

School Travel Plan

PRESTONFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Introduction

Prestonfield Primary school has approximately 216 pupils, including nursery pupils. See Appendix 1 for a map of the catchment area.

The 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 can also support 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. Travel Plans show how we can encourage more sustainable travel choices and help reduce the problems that arise from using cars unnecessarily. More specifically, a Travel Plan contains a package of measures tailored to the needs of Prestonfield 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 and cycling;
- Measure change and shifts in travel behaviour, and;
- Develop Safer Routes to School, including engineering solutions

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	38
P1	21
P2	26
P3	28
P4	26
P5	27
P6	28
P7	22

Staff members

There are currently 44 Staff Members employed at Prestonfield Primary School.

Clubs and Activities

For more information visit [Prestonfield Primary School, Peffermill Road EDINBURGH EH16 5LJ Scotland](#)

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. Prestonfield Primary School currently has no award however, 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 has been 1 collision 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 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 25 minute walk or 10 minute cycle.

School Crossing Guides

There is one crossing patrol guide for Prestonfield Primary located on:

- Peffermill Road at the school.

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

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.

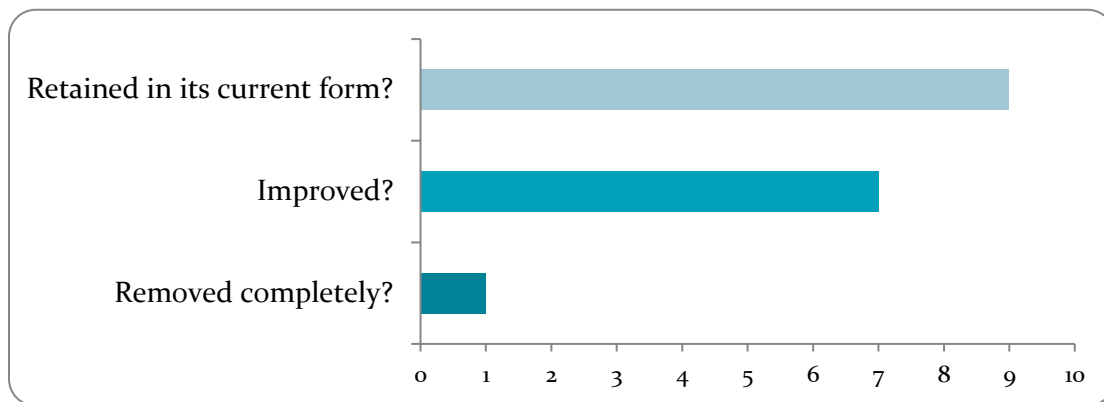
Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other
2017	46.7%	5.5%	6.0%	8.0%	25.1%	7.0%	*	*
2018	42.9%	10.4%	0.0%	6.6%	30.2%	9.9%	0.0%	0.0%
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	40%	3%	1%	3%	38%	14%	1%	0%

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

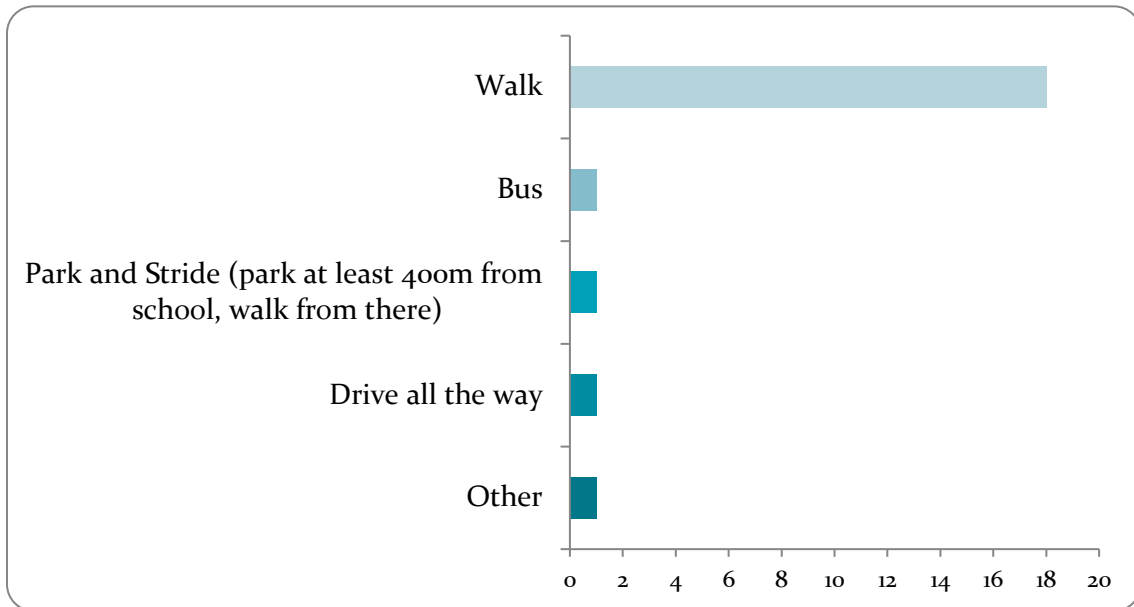


Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	9	52.94%
Improved?	7	41.18%
Removed completely?	1	5.88%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

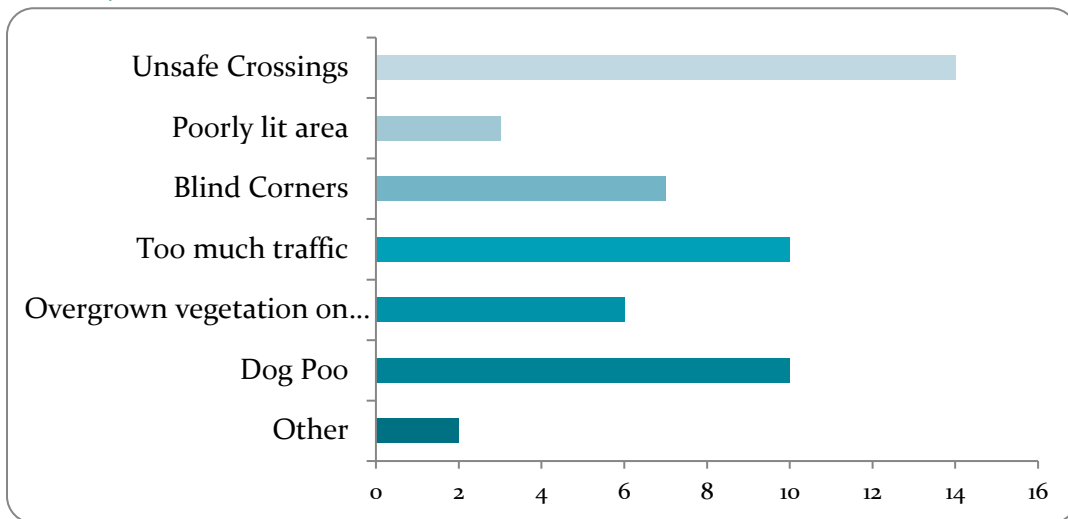
Staff response to SfP Measures

There were no responses from the staff on the survey issued.

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



Barriers/issues on the routes to school



Other noted concerns included cars not adhering to speed limit.

We asked parents what improvements they would like to see introduced

- Lighting in Inch park.
- Better parking enforcement around the school
- Enforce current restrictions/speed limits/bus gates.
- Crossings needed on Prestonfield Avenue, Prestonfield Park, Peffermill Road and Prestonfield Road at bus gates.
- Crossing guard at current crossing

Actions and Travel Plan Updates

The school has a high percentage of pupils walking to school with an average of 43.2% over the three years of hands up survey data submitted. Unfortunately, due to the very small response on the survey the data collected may not show a true representation on the overall travel.

The school also falls under the 29% national average of pupils taking the car to school with only 5.8% of the pupils arriving by car. This figure has also reduced since the last travel plan which was undertaken in 2007 for Prestonfield Primary School of people travelling by car.

We aim to continue to reduce the number of vehicles being driven to school using ongoing initiatives and by introducing infrastructure changes on the routes to school to encourage others to actively travel to school when possible.

<u>Measure</u>	<u>Delivery By</u>	<u>Expected Completion Date</u>
Clean up dog poo across the catchment	Road Safety to liaise with Street Cleansing	Summer 2023
Lighting in Inch Park	Street Lighting	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	Spring 2023, then as required.
School Streets in immediate vicinity of school	Road Safety	2023
Carry out traffic surveys around school	Road Safety	2023
Parking Restrictions/Dropped Crossings at all junctions within 400m of the school	Road Safety	2023/24
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
Crossing guard at crossing patrol	School Crossing Patrol manager	2023

Kerbcraft/Proficiency Training	Road Safety/School/Parent Council	2024
Ensure Travel Plan is communicated to all parents and placed on website.	School	Annually

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:

Name:

Signature:

Signature:

Date:

Date:

Prestonfield Primary School:

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Prestonfield Parent Council:

Name:

Signature:

Date: