

School Travel Plan 2023

Craigbank Primary School



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Introduction

Craigbank Primary School's Travel Plan intends to devise appropriate measures and best practice for the travel arrangements of both staff and pupils alike. We believe that a School Travel Plan (STP) will address a variety of road safety problems around the school and have a positive impact of both the school and the local environment.

Our School Travel Plan (STP) has been written with input from staff, parents and pupils through the completion of different questionnaire surveys. These questionnaires gauged staff, parents and pupils concerns about travelling to school and also gave them the opportunity to discuss how their journey to school could be improved.

The main objective of Craigbank Primary School's STP is:

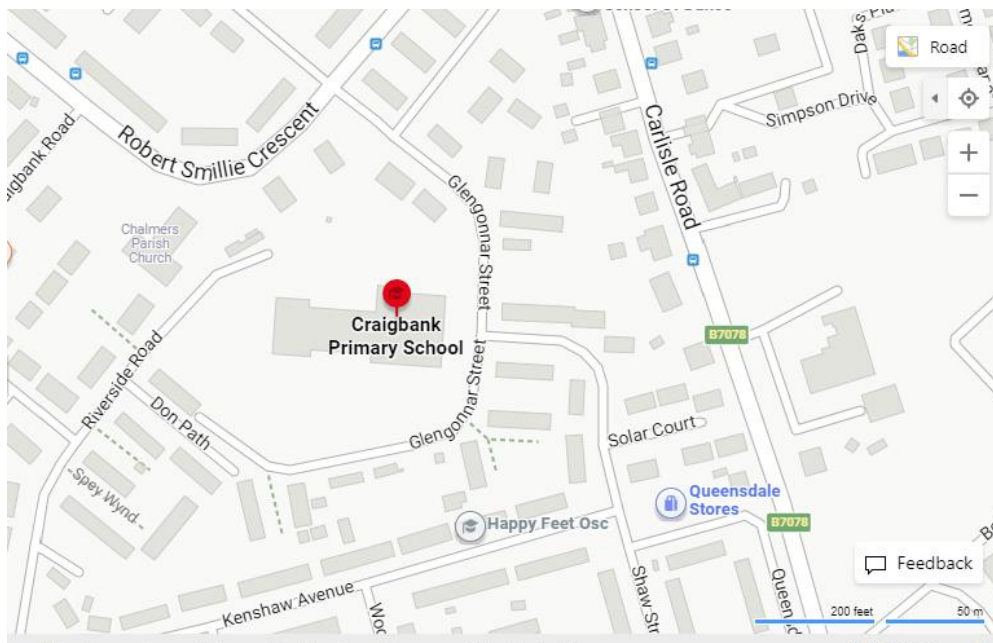
- To further improve the safety of all pupils when travelling to and from school.

Further objectives are to:

- Reduce congestion around the school.
- Improve the safety of routes to the school.
- Reduce the detrimental impact that cars have on our environment.
- Improve the health and fitness of staff, pupils and parents.
- Further our school image and develop our school ethos.

We aim to meet these objectives by encouraging staff, parents and pupils to adopt sustainable transport alternatives to travel to school. These are set out and fully expanded in the Key Initiatives with Objectives and Targets and Programme for Implementation sections.

Brief Description of the School



Craigbank Primary School is situated in the Strutherhill area of Larkhall and has an approximate roll of 153 pupils. We are currently undertaking a number of school committees that involve both staff and pupils sharing ideas and undertaking a number of whole school initiatives throughout the school year. These include:

- Pupil Council
- Digital Ambassadors
- Climate Change
- Junior Road Safety Officers
- Fairtrade
- Eco
- Health
- Learning Champions

In addition, we are currently working to become a Making Rights Real School This involves all stakeholders understanding the Rights of the Child as set out by UNICEF and working together to ensure that these rights are evident throughout our school.

We are also currently engaged in becoming a National Nurturing School. This ????

The school opening hours are 9am to 3pm and we have several pre and post school clubs. These include a Breakfast Club, run by The Machan Trust, that is open from 8am, a lunch club that takes place every Wednesday lunchtime. Various sporting activities are also available including netball, football, athletics. We work closely with our active school

coordinator and have trialed different sports including cycling, rugby, tennis and multi sports.

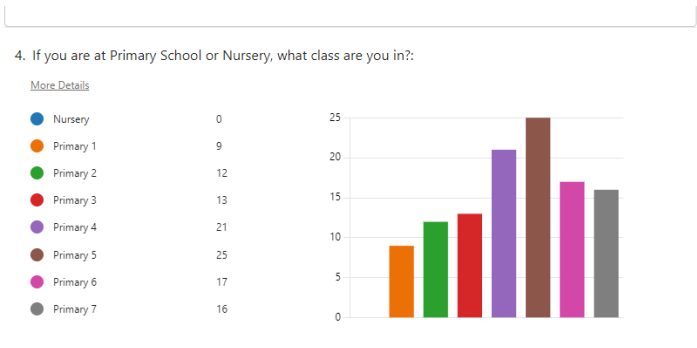
The school is located on Glengonnar Street and is accessed from Shaw Street or Criagbank Street. It is situated off the main road with the entrance to the school on a t- junction with Shaw Street. The drop-off zone is situated in the school car park. The school community wing shares part of the school car park. The community wing is used by the local community on a daily basis. There is a few local shops which are situated close to the school. There can be a variety of traffic on Glengonnar Street as this road connects the areas of Birkenshaw and Strutherhill. The main exit from the school leads onto Glengonnar Street. To access the drop off zone from the main exit pupils need to walk around the school building through the delivery zone. Pupils are asked not to do this without the supervision of an adult.

Evidence of consultation

School Travel Plan - Pupil Questionnaire Craigbank Primary School :114 Respondents

I am in stage:

- P1 - 9 (47%)
- P2 - 12 (48%)
- P3 - 13 (87%)
- P4 - 21 (87%)
- P5 - 25 (83%)
- P6 - 17 (83%)
- P7 - 16 (89%)



I am a :

- Boy - 52 (47%)
- Girl - 58 (53%)

How far do you normally travel to school?

- Less than a mile - 87 (80%)
- Between 1 and 2 miles - 16 (15%)
- Over 2 miles - 6 (5%)

How far do you travel to and from school (select all that apply)

- Walk 45 (41%)

Car or taxi	52 (47%)
Train	1 (1%)
Bicycle	2 (2%)
Bus	0
Scooter	2 (2%)
Other	8 (7%)

Do you usually come to school:

With other children and an adult	38 (35%)
With other children but no adult	19 (17%)
On your own	20 (18%)
With an adult	33 (30%)

If you could choose, how would you like to travel to and from school?

Walk	42 (36%)
Taxi/ car	5 (4%)
Bicycle	27 (23%)
Bus	9 (8%)
Train	6 (5%)
Scooter	7 (6%)
Other	22 (19%)

Would you like to walk with a group of children and adults to school?

Yes	42 (38%)
No	44 (40%)
Not sure	24 (22%)

Do you have a bicycle?

Yes	89 (82%)
No	20 (18%)

If you have a bicycle, would you like to cycle with a group of children and adults to school?

Yes	51 (47%)
No	57 (53%)

What makes it difficult for you to walk or cycle to school? (select up to three options)

Bad weather	59 (25.5%)
Not allowed by parents	22 (9.5%)
Scared of strangers	29 (12.5%)
Distance too far	22 (9.5%)
Roads are too busy	38 (16%)
Don't want to	24 (10%)
Scared of bullying	12 (5%)
Traffic too fast	25 (11%)

If you travel to school by car, how many other pupils usually travel with you?

None	36 (35%)
One	30 (29%)
Two	15 (15%)
Three	12 (12%)
More than three	10 (9%)

Do you think that you could park a little further away from the school and have a short walk with an adult or your friends to get to and from your school? This is called 'Park and Stride'!

No	46 (44%)
Yes	59 (56%)

If 'No' can you say why?

43 responses which include:

- No time parent needs to go straight to work
- Too many siblings
- Because it is too dangerous
- Because it is too far, no where to park, bad traffic, timewise

Can you think of any suitable locations to use as a pick up/drop off or as a Park and Stride site?

71 responses which include:

- One o One Shop
- Mo's shop
- Church Car Park
- Middle Park on Shaw Street
- Glengonnar Street

How do you think your journey to school could be made safer?

88 responses which include:

- Look both ways when near roads
- Lollipop person x 28
- People drive at the speed limit
- Traffic lights
- Zebra crossing
- Walk with an adult x 4
- Look for cars be safe don't just run on the road when a car is coming be safe
- If the cars on the road wouldn't go really fast

School Travel Plan - Employee Survey Craigbank Primary School Base: 15 Respondents

How do you normally travel to and from school (select all that apply)?

Walk	2 (13%)
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Car as a driver	12 (80%)
Car as a passenger	1 (7%)
Bus	0
Train	0
Bicycle	0
Motorcycle	0

Ideally, how would you prefer to travel to school (select all that apply).

Walk	4 (22%)
Car as a driver	11 (61%)
Car as a passenger	3 (17%)
Bus	0
Train	0
Bicycle	0
Motorcycle	0

Please give reasons for wishing to travel this way.

11 responses which include:

- Only way to get to work
- Easiest way to get to work from my house
- Childcare
- Ease
- Convenient
- I live in a place which does not have public transport
- Do not like driving in bad weather
- Buses are unreliable and would need to change buses
- Prefer to walk but distance too great. Also work set hours so unable to car share

If you travel to school by car as a driver, would you consider sharing the trip (car sharing)?

Yes	7 (47%)
No	8 (53%)

If 'NO' can you say why

11 responses include:

- Time scales - work different hours to staff
- To suit childcare and family life
- To restrictive

If you currently travel by car as a driver, what would persuade you to consider car sharing?

15 responses include:

- Nothing x6
- Regular and reliable public transport/ better transport links
- Living near someone
- Willingness of other to leave early
- Cost effectiveness

Do you have any concerns in relation to the school journey or traffic around the school vicinity (for you or the pupils)?

15 responses include:

Parked cars

No school crossing patrol x3

No safe places to cross the road x4

Cars parking on the corners of the junction-n directly outside the school gates cause obstruction to view as a driver, children crossing the road, congestion for everyone.

Do you have any other comments in relation to school travel?

15 responses include:

No x14

Crossing control would be beneficial as school gate is directly onto a busy junction

School Travel Plan - Parents Survey

Craigbank Primary School

Base: 25 Respondents

If you are responding for a child at Primary School, please specify your child's class.

Primary 1	6 (24%)
Primary 2	3 (12%)
Primary 3	2 (8%)
Primary 4	5 (20%)
Primary 5	4 (16%)
Primary 6	4 (16%)
Primary 7	1 (4%)

Is your child:

Male	10 (40%)
Female	14 (56%)
Prefer not to say	1 (4%)

For Primary Schools, how far does your child travel to school?

Less than 1 mile	23(92%)
Between 1 and 2 miles	1 (4%)
Over 2 miles	1 (4%)

How does your child normally travel to and from school? (select all that apply)

Walk	12 (48%)
Car or taxi	12 (48%)
Train	0
Bicycle	1 (4%)
Bus	0

Scooter	0
Other	0

If you could choose, how would you prefer you child to travel to and from school?

Walk	13 (59%)
Car or taxi	7 (32%)
Train	0
Bicycle	1 (4.5%)
Bus	0
Scooter	1 (4.5%)
Other	0

How does your child usually travel to school?

With other children and an adult	5 (20%)
With other children but no adult	3 (12%)
On their own	2 (8%)
With an adult	15 (60%)

Would / do you allow your child to walk to school?

Yes, if supervised	15 (60%)
Yes, if unsupervised	7 (28%)
No	3 (12%)

Would / do you allow your child to cycle to school?

Yes, if supervised	11 (44%)
Yes, if unsupervised	8 (32%)
No	6 (24%)

Would you be available as a parent volunteer to supervise a small group of children walking to school (walking bus)?

Yes	3 (12%)
No	15(60%)
Not sure	7 (28%)

Would you be available as a parent volunteer to supervise a small group of children cycling to school (cycle train)?

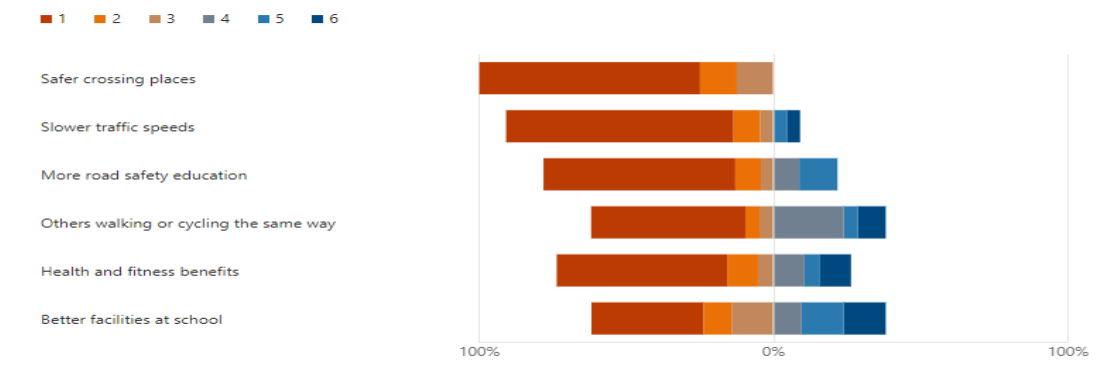
Yes	2 (8%)
No	16(64%)
Not sure	7 (28%)

If yes to any of the above volunteering questions, when would you be available for a walking bus or a cycle train?

Monday am	2
Monday pm	1
Tuesday am	2

Tuesday pm	1
Wednesday am	3
Wednesday pm	0
Thursday am	2
Thursday pm	1
Friday am	2
Friday pm	0

What would encourage or enable your child to walk or cycle to school? (Please rank the following aspects in order of importance to you from 1 to 6, with 1 being most important and 6 least important). Please ensure you choose a separate ranking level for each aspect.



If your child travels to or from school by car, how many additional pupils normally travel with them?

None	14 (70%)
One	4 (20%)
Two	2 (10%)
Three	0
More than three	0

If your child travels to or from school by car, and you don't carry any additional pupils, would you consider sharing the journey to or from school with other parents and their children?

Yes	6 (31.5%)
No	7 (37%)
Not sure	6 (31.5%)

We are encouraging those who come to school by car to park a little further away from the school. This will help make the journey to school safer for those children who walk, scoot, or cycle. Would you consider supporting a 'Park & Stride' initiative - parking further away from the school and walking the remaining short distance?

Yes	17 (77%)
No	4 (18%)
Not sure	1 (5%)

**If 'No' or 'Not Sure' can you say why?
4 responses include:**

I go straight to work after drop off

I have one child at school and another child at nursery so the closer I can drop him to go to another nursery the better

The school is very busy with cars and some parents park in front of the cones and don't really care where they are sitting and parking I wouldn't want my child to cross the road or walk to school Because when my child does get taken to school in a car it is usually earlier for breakfast club as I am going to work. On these mornings I don't have time to walk or I would from my house. There is also an adequate drop off point at the school for this purpose which doesn't ever have more than one other car when I drop off in the morning.

Whether or not you would use a Park and Stride scheme, can you give details of suitable locations that could be used as a pick up / drop off area or to be used as a 'Park & Stride' site?. Please give as much detail as possible.

5 responses include:

Church car park x2

At our school there isn't really any suitable places to park and stride. The best and safest way is to drop off via the school car park

I'm not sure if they are anywhere near the school this could be done

No

How satisfied are you with your child's knowledge of road safety?

Very satisfied	3 (12%)
Satisfied	17 (68%)
Dissatisfied	5 (20%)
Very dissatisfied	0

Can you suggest any ways the journey to school can be made safer?

10 responses include:

Reinstate a lollipop person outside our school for safer crossing as there are many parked cars blocking the view. For my children they need to cross a very busy main road and traffic light system would make an easier and safer crossing for them but I understand the council cannot simply erect traffic lights at every main road. Carlisle Road is however extremely busy!

I don't worry about the journey to school it's the parking at the school and the amount of cars that sit all over the place it's really busy the school has put out cones to stop people parking in front of the school and parents just park next to them.

Lollipop person x5

The corner across from school that children need to cross needs double yellow lined to stop those who live in the surrounding houses parking on the corner of the junction... this isn't parents dropping off but residents who live there parking on the corner, meaning children need to step onto the road to see to cross.

Cars not being allowed to stop right outside the front entrance to the school, children crossing the road can't see x2

Summary of School's Transport and Road Safety Problems

Although Craighbank Primary School is located on a side road, there can be significant congestion at the main gate and the school car park before 9am and at 3pm. Cars can be parked on the pavements meaning children have difficulty in staying safe as they walk to school. The school does not meet the requirements to have a School Patrol, it is imperative that the children are able to walk safely when on the roads surrounding the school.

The school is located on Glengonnar Street, which leads from the main road through Larkhall. Craighbank Primary School's main entrance is situated on a T junction and another issue is that the residents park up to an on the junction. Therefore, children need to be encouraged not to cross between the parked cars and be aware when crossing roads.

There is a staff car park on the school grounds with a drop off zone and this is frequently used by parents at drop off and pick up. Drop off is less of an issue as parents arrive at different times. Pick up is very congested with many parents double parking, blocking the flow of traffic. At the front of the school parents park on the road making it unsafe for the children who cross the road.

Signage and leaflets to encourage parents to park further away before allowing their child to walk a short distance to school would be of benefit to make parents aware that this is an option. This would allow the front of the school and the school car park to be less congested at drop-off and pick-up times. Also, the 'Twenty is Plenty' speed initiative would be improved if the markings on the road were reinstated. These are two initiatives that could be led and encouraged by the Junior Road Safety Pupil Voice Committee.

Key Initiatives with Objectives and Targets

Walking

Walking Bus:

Some parents indicated that they would be willing to take part in a Walking Bus. It has been agreed with our School Travel Co-ordinator that we will begin to look into this around October 2023

Car Travel:

78% of all staff indicated in the responses that they travel to work by car and nearly all of the staff live more than 3 miles away from the school. Staff will be made aware of the advantages of car sharing and hopefully, where possible, they will begin to take up this initiative.

Park and Stride:

We are currently trying to implement a 'Park and Stride' area on Glengonnar Street and the surrounding areas. This may be an informal 'Park and Stride' initiative where we encourage parents to park here for those children who travel to school by car and are unable to walk from their homes because of distance.

Park and Stride Objectives:

This initiative will allow parents who are pushed for time to do their best to be involved in our School Travel Plan. It also helps the children to have a little exercise, reduce the congestion which builds up around the school and will improve the safety of all the children who walk to school.

Park and Stride Targets:

We will begin to suggest the possibility of the 'Park and Stride' initiative in November 2023 with a leaflet being issued to the whole school community in November 2023

Cycling

Cycle Storage Facilities:

The school now has a covered cycle shelter and we will continue to encourage pupils to travel to school by bicycle or scooter. We will continue to implement the Wheeled Weekly Mile for each class, using the bike purchased as part of the Participatory Budget

Cycling Objectives:

We want to increase the number of children who come to school on bikes and scooters, as we see it as a healthy activity for pupils and encourages exercise.

Cycling Targets:

To encourage pupils to be willing to ride their scooters or bikes as part of the Wheeled Weekly Mile initiative

Road Safety Awareness

Road Safety Awareness Objectives:

20% of Parents indicated that they did not feel that their children were 'Road Safety Aware'. We continue to implement Road Safety lessons across the school as part of our health and wellbeing curriculum. However, we need to ensure that all children from P1 to P7 are Road Safety aware.

Road Safety Awareness Targets:

Junior Road Safety Pupil Voice Committee will encourage 'Road Safety Awareness'. They will run competitions throughout the year to encourage road safety. In addition they will present 'Road Safety Awareness' at whole school assembly.

Publicity and Awareness

Publicity and Awareness Objectives:

Raise the profile of Craigbank Primary School's School Travel Plan and gain positive press coverage.

Publicity and Awareness Targets:

Make available a School Travel Plan leaflet each term to all parents and pupils. Develop a School Travel Plan Mission Statement. Liaise with our School Travel Coordinator regarding press coverage for any of our initiative launches and event. Use our social media channels to increase awareness of the School Travel Plan

Programme for Implementation

We have created a timeline to show our proposed action plan to implement these short, medium and long term measures.

September 2023

School Travel Plan complete.



6 months later

Park and Stride initiative underway.



6 - 9 months later

Walking Buses set up and running.



1 year later

Car Sharing Scheme set up and operating.



1 year - 2 year

Maintenance plan for all school bikes and scooters with funding for replacements if needed.

We will begin work on these plans as detailed in the **Objectives and Targets**. The whole of the STP committee will be involved in the implementation of these proposals. We will identify people's strengths and ask them if they would like to be responsible for a particular aspect or action. As we begin work we will have a much better idea of who is involved with what areas and will return to this plan and insert the appropriate details. We will also be involving the parents, Parent Council and pupils in this process and encouraging them to do all that they can to help us develop our School Travel Plan.

Plans for Monitoring and Review

The plan will be monitored and reviewed at our regular Junior Road Safety Pupil Voice committee meetings. These meetings are held regularly. As with all of the processes to implement our ideas, the pupil's views will be represented by this committee. Copies will be available in the school for parents, pupils and local residents to browse.

Copies will also be circulated to all relevant parties:

- Community Police.
- Engineering Officer.
- School Travel Plan coordinator.
- Any other interested party.

Any amendments that are to be made to the plan will be inserted by the committee. All changes and amendments will be inserted as soon as possible and updated copies available to all stakeholders immediately. This is not a prescriptive plan and it is by no means complete. We are intending to treat this as an active, ongoing 'work in progress' and add to the plan when we can.