

GLENCORSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



'A small school building big dreams'

**SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN
2018-2020**

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Introduction

This school Travel Plan documents the measures and initiatives that will be implemented by Glencorse 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 aims, "to motivate children to develop independent life long learning skills, by becoming Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors." The measures will include walking and cycling initiatives as well as educational programmes.

School Description

Glencorse Primary School was built in 1875 and is a two storey stone building. The building is well maintained and the school is in excellent condition. There are four main classrooms, an ICT Suite, a Support for Learning base and a small hall. There is a separate dining hall. The playground area, which consists of two shelters, is covered in tarmac.

We currently have a roll of 18 pupils in a multi-composite class P1-7.

The school serves the Milton Bridge area of Penicuik and the village of Auchendinny. The school is fronted onto the very busy Edinburgh Road. There is a crossing guide to assist children in crossing this road and a crossing over Edinburgh Road and Graham's Road. There is however a narrow pavement on only one side of Belwood Road. As the school does not have a car park, staff and parents have to park on Graham's Road, making it even more difficult for children to cross. There are speed bumps on Graham's Road.

Current School Travel Information

Staff Travel Survey - 4 responses

75% of staff currently drive to school with 25% travelling as a car passenger.

The main reasons stated for car travel were:-

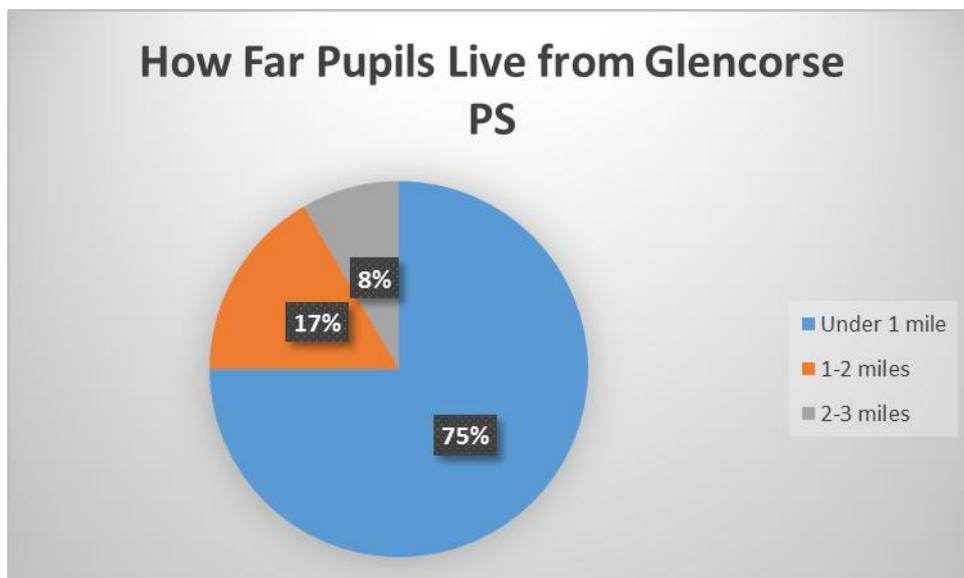
- Activities after work
- Convenience
- Need car for work duties

Of those staff that drive to school, 33% were interested in finding out more about a car-share scheme. Staff should be made aware of Tripshare on Midlothian Council website to look into this further.

Pupil/Parent Travel Survey Results

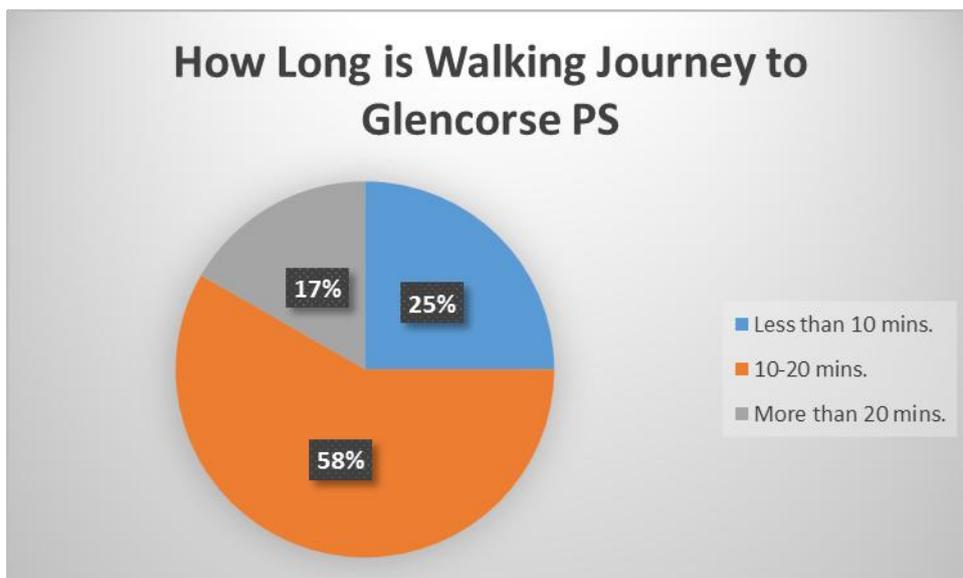
12 parent questionnaires were analysed - these will be used as representative of parental views. When questioned about how they currently travel to school, answers showed the following:

How far do you live from the school?



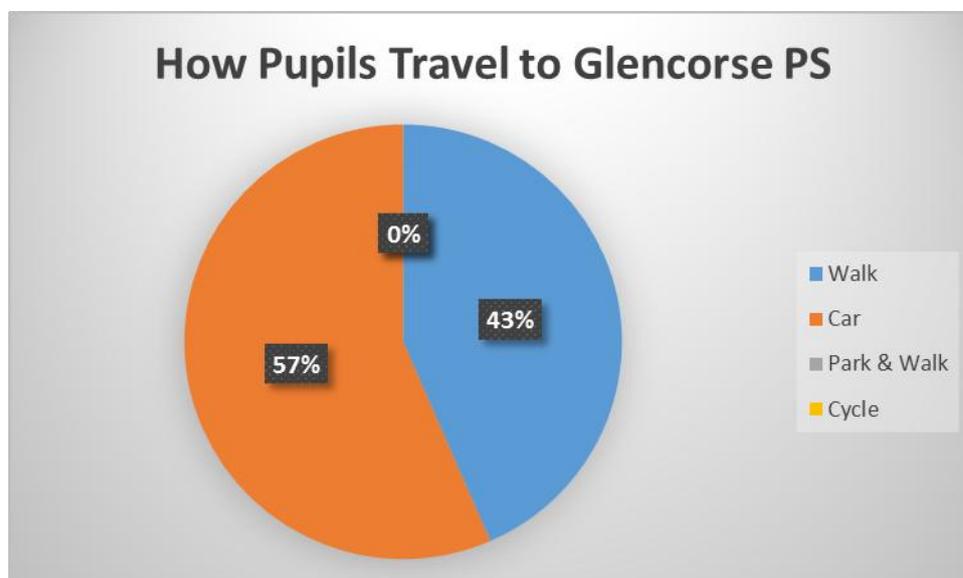
75% of our pupils live under 1 mile from school. A further 17% live under 2 miles, within acceptable walking/cycling distance albeit some of our routes may not lend themselves to this. 8% of our pupils currently live over 2 miles from school.

How long does the journey to school take your children?



25% of pupils have a journey time of 10 minutes or less with 58% being between 10 -20 minutes. However 17% of pupils have a journey time of over 20 minutes.

How Does Your Child Travel to & From School?



57% of our pupils walk to school with 43% being driven. Currently no pupils have reported cycling to school or using a Park & Walk scheme. As our pupil roll is small our figures are very variable and even an extra pupil or two walking can make a big difference!

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

Walk	91%
Cycle	0%
Car	9%

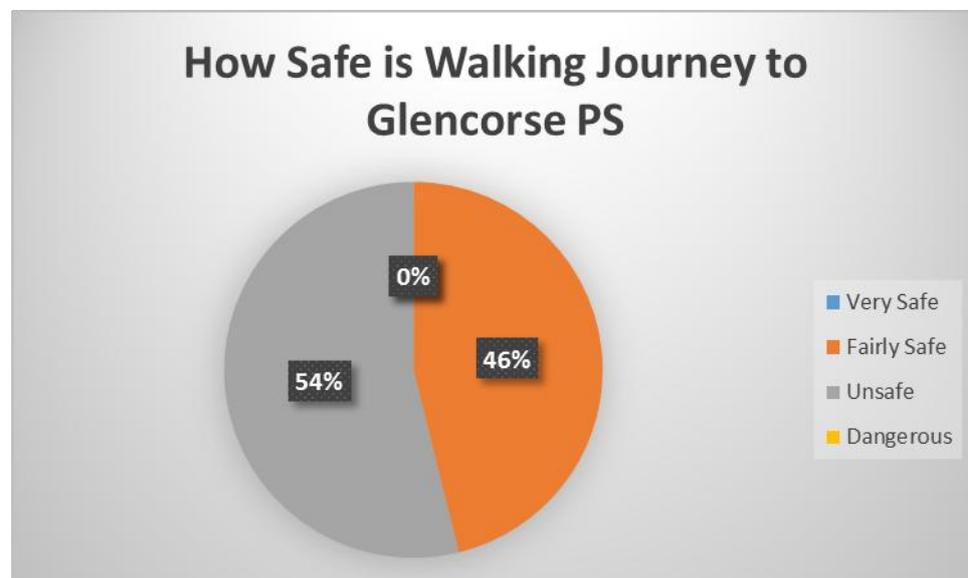
This shows that a large percentage of parents prefer their child to walk to school with 9% of parents prefer their child to come by car - this is due to distance or walking conditions. No parents would prefer their child to cycle to school, again probably due to our location on the A701.

For car users only

Of those parents who currently take children to school by car, 78% combine with another journey, i.e. to work etc. with 22% of parents making a specific journey just to school.

For parents whose children walk/cycle to school only

How Safe Do You Consider Your Route To Be?



46% of walkers consider their journey to be either fairly safe although no respondents consider it very safe. 54% of parents feel that there are potentially unsafe areas on their route (mainly due to walking route being along the A701). Nobody considered their route to be actually dangerous.

Improvements parents recommended to make walking/cycling to school safer (Noted when more than 1 respondent)

- . 3 suggestions were for continuous barriers from Milton Bridge to school along A701 and continuing to Beeslack HS.
- . 2 people felt speeds should be reduced on Graham's Road.
- . 2 suggestions were to widen the footpath on Graham's Road.
- . 2 people highlighted difficulties crossing entrance to Greenlaw Mains Estate.

Aims and Objectives

As with most schools in Midlothian, parking at the school gate at peak times can be a problem at Glencorse Primary School, exacerbated by the lack of staff car park. 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, if pupils have no option than to travel by car, which they park a little way away and allowing their children an opportunity to walk at least part of the way - the streets in the Greenlaw Mains estate would be ideal for this purpose.

Roles and Responsibilities – Hilary McEwan (Learning Assistant) 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 Kerbcraft Road Safety programme	School and School Travel Co-ordinator (STC) School, parental volunteers	Every May & October annually
Cycling solutions	Cycle training for P6 and P7	School with Active Schools	
Car solutions	Display of Smart Parking Banner	School/School Travel Co-ordinator	6 monthly
Education solutions	Road Safety Awareness Health promotion Citizenship	School, JRSO and RSO (Steps to safety) School (part of Health promoting project) School	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
Traffic management	Ask authority to look at our measures highlighted by parents	STC, Midlothian Council	

Promotional	<p>Travel plan launch</p> <p>Updating school information booklet to inform parents of travel plan</p> <p>Yearly update of travel plan</p>	<p>School, RSO and STC</p> <p>School</p> <p>School Travel Co-ordinator, Pupil Council, PTA and parents</p>	
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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 May 2020.