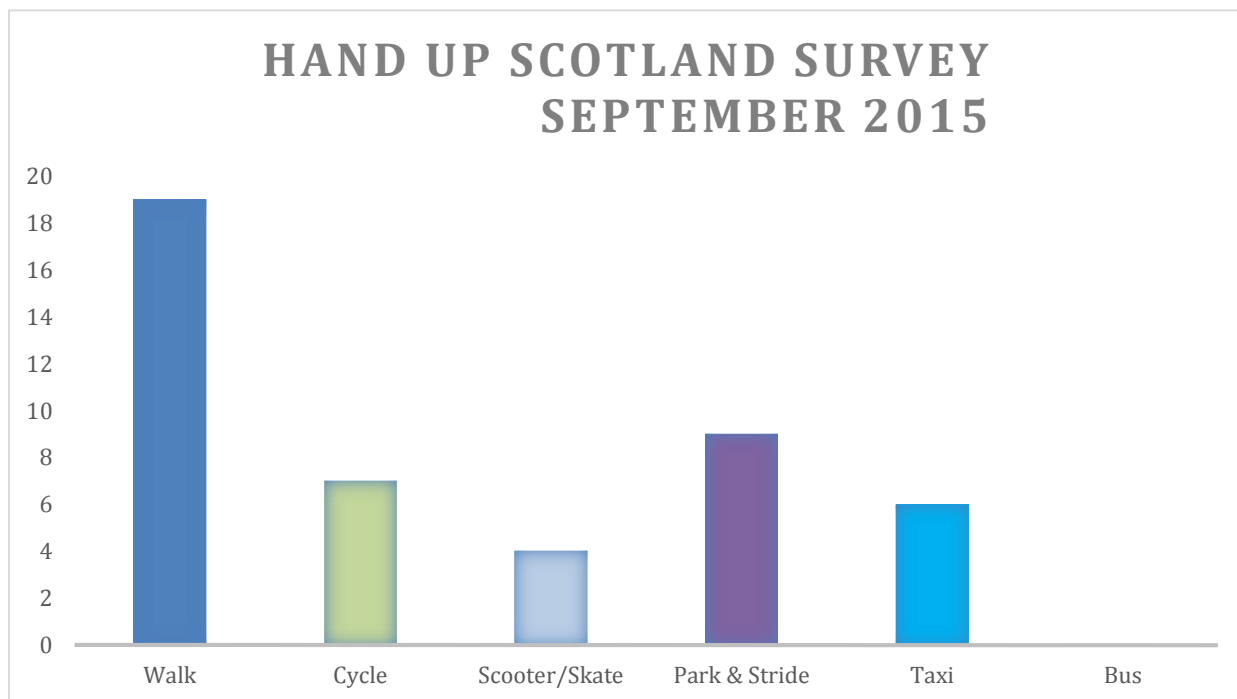
The results from the questionnaire show that in June 2015 46% of children walk to school. A further 16% park and walk to school and 10% cycle or bring their scooter to school. 20% of children travel by Taxi organised by Stirling Council. Only 8% travel by car, however, as a school committed to healthy, environmental friendly alternatives we will continue to strive to reduce the percentage of children who travel to school by car.

The next 2 charts show that there is a preference by the children to cycle more often to school, and, the parents would like to see an increase of children cycling and walking to school.



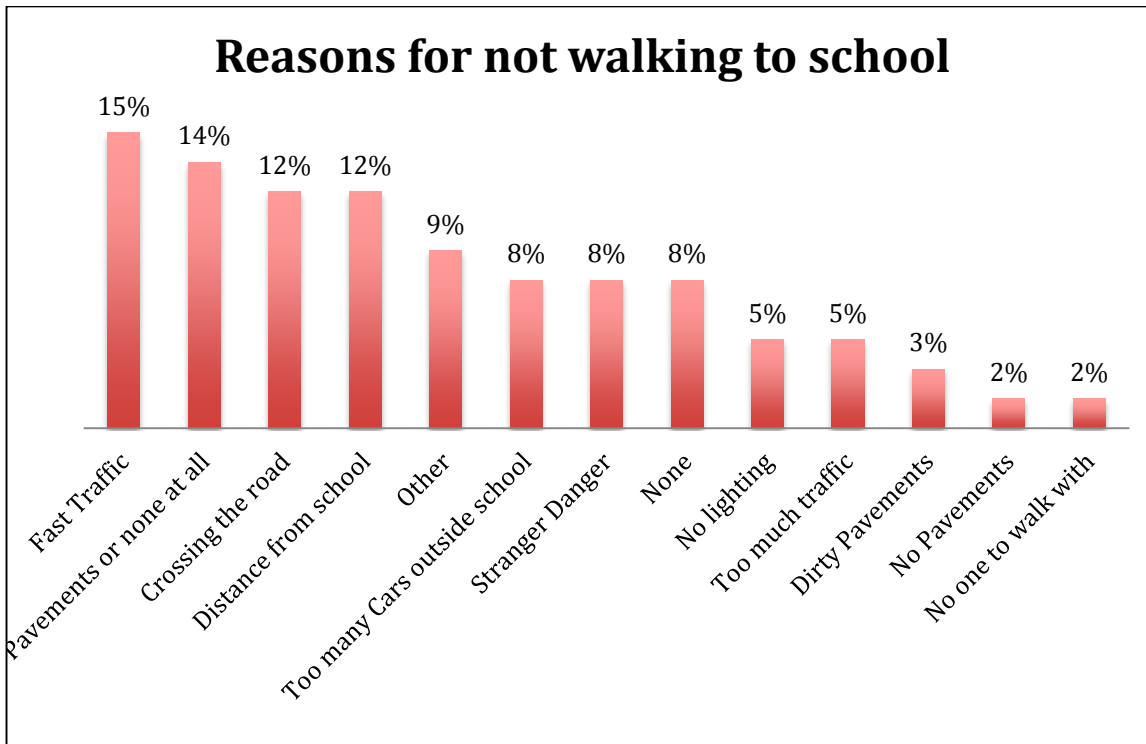
4. Hands Up Scotland Survey 2015

In September 2015, the Hands Up Scotland Survey showed:



5. Problems identified for not walking to school

Currently, 40% of children walk to school, the Questionnaire revealed that 31% of children would like to walk to school and 50% of parents would like their children to walk to school. Children showed a preference to cycle to school.

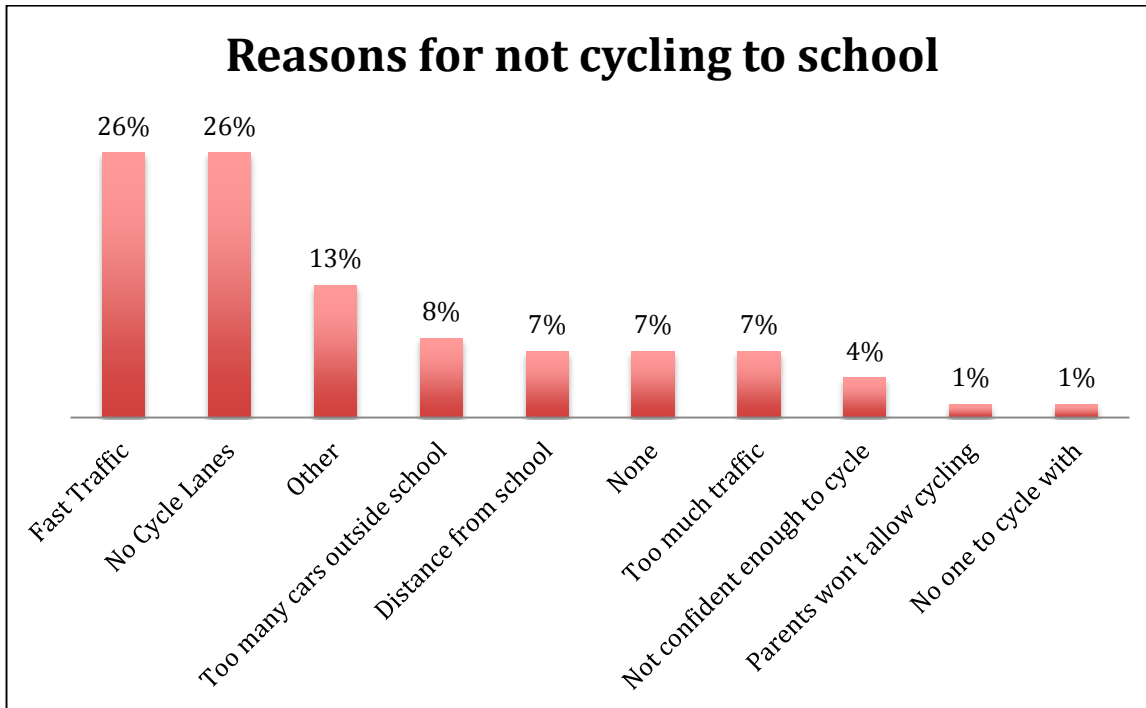


Other reasons for not walking to school included:

- No pavements
- Uneven pavements
- Distance from school
- Dogs at school gate
- Working parents drop children at school and then continue to work. Like to know that children are safe in school grounds.
- Weather

5. Problems identified for not cycling to school

Currently, 6% of children cycle to school, the Questionnaire revealed that 41% of children would like to cycle to school and 23% of parents would like their children to cycle to school.



Other reasons for not cycling to school included:

- Dangerous road because of speed of traffic
- Condition of road
- Poor road markings at exit of Culcreuch Avenue
- No stop sign at bottom of Culcreuch Avenue
- Debris from trees on Kippen Road
- Not safe to cycle to school and working parents need car to travel to work
- Weather

6. Action taken or required to increase walking:

Problem	Reasons	Action taken / needed	When	Who
Safety for children travelling from outlying areas of catchment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pavements No street lights Condition of road High speed traffic 60mph on routes in and out of the village 	Children travel by Taxi to school	2014/15/16	Stirling Council
Children Walking to School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast traffic (60mph) on some roads where children walk to school 	Some traffic calming measures in place but only in immediate area around school	Seeking Solution	Stirling Council & Fintry Community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cars parked outside school 	Banner outside school asking parents to not park at school gate Requests to parents in weekly reminders and newsletters not to drop off or pick up at school gate	2015/16	Headteacher Parent Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste metal bin outside school gate obstructs view 	Telephone cable across playground makes access by large vehicles difficult. Request to waste and recycling service to store bins inside school (large metal bin impossible to move up and down hill on weekly basis)	Seeking Solution	Headteacher
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stranger Danger 	Included in curriculum Visit from Community Police Officer	2014/15/16	School Staff & HT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dogs tied up at school gate 	Requests to discourage parents from leaving dogs at school gate in weekly reminders and newsletters	2014/15/16	Headteacher
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficult crossing in Main Street and at bridge over Endrick Water 		Seeking Solution	Stirling Council & Fintry Community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one to walk with 	Walking bus organised Walking route identified	Seeking Solution	Parent Council Pupil Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog Fouling 	Parent Council write to Community Council	Seeking Solution	Parent Council & Community Council

6. Action taken or required to increase cycling:

Problem	Reasons	Action taken / needed	When	Who
Children Cycling to School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast traffic (60mph) on some roads where children walk to school 	Some traffic calming measures in place but only in immediate area around school	Seeking Solution	Stirling Council & Fintry Community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cycle lanes 		Seeking Solution	Stirling Council Headteacher
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Confident enough to cycle 	Bikeability lessons Primary 5 to 7 Road safety included in the curriculum Introduce Junior Road Safety Officer programme	2014/15/16 2014/15/16 2015/16	School Staff Parental Involvement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of road in some places. Poor road markings especially at exit of Culcreuch Avenue. Lack of stop sign at T-junction 		Seeking Solution	Stirling Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cars parked outside school 	Banner outside school asking parents to not park at school gate Requests to parents in weekly reminders and newsletters not to drop off or pick up at school gate	2014/15/16	Headteacher Parent Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debris from trees on Kippen Road 		Seeking Solution	Stirling Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one to cycle with 	Cycle Group Cycle route identified	Seeking Solution	Parent Council Pupil Council

We are addressing the issues that concern parents in our Action Plan. Our School Travel Plan is submitted to Stirling Council for further consultation.

7. Monitoring & Review of School Travel Plan

Our Annual Progress review will be completed in: January 2017

Our full review of the School Travel Plan will be completed in: May 2017

The person responsible for ensuring the annual review will be done is the Headteacher.

8. Sign off and formal approval of School Travel Plan

School signatures

Yvonne Gibb

(Head Teacher)

Holly O' Donnell and Heidi Spence

(Parent Council Chair)

Lucy Reid

(Pupil Council Chair)

Alison Paterson

(Representing the Eco-Committee)

The following signatures confirm the school community has read the contents of this document. By signing this document we are committing ourselves to make every effort to resolve problems identified within the enclosed document and implement the actions identified.