

# School Travel Plan

HOLY CROSS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Introduction

Holy Cross RC Primary school has approximately 311 pupils, including nursery pupils.

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 Holy Cross RC 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	40
P1	40
P2	29
P3	25
P4	43
P5	42
P6	46
P7	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>311</b>

### Staff members

There are currently 38 members of staff employed at our school.

### Clubs and Activities

For more information visit [Holy Cross RC Primary School Edinburgh | Sancta Crux Est Spes Nostra: The Holy Cross is our Hope! \(wordpress.com\)](#)

### 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. Holy cross RC Primary School currently has no award. By working through the measures below we 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.

### Information and Improvements for the Route to School

There is one crossing patrol guide for Holy Cross located on:

- located on Craighall Rd at the School.

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

### Current cycle/scooter parking within school grounds

Current facilities	Amount of facilities available	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 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.

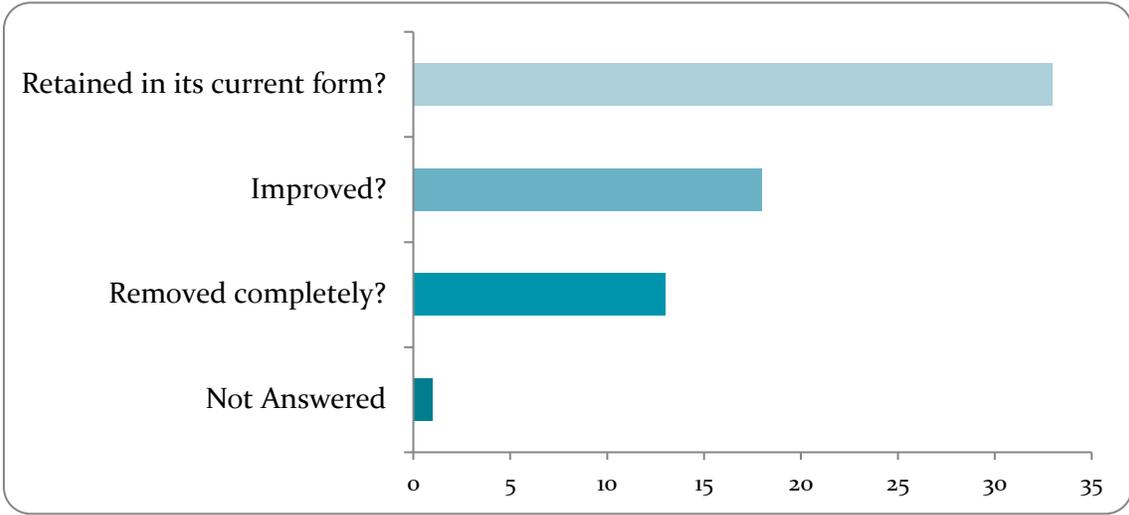
Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other	Total
2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2017	28.2%	9.9%	10.3%	16.5%	23.8%	9.5%	*	*	<b>273</b>
2018	20.1%	8.3%	6.3%	18.2%	34.7%	10.6%	*	*	<b>303</b>
2019	16.7%	9.5%	2.7%	0.0%	58.9%	12.2%	0.0%	0.0%	<b>263</b>
2020	19.9%	11.0%	9.3%	11.0%	42.3%	6.5%	0.0%	0.0%	<b>246</b>

### Travel Survey

A school travel survey was undertaken from 25 of October to 15 November 2021 across the full parent and staff to establish how people are currently travelling to school and what barriers and issues they face whilst on the journey to school.

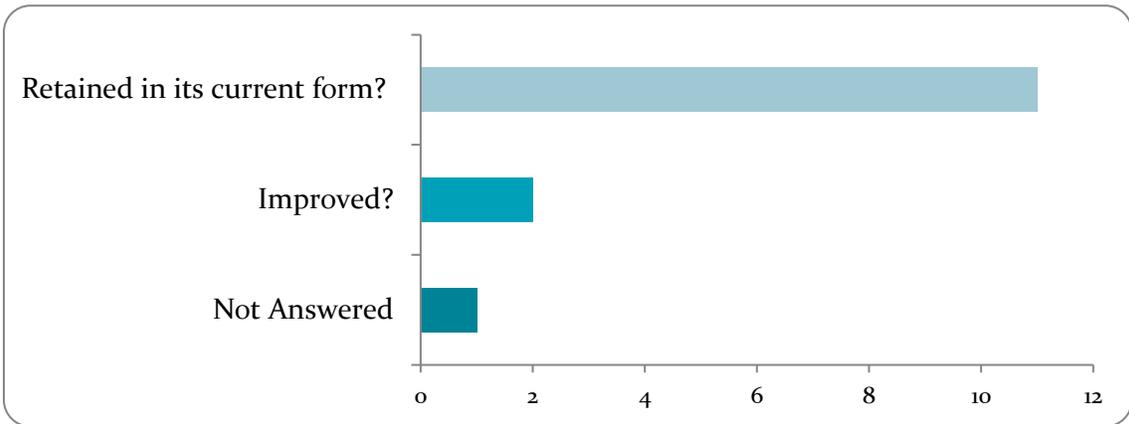
The survey also covered the temporary measures introduced under Spaces for People in response to Covid-19. It asked what they would like to see happen to the measures currently in place going forward. The results of this and the other key questions are as follows:

Parents response to SfP Measures



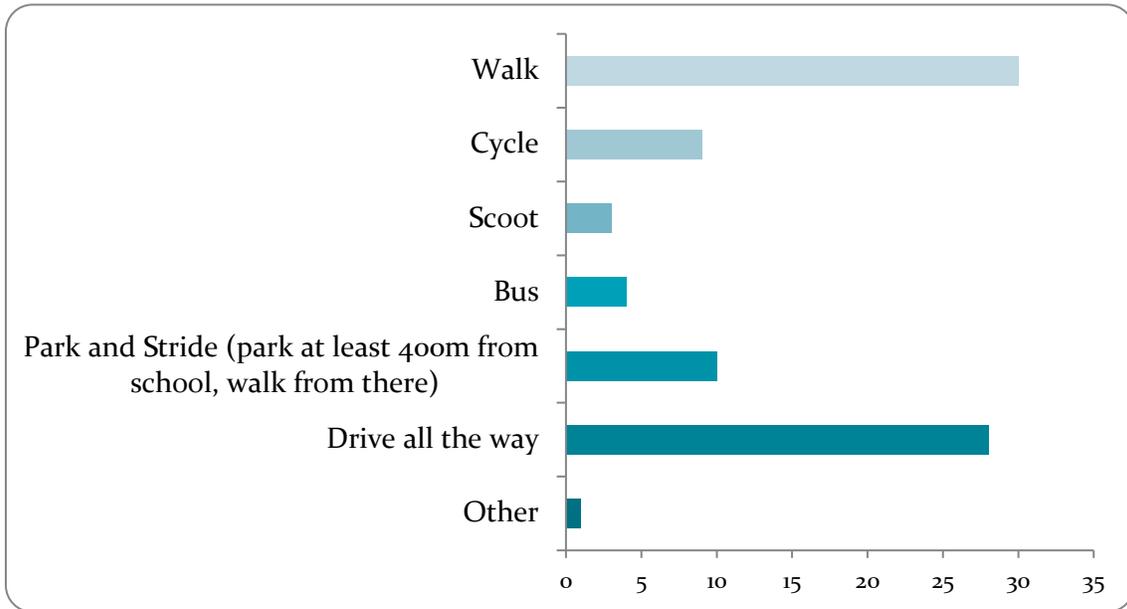
Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	33	50.77%
Improved?	18	27.69%
Removed completely?	13	20.00%
Not Answered	1	1.54%

Staff response to SfP Measures

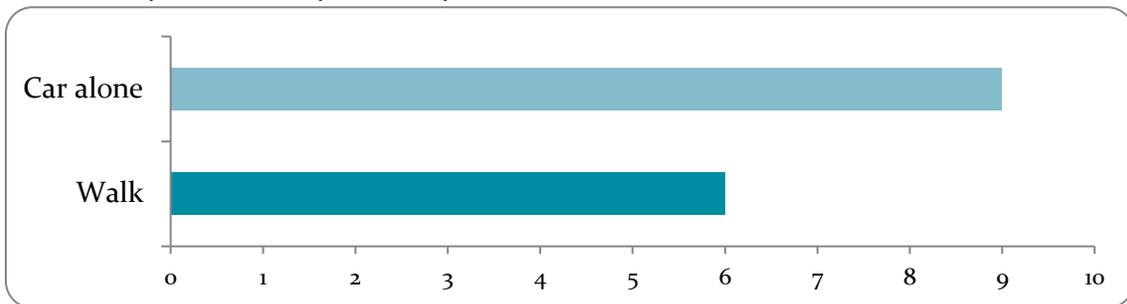


Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	11	78.57%
Improved?	2	14.29%
Removed completely?	0	0.00%
Not Answered	1	7.14%

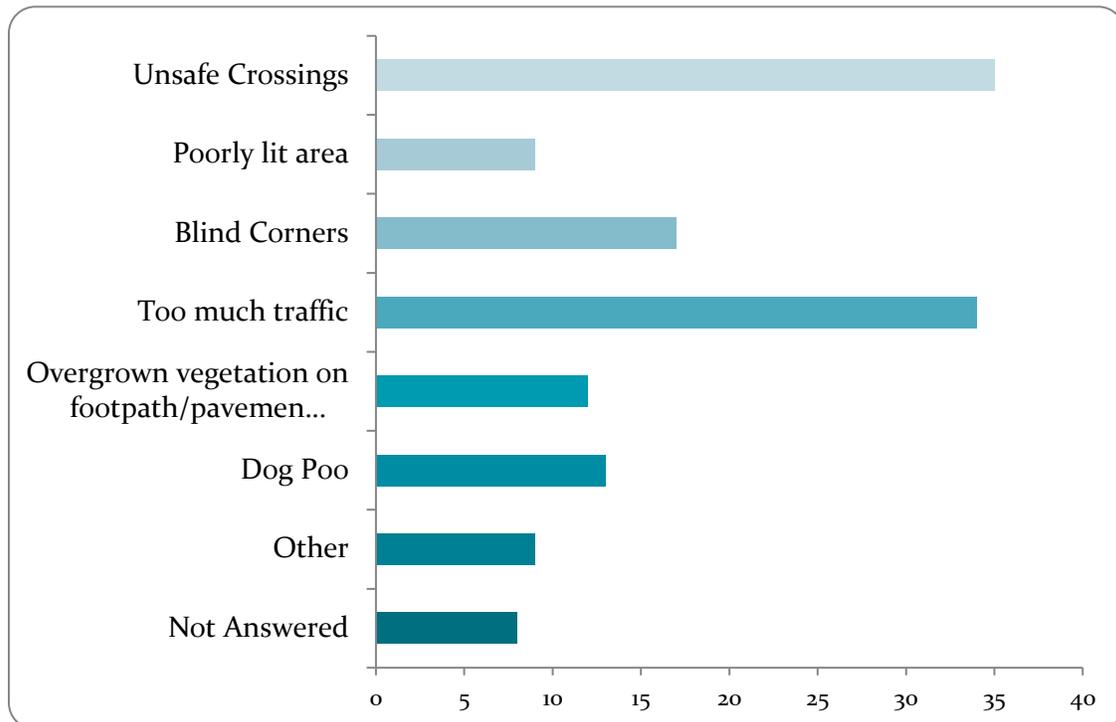
### Parent Survey on how they currently travel to school with their children



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



## Barriers/issues on the routes to school



Other noted concerns included parents feeling there is too much traffic, inconsiderate drivers and concerns about their children being bullied.

We asked parents what improvements they would like to see introduced

- More guardrails along Ferry Road from Inverleith Row till Craighall Road and around the school
- Better parking enforcement around the school to stop people parking on yellow lines
- More crossing guards and safer crossing facilities; Warriston Park, Victoria Park, Ferry Road and Craighall Road
- School bus
- Better parking facilities around the school drop off zone
- Cycle path accessible at the rear of the school Bangholm Park
- Vegetation to be maintained on the cycle route and Ferry Road

## Actions and Travel Plan Updates

The school has a low percentage of pupils walking to school with an average of 21.2% over the four years of hands up survey data submitted. This was slightly higher through the recent travel surveys carried out resulting in 37% walking to school however this is based on a small amount of people responding.

The school is above the 29% national average of pupils taking the car to school with 31.7% on average arriving by car. This has reduced since the last travel plan which was undertaken in 2019 for Holy Cross so shows a small reduction of people travelling 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	Road Safety to liaise with Street Cleansing	Summer 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	2023	
The crossing guide to be relocated	Road Safety	Investigate Spring 2023	
Parking Restrictions	Road Safety	2023	
Pedestrian Crossing on Warriston Park, Victoria Park, Ferry Road and Craighall Road	Road Safety	2024/25	
Establish a Walking Bus	School/Parent Council	2023	
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 2023, then continue as required	
Ensure Travel Plan is communicated to all parents and placed on website.	School	Annually	
Planter from Craighall Terrace to be removed	Road Safety	2023	

#### 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 completely reviewed in 2027.

#### Sign Off

This plan has been agreed by the following:

The City of Edinburgh Council Road Safety Team:

Name:

Name:

Signature:

Signature:

Date:

Date:

Holycross Primary School:

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Holycross Parent Council:

Name:

Signature:

Date: