

# School Travel Plan

MURRAYBURN PRIMARY



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## Introduction

Murrayburn Primary School has approximately 371 pupils, including nursery pupils. See Appendix 1 for a map of the catchment area.

This school travel plan is a document that summarises our current travel patterns and traffic problems that exist around the school. It addresses all aspects of the journey to school and encourages walking, cycling and other sustainable travel choices such as using public transport. It also supports better management of the remaining 'school run vehicles'.

It is easy to understand why sustainable travel is important, but much harder to put it into practice. This plan shows how we can encourage more sustainable travel choices and help reduce the problems that arise from using cars unnecessarily on the school run. More specifically, this travel plan contains a package of measures tailored to the needs of Murrayburn Primary School.

Through this travel plan we seek to:

- Encourage students, parents and staff to think about travel choices and choose alternatives to the car when coming to school;
- Encourage active travel like walking, scooting and cycling;
- Measure change in travel behaviours, and;
- Develop Safer Routes to School

It is important to ensure that all relevant partners are involved when developing a travel plan so that we can all work together to achieve more active travel and reduce the number of cars at our school gates.

Over the 5 year lifecycle of this plan, the school leadership will continue to work with school staff, the parent council and the Road Safety team at The City of Edinburgh Council.

## School Information

### Pupil Numbers

Nursery	21
P1	38
P2	47
P3	57
P4	49
P5	45
P6	61
P7	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>371</b>

### Staff Members

There are currently 72 members of staff employed at Murrayburn Primary School.

### Clubs and Activities

For more information visit Murrayburn Primary School | Respect Kindness Honesty Resilience

### Sustainability Initiatives

The Sustainable Travel and Road Safety award (STAR) is based on how much the school has done to promote the aims set out in this plan on an annual basis. Murrayburn Primary School currently has no award by working through the measures below will look to gain a rating.

The City of Edinburgh Council has developed the [City Mobility Plan to 2030](#) which sets out targets in increasing the number of journeys made using sustainable modes of travel across the city, which works towards reducing the transport related emissions being produced across the city.

### Road Safety

Within the three years to the end of December 2021 there have been no collisions involving personal injury across the school catchment reported during the hours of 08:00 – 10:00 and 14:00 – 16:00 involving children under the age of 17.

The map in **Appendix 1** shows the school catchment split into 400 metre circles, which set out how long a walk or cycle it is to school. From the furthest point in the catchment, it is just under 1 mile, which is less than a 25 minute walk or 10 minute cycle.

### School Crossing Guides

There are three crossing patrol guides for Murrayburn Primary located on:

- Murrayburn Road near the entrance to Hailesland Road
- Sighthill Avenue at the entrance to Sighthill Loan
- Parkhead Gardens at the entrance of Parkhead Avenue

School crossing locations can be located using [The City of Edinburgh Council Atlas](#)

### Current cycle/scooter parking within school grounds

Current Facilities	Number of Units	Spaces available
Cycle boxes/cages	1	16
Scooter Mushrooms	5	60

### Hands Up Survey

Each year the school is asked to participate in a survey to take a snapshot of how kids are travelling to school. This is called the 'Hands Up Survey' which is undertaken by Sustrans here are the results from the previous 5 years. As part of this travel plan, the school are committing to participate in this on an annual basis to enable us to monitor the effectiveness of the measures being implemented to support sustainable travel.

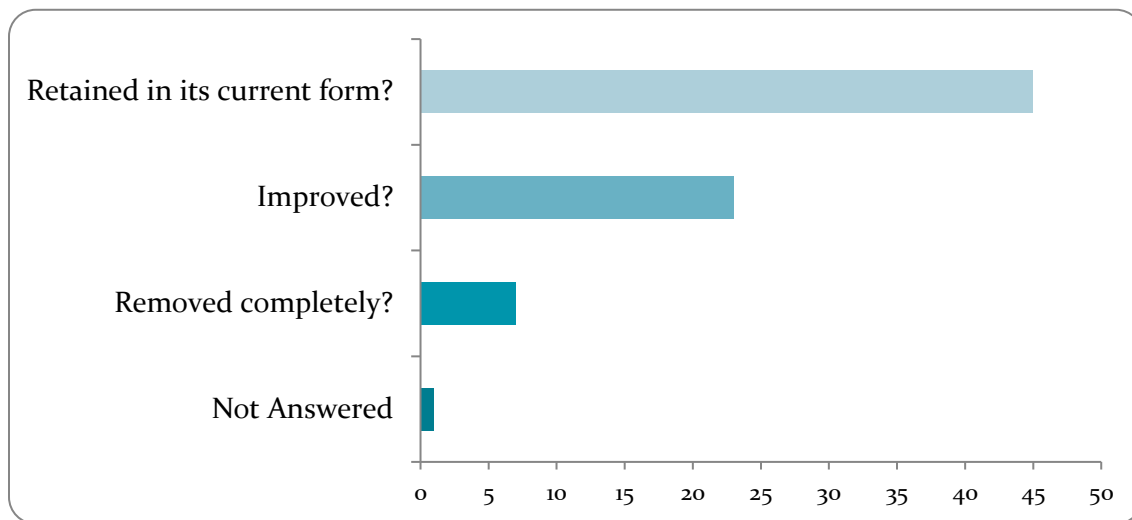
Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other
2017	59.5%	*	11.4%	5.6%	14.4%	*	2.9%	2.6%
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019	48.6%	8.4%	19.6%	8.1%	11.7%	*	3.1%	*
2020	62.1%	4.1%	10.7%	3.6%	12.7%	1.8%	5.0%	0.0%
2021	52%	8%	17.0%	7%	8%	2%	6%	0.0%

## Travel Survey

A school travel survey was undertaken from 1st to 27th September 2021 across the full parent and staff body to establish how people are currently travelling to school and what barriers and issues they face whilst on the journey to school.

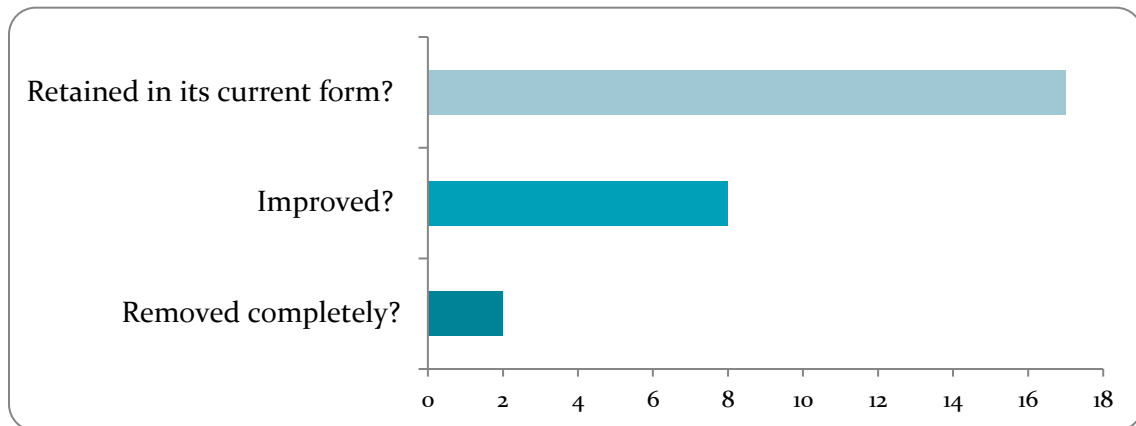
The survey also covered the temporary measures introduced under Spaces for People in response to Covid-19. It asked what they would like to see happen to the measures currently in place going forward. The results of this and the other key questions are as follows:

### Parents response to SfP Measures



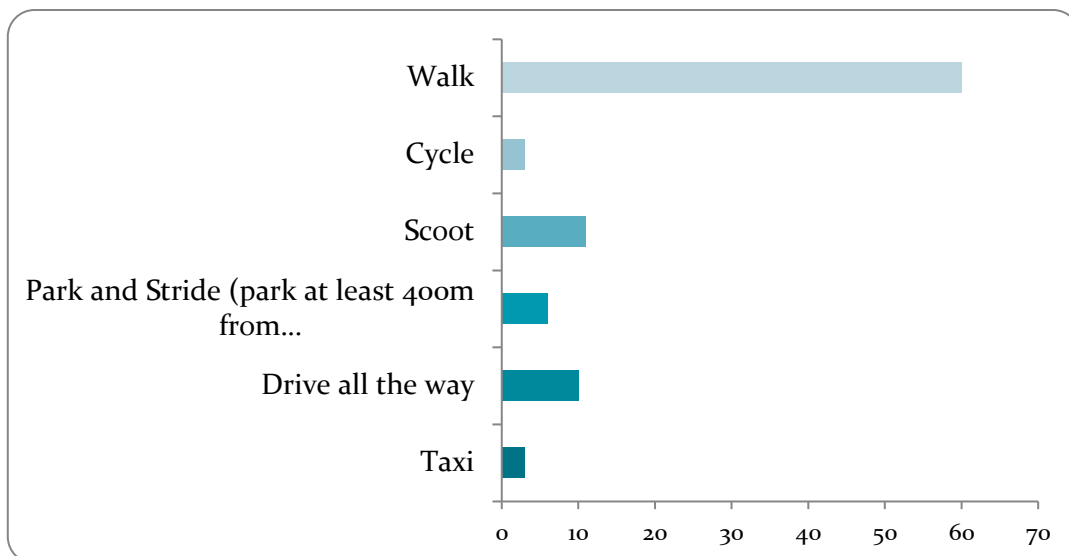
Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	45	59.21%
Improved?	23	30.26%
Removed completely?	7	9.21%
Not Answered	1	1.32%

### Staff response to SfP Measures

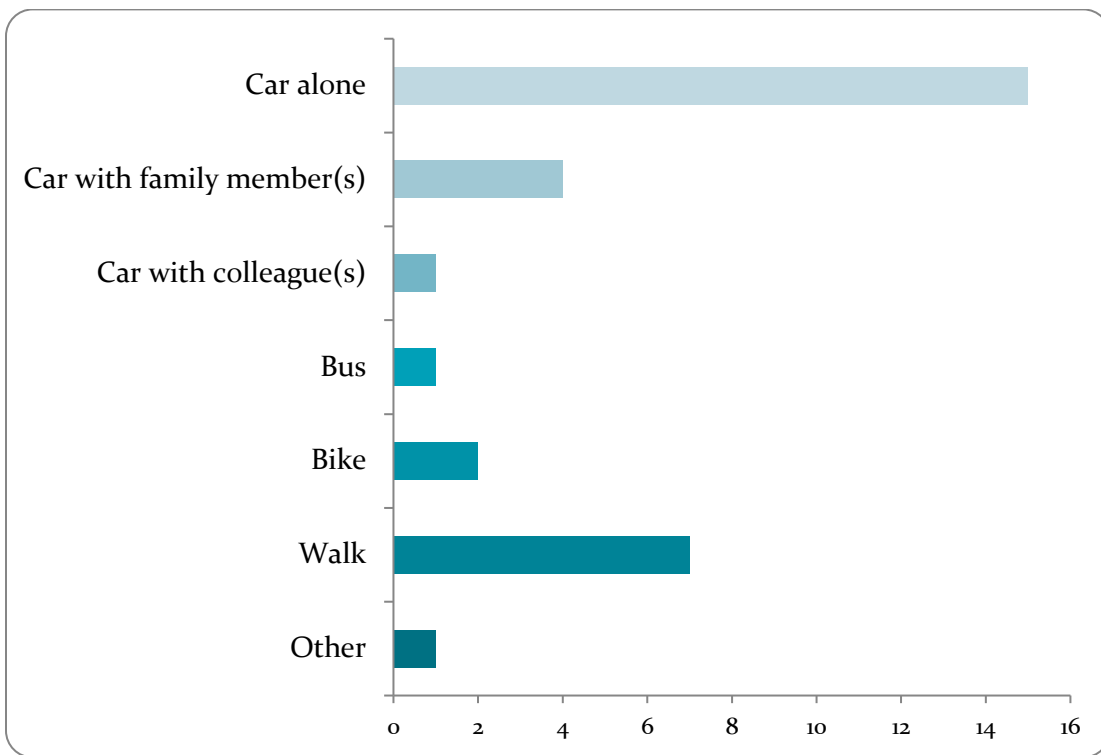


Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	17	62.96%
Improved?	8	29.63%
Removed completely?	2	7.41%

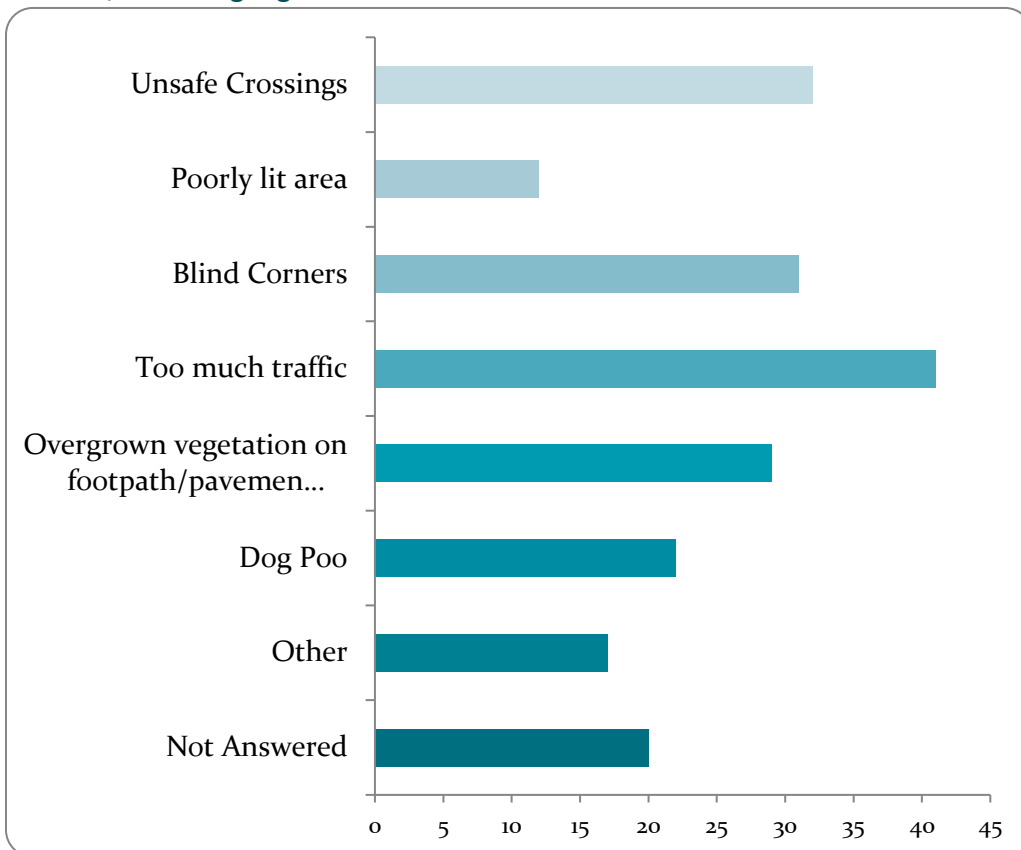
### Parent Survey on how they currently travel to school with their children



### Staff Survey on how they currently travel to school



Barriers/issues highlighted on the routes to school





Other noted concerns included parents feeling that the underpass at the roundabout isn't safe, unauthorised parking around the school on pavements, corners and grass areas and access routes to school.

We asked parents what improvements they would like to see introduced and they responded that they would like to see:

- No dog fouling on pavements
- Better parking enforcement around the school
- More crossing guides and safer crossing facilities
- School bus

## Actions and Travel Plan Updates

The school has a high percentage of pupils walking to school with an average of 55.6% over the four years of hands up survey data submitted. This was also evident through the recent travel surveys carried out.

The school also falls under the 29% national average of pupils taking the car to school with only 11.7% on average arriving by car. This has reduced since the last travel plan which was undertaken in 2014 for Murrayburn Primary so shows a small reduction of people travelling by car.

We aim to continue to increase this reduction using ongoing initiatives and by introducing infrastructure changes on the routes to school to encourage others to actively travel to school when possible.

<b><u>Measure</u></b>	<b><u>Delivery By</u></b>	<b><u>Expected Completion Date</u></b>	<b><u>Update</u></b>
Clean up dog poo across the catchment and run local campaign to reduce this	Road Safety to liaise with Street Cleansing	Summer/Autumn 2023	
Cut back vegetation across the catchment	Road Safety to liaise with Roads Operations	Summer 2023	
Parksmart Campaign with parents	Road Safety/JRSO's/School/ Parking/ Police	Summer/Autumn 2023, then as required.	

School Streets in immediate vicinity of school	Road Safety	Winter 2023	
Designated Drop Off Bay for Language Unit Buses	Road Safety	2024 – if required following school streets implementation	
Parking Restrictions/Dropped Crossings at all junctions within 400m of the school	Road Safety	2023	
Pedestrian Crossing on Calder Road	Road Safety	2024	
Ensure JRSO's are active	School/Road Safety	Ongoing	
Take part in Sustrans Hands Up Survey	School	Annually in September	
Kerbcraft/Proficiency Training	Road Safety/School/Parent Council	Start in 2023, then run as required	
Planters to be placed in school playground upon removal from streets	Road Safety	2023	
Route check to be carried out to improve school signage	Road Safety	2023	
Ensure Travel Plan is communicated to all parents and placed on website.	School	Annually	
Additional cycle racks to be implemented	Road Safety	2023	
Vandalized signage at Sighthill Gardens replaced	Road Safety	2022/2023	Sign being manufactured

#### Timetable of events for the coming session

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates to run</u>	<u>Complete</u>	<u>Evaluation notes</u>
Parksmart			
JRSO newsletters			

### Monitoring and Evaluation

- The Road Safety and Active Travel Liaison Officers, School Representatives and the Parent Council meet annually to review plan progress.
- The Road Safety team will undertake ongoing monitoring of campaigns and improvements to note the effectiveness.
- This School Travel Plan will be reviewed in 2027.

### Sign Off

This plan has been agreed by the following:

The City of Edinburgh Council Road Safety Team:

Name: Tracey Bach

Name: Stacey Monteith-Skelton MSc MIHE

Signature:

Signature:

Date: 01/12/2022

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Name: Leanne Hepburn

Signature:

Date: 16/1/2023

Murrayburn Parent Council:

Name: Lee Reynolds

Signature:

Date: 16/1/2023

