

School Travel Plan

GYLEMUIR PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Introduction

Gylemuir Primary school has approximately 324 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 Gylemuir 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	32
P1	23
P1/2	25
P2	30
P3	41
P4	56
P5	42
P6	26
P6/7	23
P7	26

Staff Members

There are currently 53 members of staff employed at Gylemuir Primary School

Clubs and Activities

For more information visit [Gylemuir Primary School Website \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.gylemuirprimaryschool.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. Gylemuir Primary School currently has no award but 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 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 is one crossing patrol guide for Gylemuir Primary located on:

- located on Meadowplace Rd/Wester Broom Ave.

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
Covered/ Uncovered cycle parking	3 cycle racks	
Scooter Spaces	2 scooter racks	

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.

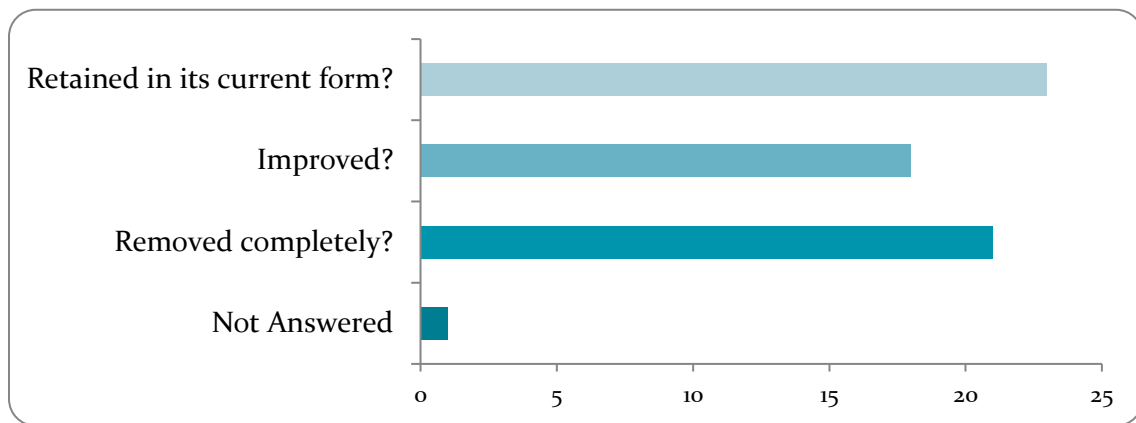
Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other
2017	57.5%	3.5%	8.1%	9.9%	19.1%	1.3%	*	*
2018	65.9%	4.1%	8.2%	8.5%	11.9%	*	0%	*
2019	52.9%	10.8%	7.4%	13.5%	12.3%	2.5%	*	*
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	60%	8%	12%	8%	12%	1%	0%	0%

Travel Survey

A school travel survey was undertaken from 18th November to 6th 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.

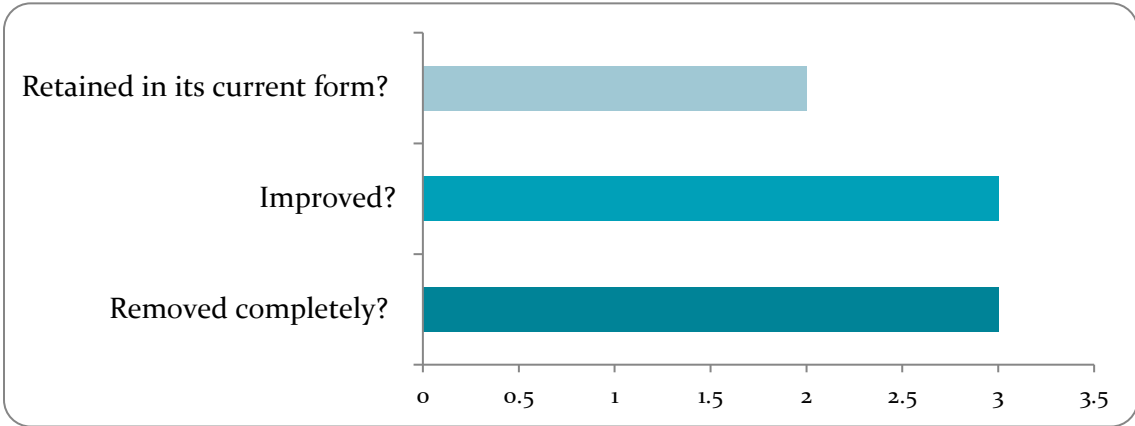
The survey also covered the temporary measures introduced under Spaces for People in response to Covid-19. It asked what they would like to see happen to the measures currently in place going forward. The results of this and the other key questions are as follows:

Parents response to SfP Measures



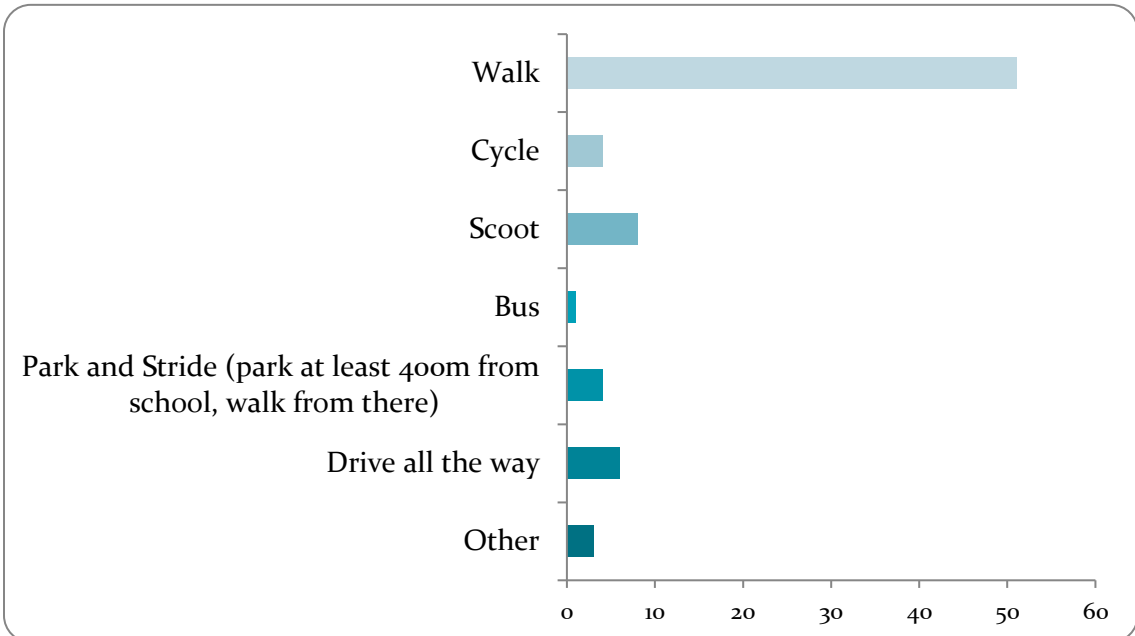
Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	23	36.51%
Improved?	18	28.57%
Removed completely?	21	33.33%
Not Answered	1	1.59%

Staff response to SfP Measures

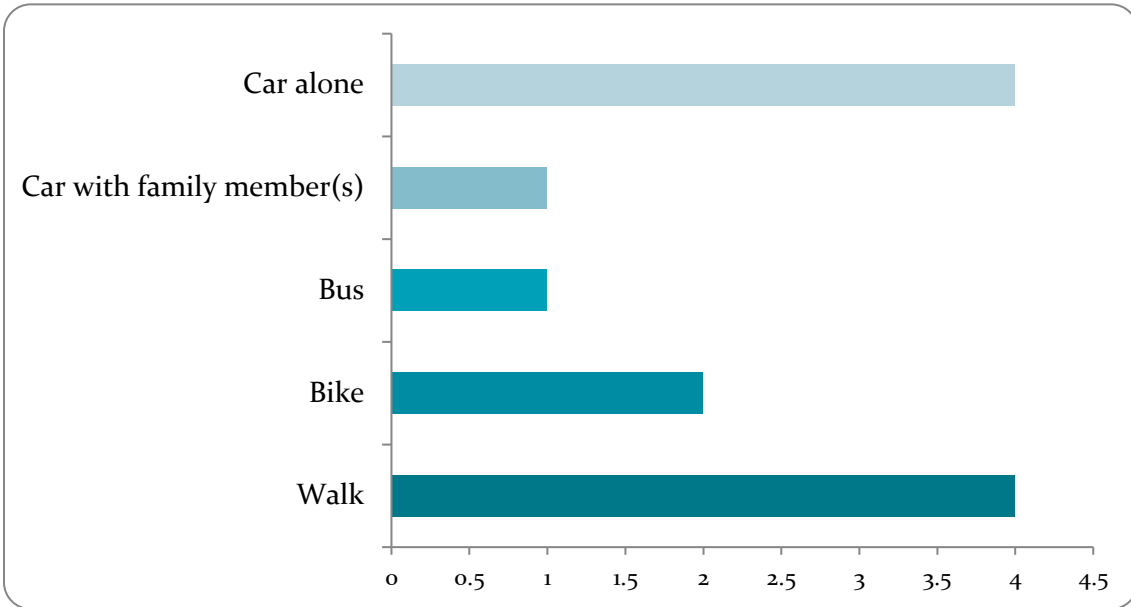


Option	Total	Percent
Retained in its current form?	2	25.00%
Improved?	3	37.50%
Removed completely?	3	37.50%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

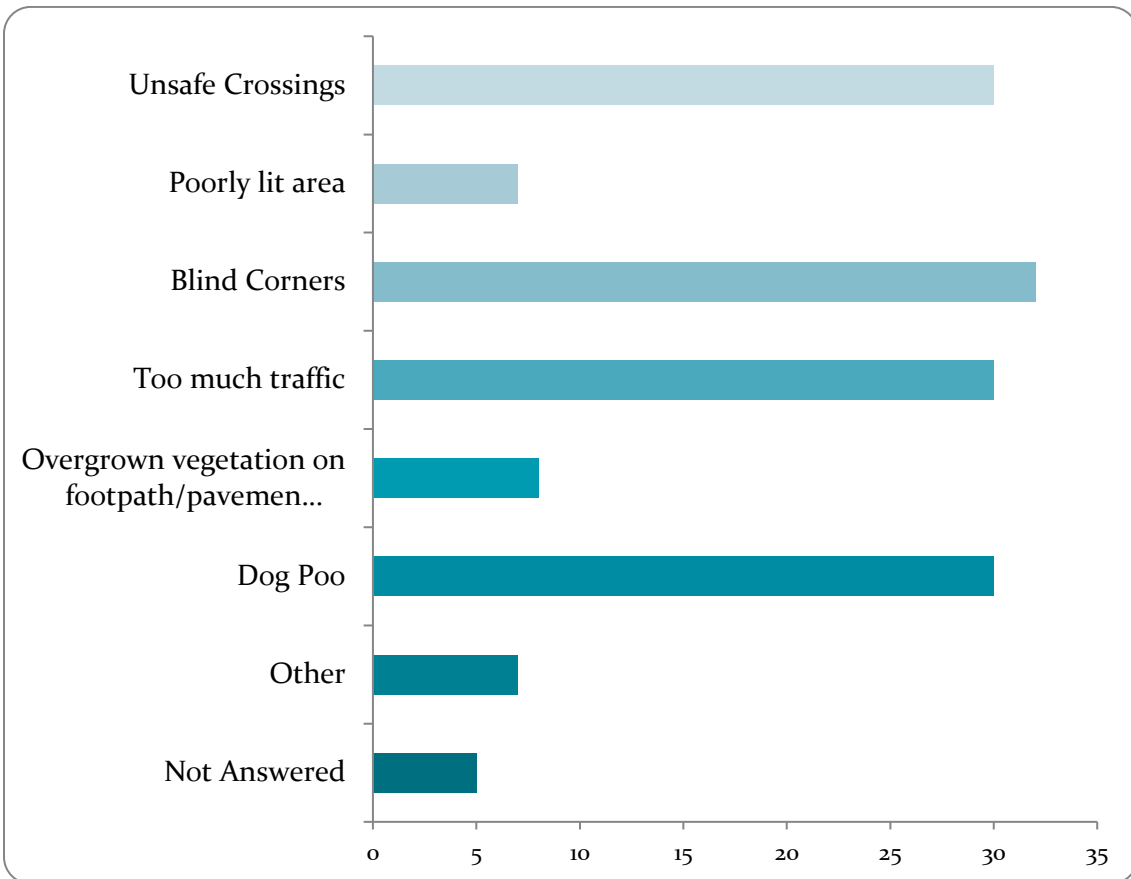
Parent Survey on how they currently travel to school with their children



Staff Survey on how they currently travel to school



Barriers/issues on the routes to school



Other noted concerns included cars not adhering to parking regulations, speeding vehicles, pavements too narrow, theft of cycles and scooters, no crossing patrol person and bullies.

We asked parents what improvements they would like to see introduced

- Zebra crossing on South Gyle Mains, South Gyle
- Better parking enforcement around the school, red lines and resident only parking
- Better lighting in Gyle Park
- Widen pavements
- Extend Road closures
- Utilise Tesco Car park for drop off and pick up times
- Crowding around gates needs to be managed
- Clearer signage to stop people parking and signage on roads needs renewed
- Speeding vehicles to be dealt with

Actions and Travel Plan Updates

The school has a high percentage of pupils walking to school with an average of 59% over the four years of hands up survey data submitted. This was also evident through the recent travel surveys carried out also.

The school also falls under the 29% national average of pupils taking the car to school with only 7.8% of the pupils arriving 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
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
Lighting in Gylemuir Park	Street Lighting	2023
Parking Restrictions	Road Safety	2023
Pedestrian Crossing on South Gyle Mains, Southgyle Road and Wester Broom Place	Road Safety	2024
Additional cycle racks to be implemented	Road Safety	2023
Park and stride from Tesco Car park	School to establish	2023
Ensure JRSO's are active	School/Road Safety	Ongoing
Take part in Sustrans Hands Up Survey	School	Annually in September
Ensure Travel Plan is communicated to all parents and placed on website.	School	Annually
Traffic surveys to be undertaken South Gyle Road	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 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:

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Date:

Date:

Gylemuir Primary School:

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Gylemuir Parent Council:

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