

School Travel Plan

PIRNIEHALL/ST DAVID'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Introduction

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 Prniehall and St David's RC Primary Schools.

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

Pirniehall

Nursery	32
P1	23
P1/2	25
P2	30
P3a	19
P3b	22
P4a	19
P4b	28
P5a	21
P5b	21
P6	26
P6/7	23
P7	26
Total	315

Staff members

Pirniehall Primary currently has 53 members of staff.

Clubs and Activities

For more information visit

[Pirniehall Primary | Primary School – Website about our school \(wordpress.com\)](#)

[Contact us – St David's R.C. Primary School \(saintdavidsrc.com\)](#)

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. Pirniehall and St Davids RS Primary School's currently have 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.

School Crossing Guides

There are two crossing patrol guides for the schools on:

- located on Pennywell Road - West of Pilton Rise
- the junction of Pennywell Gardens.

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

Current cycle/scooter parking within school grounds

Current facilities	Number 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.

Pirniehall Primary School

Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other
2017	69.7%	6.2%	2.1%	-	17.4%	2.1%	2.1%	-
2018	72.5%	3.0%	3.4%	-	18.2%	-	0.0%	0.0%
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020	76.2%	3.4%	3.4%	2.3%	12.1%	-	-	0.0%
2021								

St David's RC Primary School

Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other
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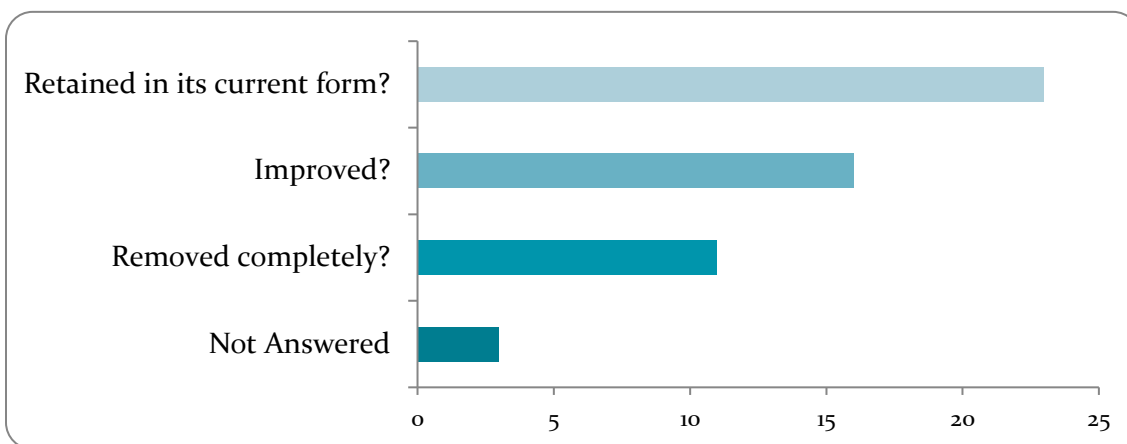
2017	55.0%	7.9%	0.0%	7.2%	24.7%	5.2%	0.0%	0.0%
2018	58.4%	3.6%	4.7%	0.0%	28.7%	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%
2019	52.0%	7.6%	8.6%	0.0%	25.8%	6.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2020	54.1%	7.5%	4.5%	0.0%	28.9%	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%

Travel Survey

A school travel survey was undertaken from 3 to 19 December 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.

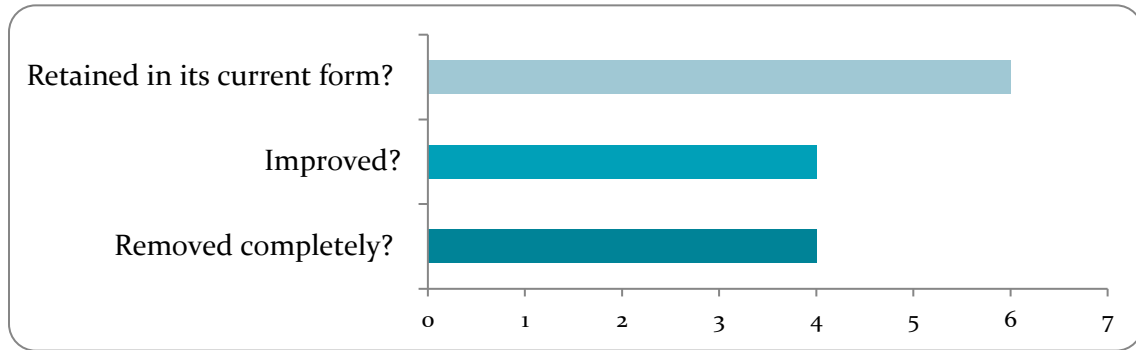
The survey also covered the temporary measures introduced under Spaces for People in response to Covid-19. It asked what they would like to see happen to the measures currently in place going forward. The results of this and the other key questions are as follows:

Parents response to SfP Measures



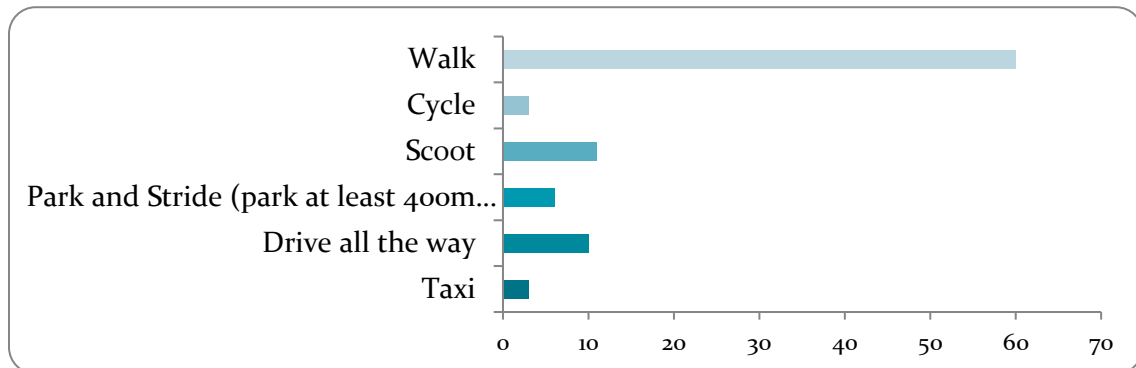
Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	23	43.40%
Improved?	16	30.19%
Removed completely?	11	20.75%
Not Answered	3	5.66%

Staff response to SfP Measures



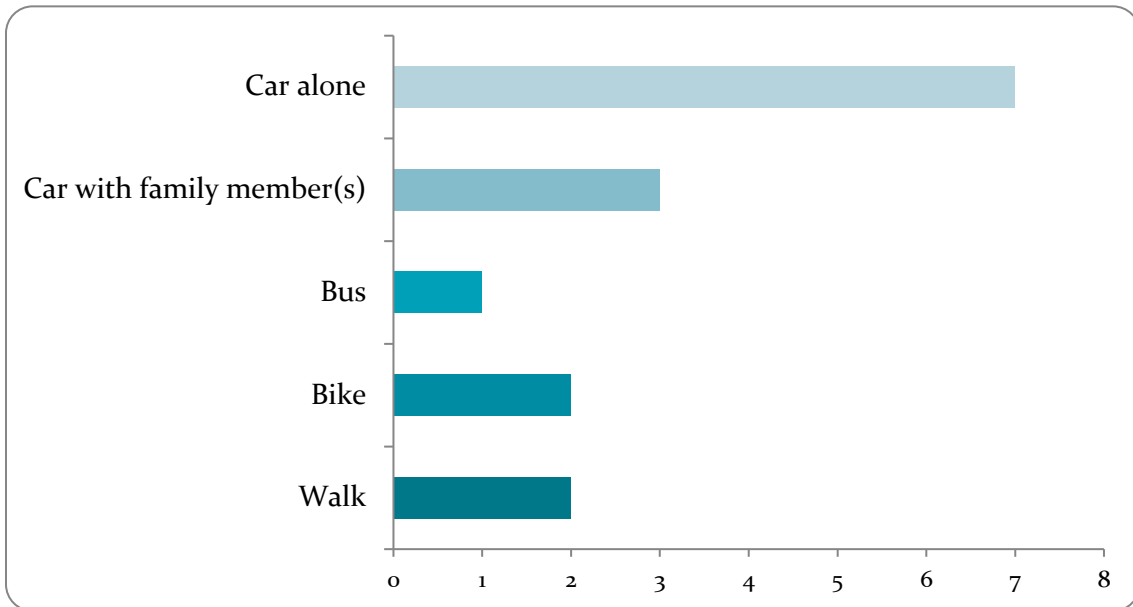
Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	6	42.86%
Improved?	4	28.57%
Removed completely?	4	28.57%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

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

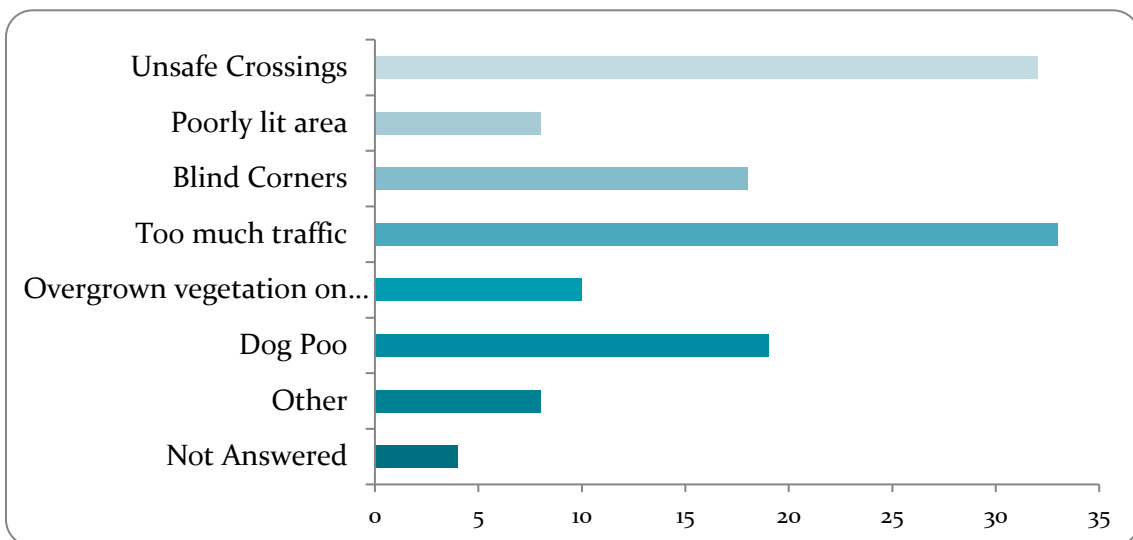


Option	Total	Percent
Walk	58	78.38%
Cycle	1	1.35%
Scoot	2	2.70%
Bus	1	1.35%
Park and Stride (park at least 400m from school, walk from there)	3	4.05%
Drive all the way	9	12.16%

Staff Survey on how they currently travel to school



Barriers/issues on the routes to school



Other noted concerns include unsuitable parking around the area and on the footpaths, overgrown vegetation making it difficult to walk on paths, pavements in bad condition, no crossing patrol guard or crossing at school gates and a dangerous neighbourhood.

We asked parents what improvements they would like to see introduced

- No dog fouling on pavements

- Better parking enforcement around the school and traffic police/wardens in front of the entrance to the school and the corners
- Crossing patrol guides (Salvesen area, school entrance, West Granton Road and West Granton Access) and safer crossing facilities
- Cycle path to school through Pennywell Gardens
- Traffic lights on Crewe Road North near West Granton Road
- Full closure of West Pilton Bank
- Zebra crossing outside the school
- Zebra crossings or traffic lights on Pennywell Road
- Better Pavements
- Better lighting in the winter

Actions and Travel Plan Updates

The school has a high percentage of pupils walking to school with an average of 72.8% over the three 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 12% of the pupils arriving by car. This has increased by 10% since the last travel plan which was undertaken in 2007 for Pirniehall Primary.

We aim for a reduction in the number of cars being used on the school run 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	
Better lighting around school	Road Safety to liaise with street Lighting to undertake a lighting study	Autumn/Winter 2023	
Full closure of West Pilton Bank	Road Safety/20 Minute Neighbourhood	2024 – Potentially include in School Street	
Cycle path to school Pennywell Gardens	Road Safety/20 Minute Neighbourhood	2026	

Cut back vegetation across the catchment	Road Safety to liaise with roads Operations	Summer 2023	
Crossing Patrol guides Salvesen area, school entrance, West Granton Road and West Granton Access	Road Safety	Undertake assessments by 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	
Parking Restrictions/Dropped Crossings at all junctions within 400m of the school	Road Safety	2023/24	
Pedestrian Crossing on Crewe Road North near West Granton Road	Road Safety	2025	
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, the repeat as required	
Ensure Travel Plan is communicated to all parents and placed on website.	School	Annually	
Cycle racks to be implemented	Road Safety	2023/24	

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:

Pirniehall Primary School:

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Pirniehall Parent Council:

Name:

Signature:

Date: