

School Travel Plan

BRUNSTANE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Introduction

Brunstane Primary Cchool has approximately 240 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 Brunstane 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

Clubs and Activities

Before and after school club activities – eg breakfast clubs, music. PE etc Current School Travel Situation can be found by visiting [Brunstane Primary School | Welcome to our web site. \(brunstaneps.com\)](https://www.brunstaneps.com)

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. Brunstane 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 3 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. These locations will be monitored as part of this plan.

The map in **Appendix 1** shows the school catchment split into 400 meter 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 45 minute walk or 15 minute cycle.

School Crossing Guides

There are three crossing patrol guides for Brunstane Primary, these can be located using [The City of Edinburgh Council Atlas](#)

Hands Up Survey

Each year the school is asked to participate in a survey which is produced by Sustrans here are the results from the previous 5 years. As part of this travel plan, the school are agreeing to participate in this on an annual basis to enable us to monitor the effectiveness of the measures being implemented to support sustainable travel.

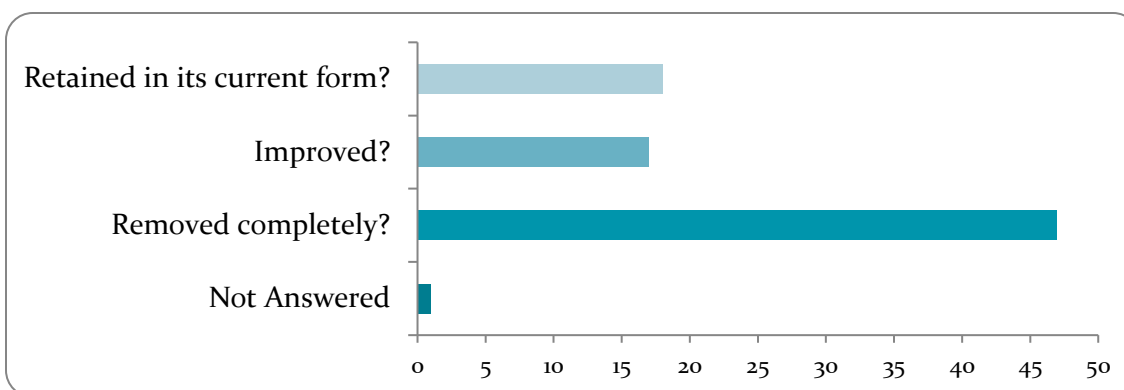
Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	27%	13%	10%	17%	24%	9%	0%	0%

Travel Survey

A school travel survey was undertaken from 1st to 20th 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.

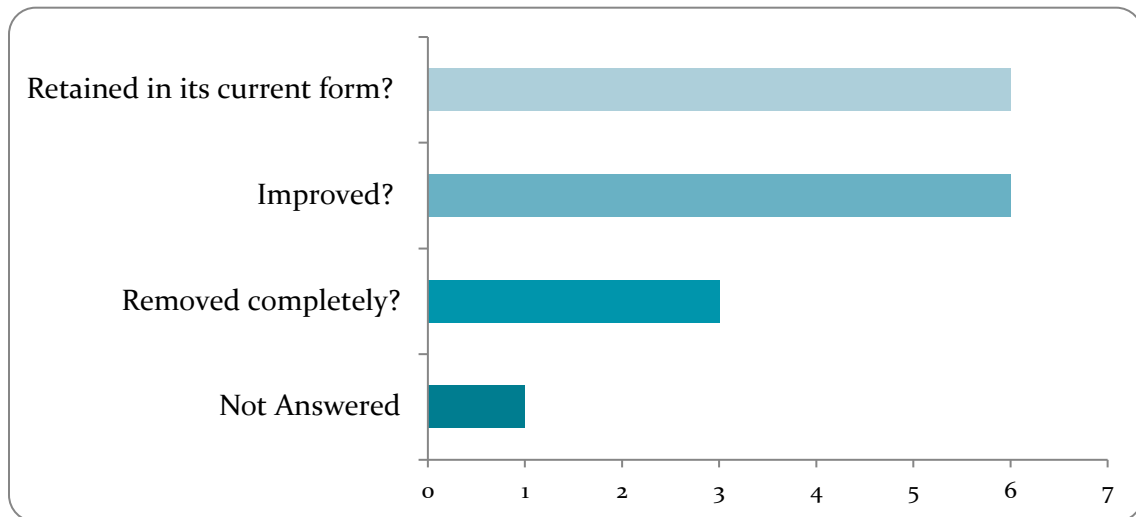
The survey also covered the temporary measures introduced under Spaces for People in response to Covid-19. It asked what they would like to see happen to the measures currently in place going forward. The results of this and the other key questions are as follows:

Parents response to SfP Measures



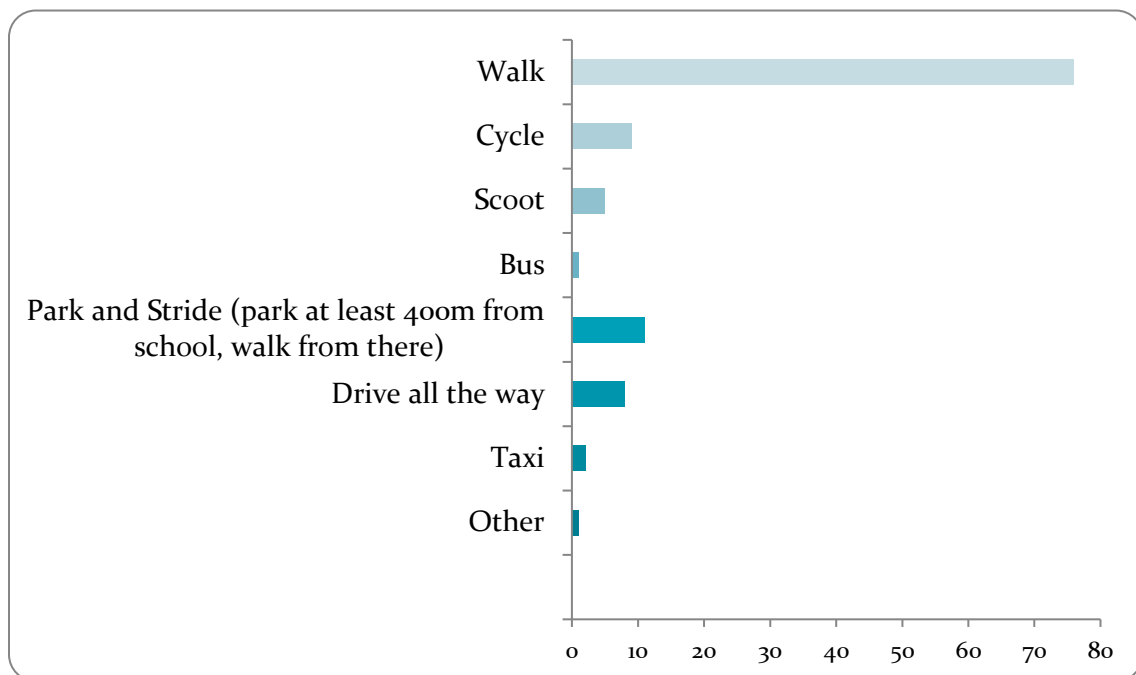
Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	18	21.69%
Improved?	17	20.48%
Removed completely?	47	56.63%
Not Answered	1	1.20%

Staff response to SfP Measures

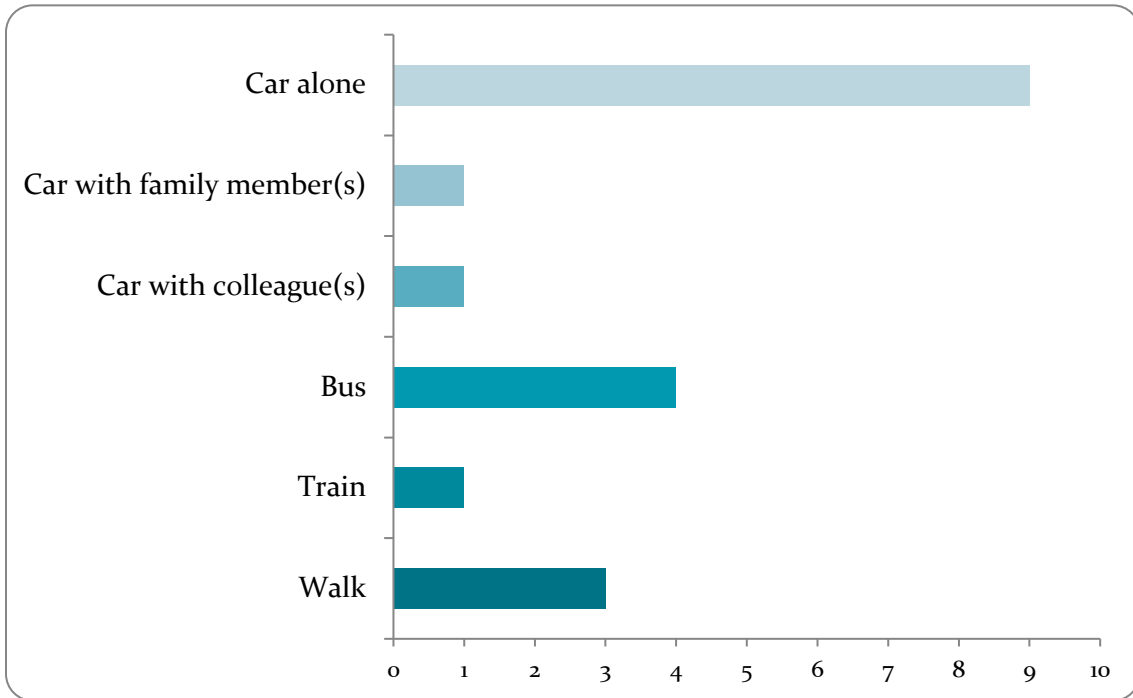


Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	6	37.50%
Improved?	6	37.50%
Removed completely?	3	18.75%
Not Answered	1	6.25%

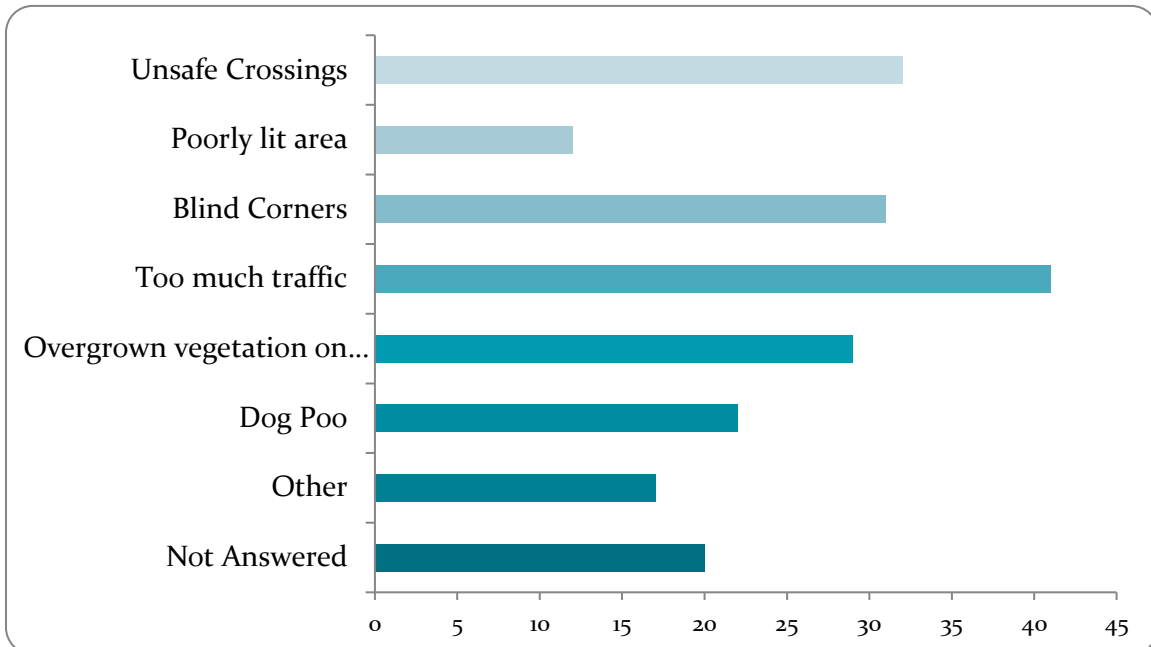
Parent Survey on how they currently travel to school with their children



Staff Survey on how they currently travel to school



Barriers/issues highlighted on the routes to school



Other noted concerns included excessive litter, broken glass on journey to school and badly parked cars/illegal parking.

We asked parents what improvements they would like to see introduced

- Litter to be picked up (clean up drives)
- Better parking enforcement outside the school
- More crossing guides and crossing facilities such as zebra crossings.
- Better lighting
- Vegetation on cycle paths maintained better
- Cycle path continued into school grounds

Actions and Travel Plan Updates

The school has a low percentage of pupils walking to school with an average of 27% over the one year of hands up survey data submitted. This however was much higher through the recent travel surveys carried out was 67%.

The school also falls under the 29% national average of pupils taking the car to school with only 7% of the pupils arriving by car.

We aim to continue to increase this reduction by continuing initiatives already being used and by introducing measures to encourage others to actively travel to school when possible.

<u>Measure</u>	<u>Delivery By</u>	<u>Expected Completion Date</u>	<u>Update</u>
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	
More crossing patrol guides	School Crossing Patrol Service to liaise with Head Teacher	Spring 2023	
Litter pick	School/Parent Council	TBC	
Parksmart Campaign with parents	Road Safety/JRSO's/School/ Parking/ Police	Summer/Autumn 2023, then as required.	
Lighting in the underpass	Road Safety to liaise with Street Lighting	Spring 2023	
School Streets in immediate vicinity of school	Road Safety	Winter 2023	Design in progress

Parking Restrictions	Road Safety	2023	TRO in Progress
Pedestrian Crossing	Road Safety/Parent Council/School	2024	
Establish a Walking Bus	School/Parent Council	2023/24	
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	
Investigate collisions to see if any appropriate interventions are required	Road Safety	2023	
Ensure Travel Plan is communicated to all parents and placed on website.	School	Annually	
Improve Cycle infrastructure to school	Road Safety/Active Travel	2026	
Investigate the possibility of showers to enable staff to cycle to school	Road Safety/Active Travel/Education	2026	

Timetable of events for the coming session

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

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: 1/12/2022

Date: 13/12/2022

Brunstane Primary School

Name: Christopher McMillan

Signature:

Date: 1/12/2022

Brunstane Parent Council:

Name: Collective Agreement at Meeting

Signature:

Date: 1/12/2022