

School Travel Planning

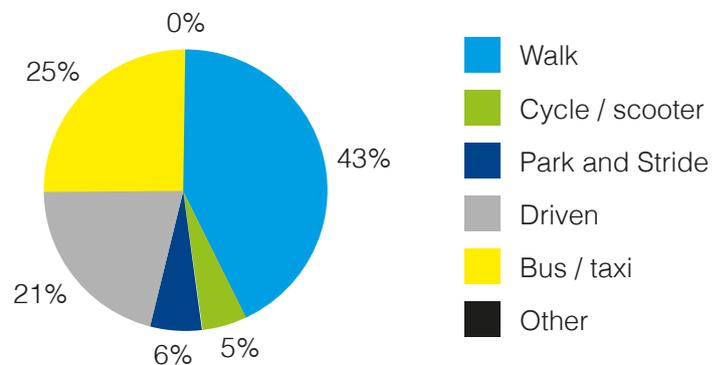
Why do we need a School Travel Plan?

- Are you concerned about the **environment** around the school or more generally?
- Do you feel that you have inadequate **facilities** for parking or drop-off zones?
- Do you feel that your school has **congestion** or **road safety** problems?
- Do you feel that the school can help pupils to live more **healthily**?
- Do you feel that routes to school are **unsafe**?
- If your answer to **any** of these is **YES**, a School Travel Plan can help!

Facts and figures

- UK Road traffic volumes have **nearly doubled** over the last 30 years.
- Over the next 20 years, this could **increase again** by over one third¹.
- At 8:50 am, **1 in 5 cars** on the road is taking a child to school².
- In 2012, nearly **1 in 4** children³ were being **driven** to school.
- Parents often mention safety as the reason for driving to school (Scottish Executive). Yet statistics suggest that cars are one of the **least** safe modes of transport: a child travelling by car is almost **twice** as likely to be a casualty than a child travelling by bus⁴.

Travel to School
Aberdeenshire Hands Up Survey 2012



¹ Department for Transport

² National Travel Survey, 2007/2009

³ Sustrans Hands Up Survey Scotland, Aberdeenshire Results, 2012

⁴ The Scottish Executive Road Accident Statistics (2009)

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Effects

- **Concerns for safety of children travelling unaccompanied**

- School journey becomes part of journey to work

- **Concerns about road traffic danger**

- Increasing car ownership and use

- More households with second cars

- Increasing parental choice, school closures, wider catchment areas

Increased car use

MORE

- **Concerns for safety of children travelling unaccompanied**

- Atmospheric pollution around schools

- Create travel habits early in life that are hard to change

LESS

- **Opportunity for children to develop road and personal safety skills**

- Exercise: health impact

- Independence and social interaction for children

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The School Travel Plan

What is it?

A document that:

- Summarises current travel patterns and traffic problems
- Sets targets
- Identifies solutions
- Addresses all aspects of the journey to school and encourages:
 - Walking
 - Cycling
 - Use of public transport
 - Better management of remaining 'school run' vehicles

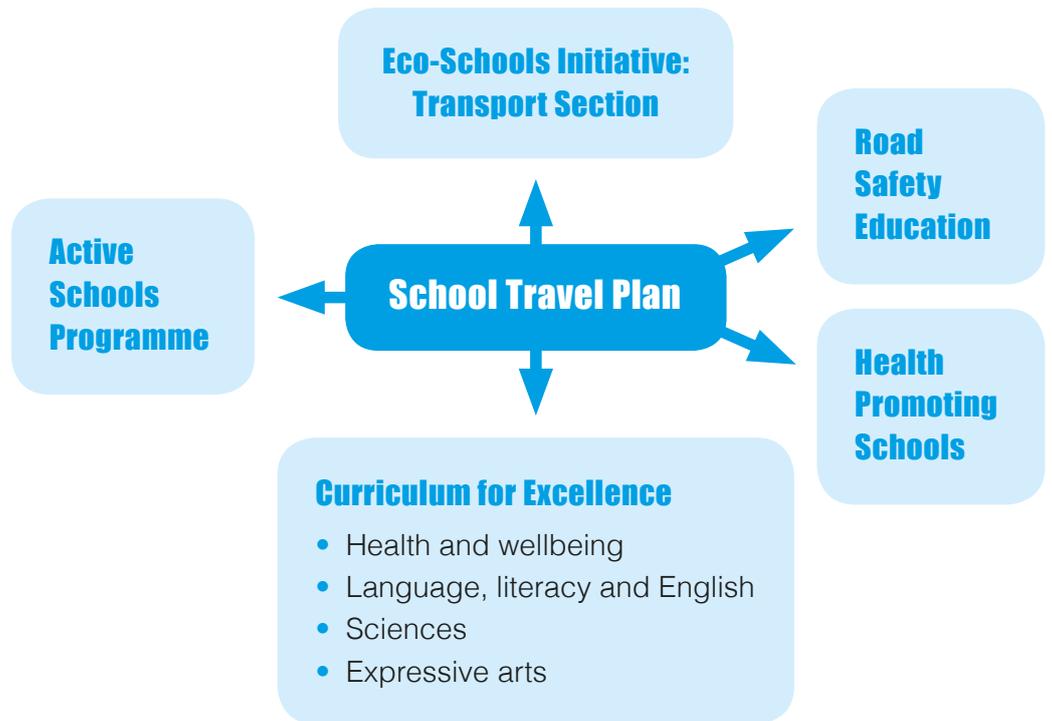
A School Travel Plan is an opportunity to **identify** and **promote practical alternatives** that meet the varied needs of the school community by encouraging parents, pupils and staff to consider different ways of travelling to school.



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Links to other activities

All schools in Scotland are encouraged to develop their own School Travel Plans. The best aspect of this, apart from the benefits of having a plan, is that schools will be able to tie in their School Travel Plan to a number of other projects, some of which are:



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