

BONNYRIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL



TRAVEL PLAN

2019



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Introduction

This school Travel Plan documents the measures and initiatives that will be implemented by Bonnyrigg 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: Today we achieve. Tomorrow we make a difference. The measures will include walking and cycling initiatives as well as educational programmes.

School Description

Bonnyrigg Primary School is a new building, opened in 2009 to replace our former school. Our current school roll is approximately 417 pupils plus a 60/60 nursery. There are 15 classes and 2 nursery classes.

The school is located on Cockpen Road, with the staff car park being located separately further down this road. Pedestrian entrances are on Cockpen Road and at the rear entrance from Sherwood where there are parking bays that we recommend parents to use, saving congestion at the front of the school. The school day starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.15pm.

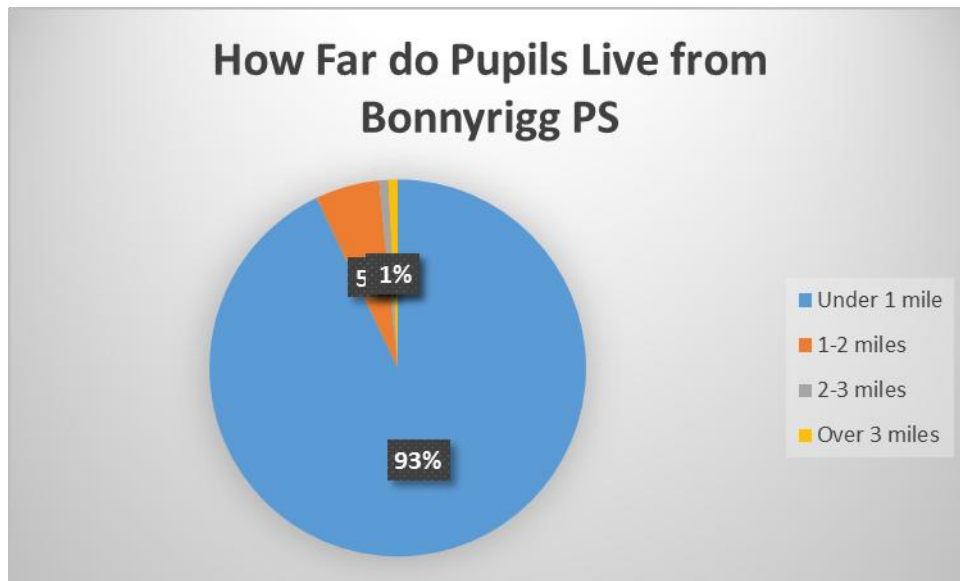
There are after school extracurricular activities on various days of the week and an After School/Breakfast Club operates from our building daily.

Current School Travel Information

Pupil/Parent Travel Survey Results

127 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:

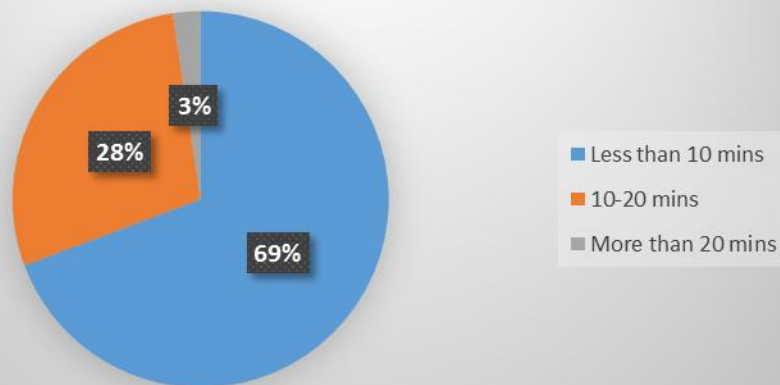
How far do you live from the school?



A large number of pupils - 93% of pupils live under 1 mile from school. A further 5% live under 2 miles, within acceptable walking/cycling distance. Only 2% of pupils are reported as living over 2 miles from school.

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

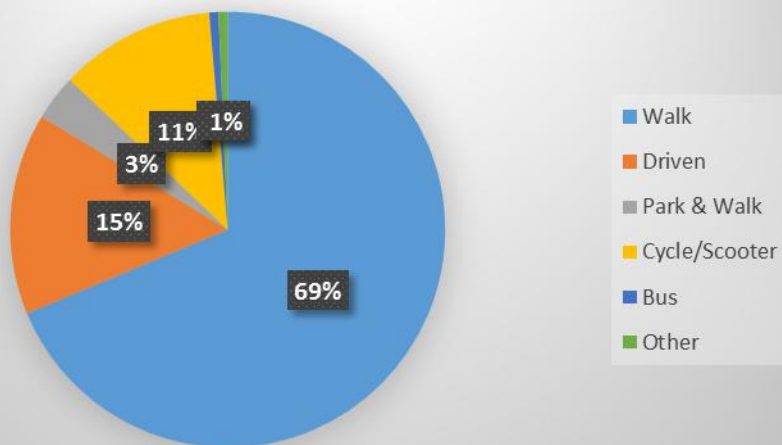
How Long is Walking Journey to Bonnyrigg PS



69% of pupils have a walking journey time of under 10 mins, with a further 28% having a journey time under 20 mins. Only 3% of pupils reported having a walking journey of greater than 20 mins.

How Does Your Child Travel to & From School?

How Pupils Travel to Bonnyrigg PS



69% of children who we received responses from walk to school with 11% cycling or bringing their scooter. We are really pleased with this amount of active travel. 3% of pupils use a Park & Walk scheme whilst 15% actually travel all the

way by car, a figure which although not drastically high we would really like to reduce.

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

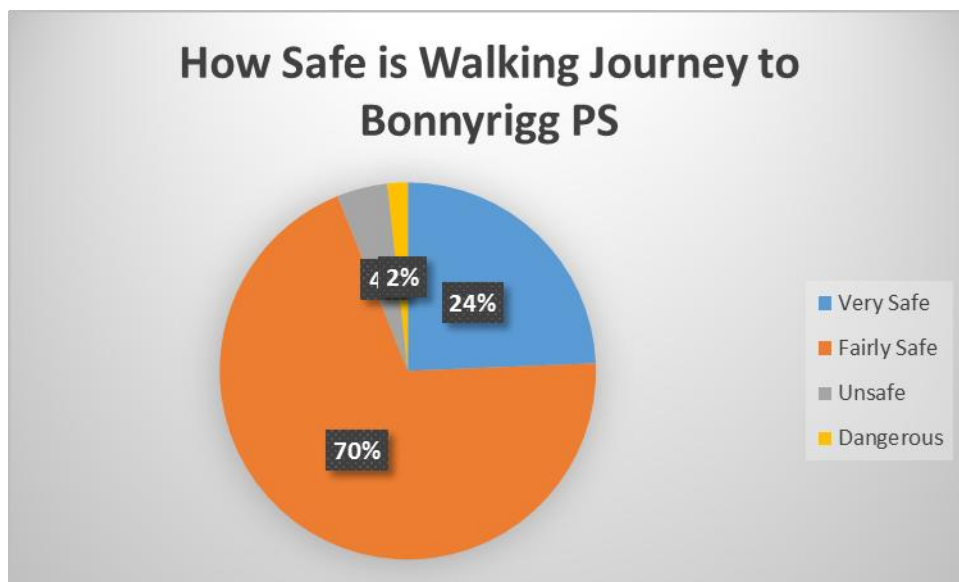
Walk	82%
Cycle	13%
Car	5%

This shows that a further 13% of parents would like their child to walk to school that don't currently.

For car users only

Of those parents who currently take children to school by car, 22% make a specific journey with 78% 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. 4% of parents feel their child's journey is potentially unsafe with 2% considering it to be actually dangerous.

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

- 16 requests were for crossing assistance on Sherwood Crescent from Hopefield estate.
- 7 respondents highlighted difficulties with pupils crossing Laird Terrace.
- 6 requests were for greater enforcement on Laird Terrace double yellow lines.
- 5 people mentioned high speeds on Cockpen Road.
- 4 requests were for crossing assistance at entrance to Sherwood estate.
- 3 people felt speeds should be lowered in Sherwood Estate.
- 3 people suggested more visi-rail on Cockpen Road towards Laird Terrace.
- 3 people raised an issue with the amount of dog poo on local streets
- 3 concerns were raised about crossing Sherwood Place
- 2 people suggested a zebra crossing facility at school car park entrance.
- 2 people felt a crossing facility was required at the bottom of Burnbrae Road
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Aims and Objectives

As with most schools in Midlothian, parking at the school gate at peak times is a problem at Bonnyrigg 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 are pleased that our car travel figure has decreased however we would like to see the number of pupils travelling all the way to the school gate by car reduced even further and hope to see a further reduction by our next travel surveys. 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 Black (LA) 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)	Annually May & Oct.
Cycling solutions	Cycle training for P6	School 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. 2021

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. 2021.