

BURNBRAE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TRAVEL PLAN 2023



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Introduction

This school Travel Plan documents the measures and initiatives that will be implemented by Burnbrae Primary School to reduce unnecessary car use, encourage healthy and sustainable travel options and increase safety for children getting to and from school. This is fully in accordance with the school's vision, which states that it aims, "to provide and resource an environment....which encourages each pupil and staff member to achieve their full potential in all aspects of life and to work as effective contributors and responsible citizens." The measures will include walking and cycling initiatives as well as educational programmes.

School Description

Burnbrae Primary School is a relatively new building, opened in 2012 to replace the former Hopefield Primary School to accommodate all the pupils living in the new Hopefield housing areas and around the former school. Our current school roll is approximately 525 pupils which includes 2 ASN provisions plus a 120 nursery. There are 26 classes and 3 nursery classes. Our school has 2 buildings - there is a separate Travel Plan for our Early Years building which houses our nursery and complex needs provision.

The school is located on Burnbrae Road, with the vehicle entrance/staff car park being located separately further down this road. The school day starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.15pm.

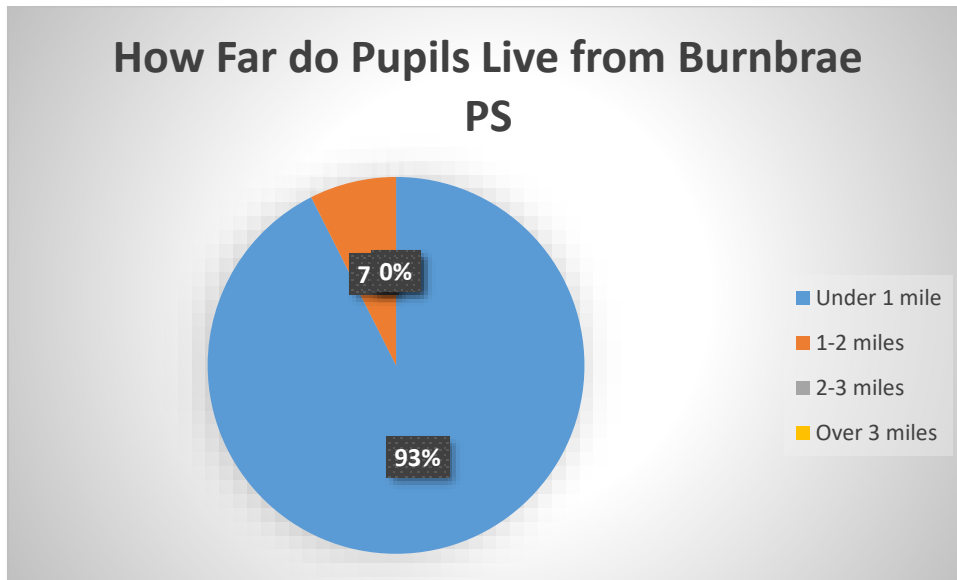
There are a number of afterschool clubs running on various days of the week.

Current School Travel Information

Pupil/Parent Travel Survey Results

All parents/carers were asked for feedback on their child's route to school which were analysed - these will be used as representative of parental views alongside Hands up Survey data from 2022. When questioned about how they currently travel to school, answers showed the following:

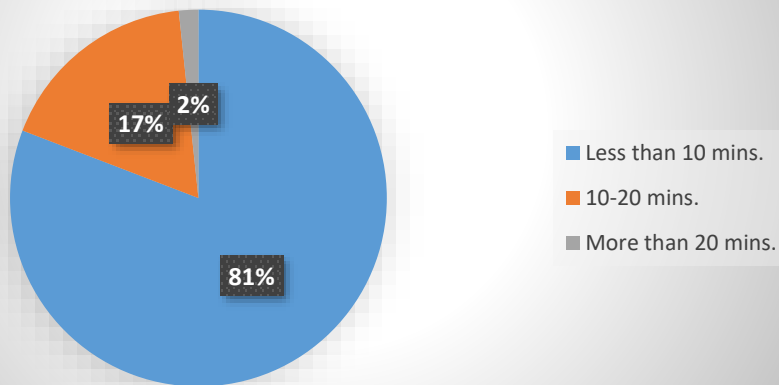
How far do you live from the school?



A huge 93% of pupils live under 1 mile from school. All remaining pupils, a further 7%, live under 2 miles which is within acceptable walking/cycling distance. No pupils live over 2 miles from school.

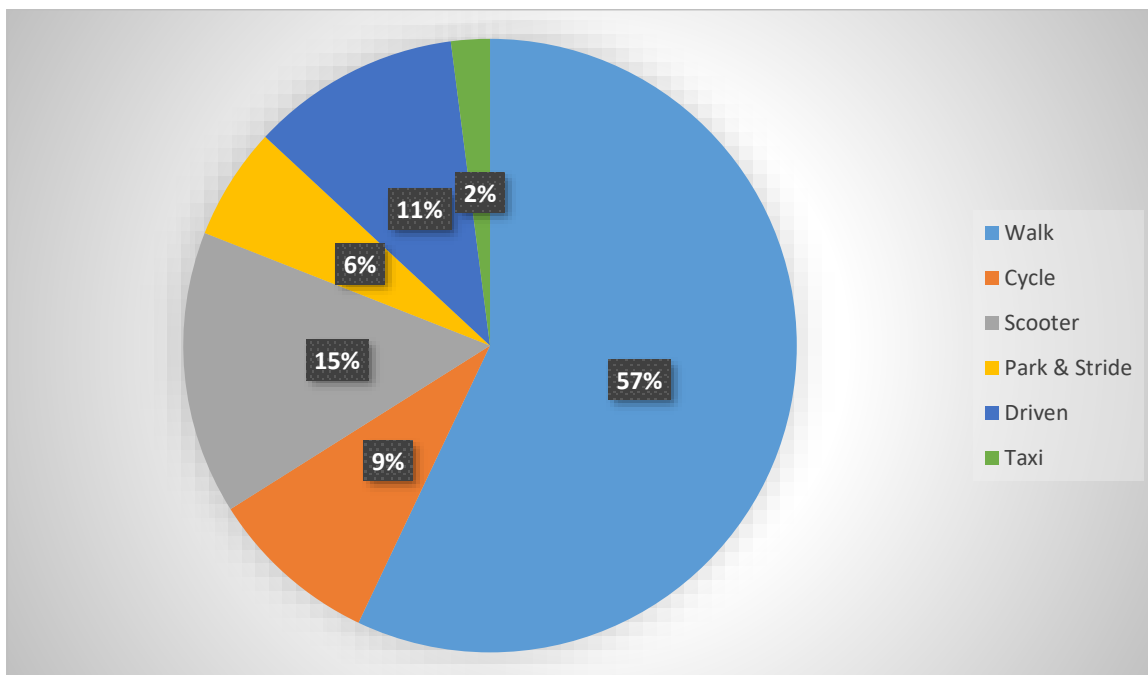
How long does the walking journey to school take your children?

How Long is Walking Journey to Burnbrae PS



81% of pupils have a walking journey time of 10 minutes or less with a further 17% being between 10-20 mins. Only 2% of pupils have a walking journey time of over 20 mins.

How Does Your Child Travel to & From School?



57% of children walk to school with a further 24% travelling by bike or scooter. 6% of pupils use a Park & Walk scheme whilst 11% actually travel all the way by car; this is down 4% since our last surveys which we're pleased about.

If you could choose, how would parents prefer their child to travel to school?

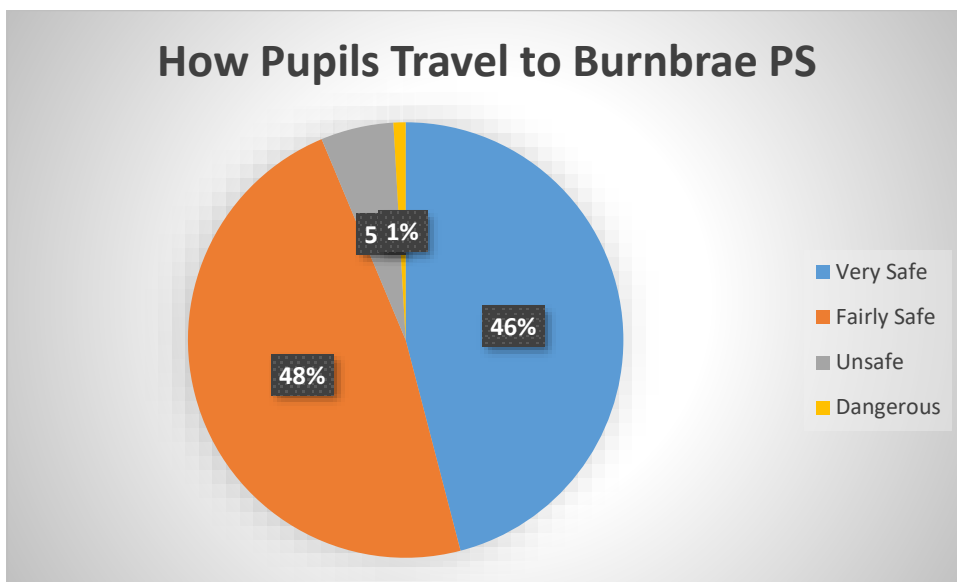
Walk	75%
Cycle	22%
Car	3%

For car users only

Of those parents who currently take children to school by car, 41% make a specific journey with 59% combining the journey with a journey to work, nursery, etc.

For parents whose children walk/cycle to school only

How Safe Do You Consider Your Route To Be?



94% of parents consider their child's journey to school to be fairly safe or very safe. 5% of parents feel their child's journey is potentially unsafe with 1% considering it to be actually dangerous.

Improvements parents recommended to make walking/cycling to school safer and encourage active travel

- My concern mainly for safety is the traffic, the road can be so congested, and many drivers still drive too fast on the main roads. It would be good to have maybe a couple of lollipop men/women in surrounding areas around the major crossings areas. Possibly more pelican crossings within the estate and more bumps to slow down the traffic. The Hopefield estate should have a speed limit of 20 all over not just certain parts of the estate.

- We live on Grove Farm Gardens and no safe place to cross for independent walking for children.
- Zebra crossing at bottom of Saw Mill Terrace/ Burnbrae Road to cross over to the path that leads to the park
- Some parents doing the school run in the morning fail to stop at the zebra crossings. Parents using the school car park as a drop off area. Close to children walking and crossing roads. Parents parking on the main road rather than car park opposite. Suddenly stopping or pulling out without indicating. I am concerned the roads around the school are not safe.
- Close the school gates or have them manned to prevent lazy parents turning in there. Put cones or bollards on the road to prevent parking. Traffic lights rather than a zebra crossing outside the school.
- I think cars should stop parking on the road on the lead up to the school and doing u turns in the bend as they speed off without looking and the give way like has worn away. I also feel a lollipop person would be a safe approach. It's a 20mph zone but there are cars that still fly up past the school whilst the kids are crossing.
- My main road safety concerns are due to the sheer volume of traffic, in particular the amount of parents and carers using the school car park. This makes crossing the road and walking to my child's school classroom difficult. I am under the impression that at the start of the school day, this should only be used by taxis yet the car park and the sides of the street entering this is choc a block with cars. I have previously raised this but there has been nothing done to discourage this. As a result, the same people come in here day in and day out. I think something more needs done other than sending a message out as these are clearly being ignored. In the past the gates were closed and only opened to people who were authorised to enter. Could a similar exercise not be considered, sending a clear message to parents and carers? I fear this is an accident waiting to happen.
- There is no traffic calming or crossings on Burnbrae Terrace. This is a main route for a lot of children and it would make sense that there was something on this route.
- I would say dangerous parking on double yellow/zig zag lines outside the school every single day by parents. This is extremely dangerous and creates a situation where a child being hit by a car vastly increases.
- I have concerns about sawmill terrace and the difficulty crossing from Grove Farm Gardens. There is no crossing and the cars travel very fast and cars parked everywhere so limited view.
- In the winter months it can be difficult for the kids to be seen. I want a crossing put in so my kids can walk up themselves without me worrying about them crossing Sawmill Terrace.
- My comments on travel are:
 - * Drop off's are regularly seen on zig zags and bus stops near the school.
 - * not enough secure bicycle parking.
- My child walks from Burnbrae Gardens which means that they have to cross Burnbrae Road at one of the zebra crossings. Cars fly up this road, it would be good if the crossings had a patrol crossing

person before and after school? Also Burnbrae Terrace has no crossings for him. Ideally a zebra crossing or traffic lights there too? I'm aware that these are probably not likely, especially with Midlothian's budget cuts but these are the issues that we face walking from our house and they are accidents waiting to happen!

Aims and Objectives

As with most schools in Midlothian, parking at the school gate at peak times is a problem at Burnbrae Primary School. It is considered that the level of congestion caused by unnecessary car use presents a significant risk to the health and safety of our pupils. It is our aim to increase the number of children using sustainable and healthy modes of transport and to reduce the number of parents who park too close to the school gates. We would prefer that, if it is absolutely necessary to travel by car, they park a little way away and allowing their children an opportunity to walk at least some of the way to school.

Roles and Responsibilities

Mrs Clarkson, Head Teacher will assume main responsibility for implementing the School Travel Plan.

Programme of events/initiatives selected

Solution	Target	Undertaken by	timescale
Walking solutions	Walk to school week	School and School Travel Co-ordinator (STC)	May & Oct. annually
Cycling solutions	Cycle training for P6	School and parent volunteers with Active Schools	Annually
Car solutions	Display of Smart Parking Banner	School/School Travel Co-ordinator	6 monthly
Education solutions	Road Safety Awareness	School, JRSO and RSO (Steps to safety)	Ongoing
	Health promotion	School (part of Health promoting project)	Ongoing
	Citizenship	school	Ongoing
Traffic management	Ask authority to look at our measures highlighted by parents	STC, Midlothian Council	
Promotional	Travel plan launch	School, RSO and STC	
	Updating school information booklet to inform parents of travel plan	School	
	Update of travel plan	School Travel Co-ordinator, Pupil Council, PTA and parents	Next plan due, Feb 2025

Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular updates reported at staff meetings

Data concerning perceptions of safety about school travel to be collected from JRSO children and Pupil Council members.

School Travel Plan to be reviewed every second year - next due Feb 2025.

