

School Travel Plan

DALRY PRIMARY



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Introduction

Dalry Primary school has approximately 329 pupils, including nursery pupils. See Appendix 1 for a map of the catchment area.

This school travel plan is a document that summarises our current travel patterns and traffic problems that exist around the school. It addresses all aspects of the journey to school and encourages walking, cycling and other sustainable travel choices such as using public transport. It also supports better management of the remaining 'school run vehicles'.

It is easy to understand why sustainable travel is important, but much harder to put it into practice. This plan shows how we can encourage more sustainable travel choices and help reduce the problems that arise from using cars unnecessarily on the school run. More specifically, this travel plan contains a package of measures tailored to the needs of Dalry Primary School.

Through this travel plan we seek to:

- Encourage students, parents and staff to think about travel choices and choose alternatives to the car when coming to school;
- Encourage active travel like walking, scooting and cycling;
- Measure change in travel behaviours, and;
- Develop Safer Routes to School

It is important to ensure that all relevant partners are involved when developing a travel plan so that we can all work together to achieve more active travel and reduce the number of cars at our school gates.

Over the 5 year lifecycle of this plan, the school leadership will continue to work with school staff, the parent council and the Road Safety team at The City of Edinburgh Council.

School Information

Pupil Numbers

Nursery	64
P1	40
P2	35
P3	37
P4	43
P5	33
P6	33
P7	44
Total	329

Staff members

There are currently 60 staff members.

Clubs and Activities

For more information visit [Dalry Primary Edinburgh | One Clan Many Families \(dalryprimaryschool.com\)](https://dalryprimaryschool.com)

Current cycle/scooter parking within school grounds

Current Facilities	Number of Units	Spaces available
Covered/ Uncovered cycle parking	10 – 15 hoops	20 -30
Scooter Spaces		

Sustainability Initiatives

The Sustainable Travel and Road Safety award (STAR) is based on how much the school has done to promote the aims set out in this plan on an annual basis. Dalry Primary School currently has no award. By working through the measures below we will look to gain a rating.

The City of Edinburgh Council has developed the [City Mobility Plan to 2030](#) which sets out targets in increasing the number of journeys made using sustainable modes of travel

across the city, which works towards reducing the transport related emissions being produced across the city.

Road Safety

Within the three years to the end of December 2021 there have been no collisions involving personal injury across the school catchment reported during the hours of 08:00 – 10:00 and 14:00 – 16:00 involving children under the age of 17.

The map in Appendix 1 shows the school catchment split into 400 meter circles, which set out how long a walk or cycle it is to school. From the furthest point in the catchment, it is just under 1 mile, which is less than a 36 minute walk or 12 minute cycle.

School Crossing Guides

There are two crossing patrol guides for Dalry Primary located on:

- Dalry Road directly in front of the school entrance
- Dundee Street at West Fountain Place.

School crossing locations can be located using [The City of Edinburgh Council Atlas](#)

Hands Up Survey

Each year the school is asked to participate in a survey which is produced by Sustrans here are the results from the previous 5 years. As part of this travel plan, the school are agreeing to participate in this on an annual basis to enable us to monitor the effectiveness of the measures being implemented to support sustainable travel.

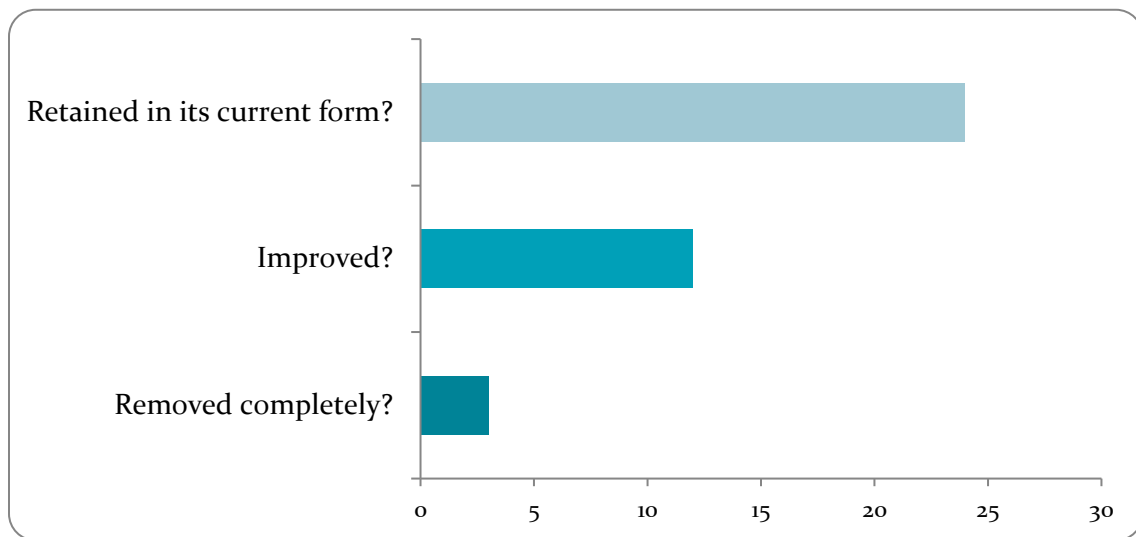
Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other
2017	53.6%	*	3.8%	0.0%	22.2%	19.7%	0.0%	*
2018	50.0%	4.1%	4.5%	5.8%	16.5%	17.4%	*	*
2019	50.4%	7.8%	3.3%	6.1%	13.9%	16.4%	*	*
2020	63.5%	3.4%	5.2%	*	14.2%	12.9%	*	0.0%
2021	61.8%	4.2%	7.6%	2.9%	10.9%	12.6%	-	-

Travel Survey

A school travel survey was undertaken from 3 December to 23 January 2021 across the full parent and staff body to establish how people are currently travelling to school and what barriers and issues they face whilst on the journey to school.

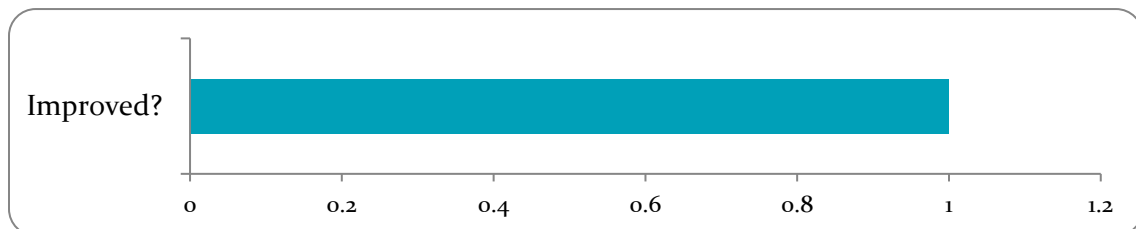
The survey also covered the temporary measures introduced under Spaces for People in response to Covid-19. It asked what they would like to see happen to the measures currently in place going forward. The results of this and the other key questions are as follows:

Parents response to SfP Measures



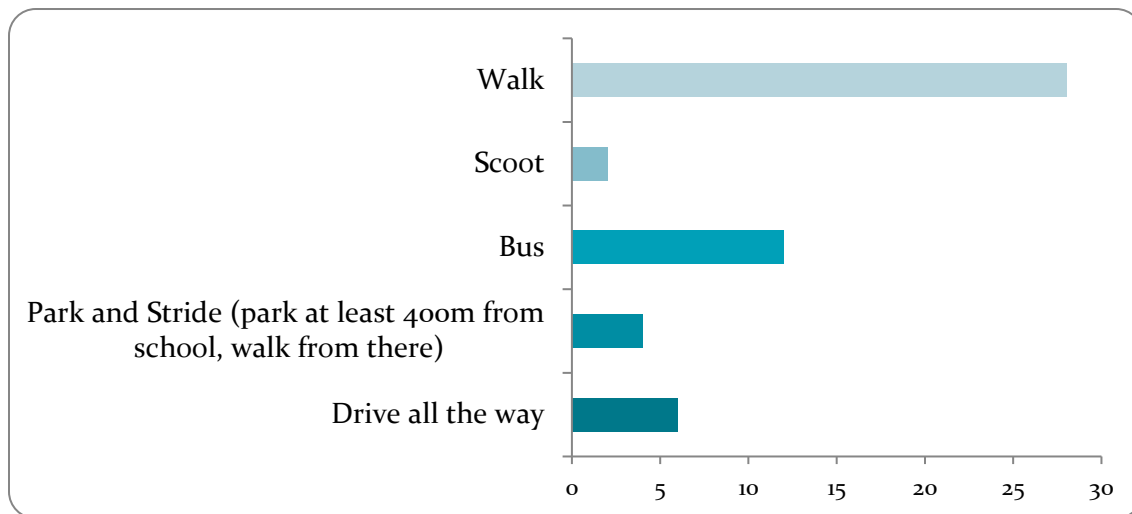
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Retained in its current form?	24	61.54%
Improved?	12	30.77%
Removed completely?	3	7.69%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Staff response to SfP Measures

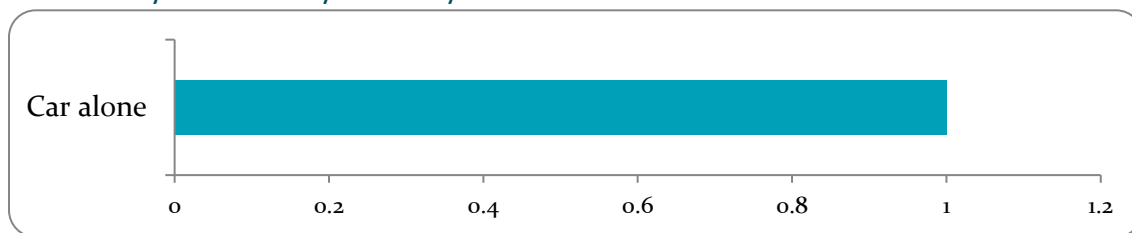


Option	Total	Percent
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Improved?	1	100.00%
Removed completely?	0	0.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

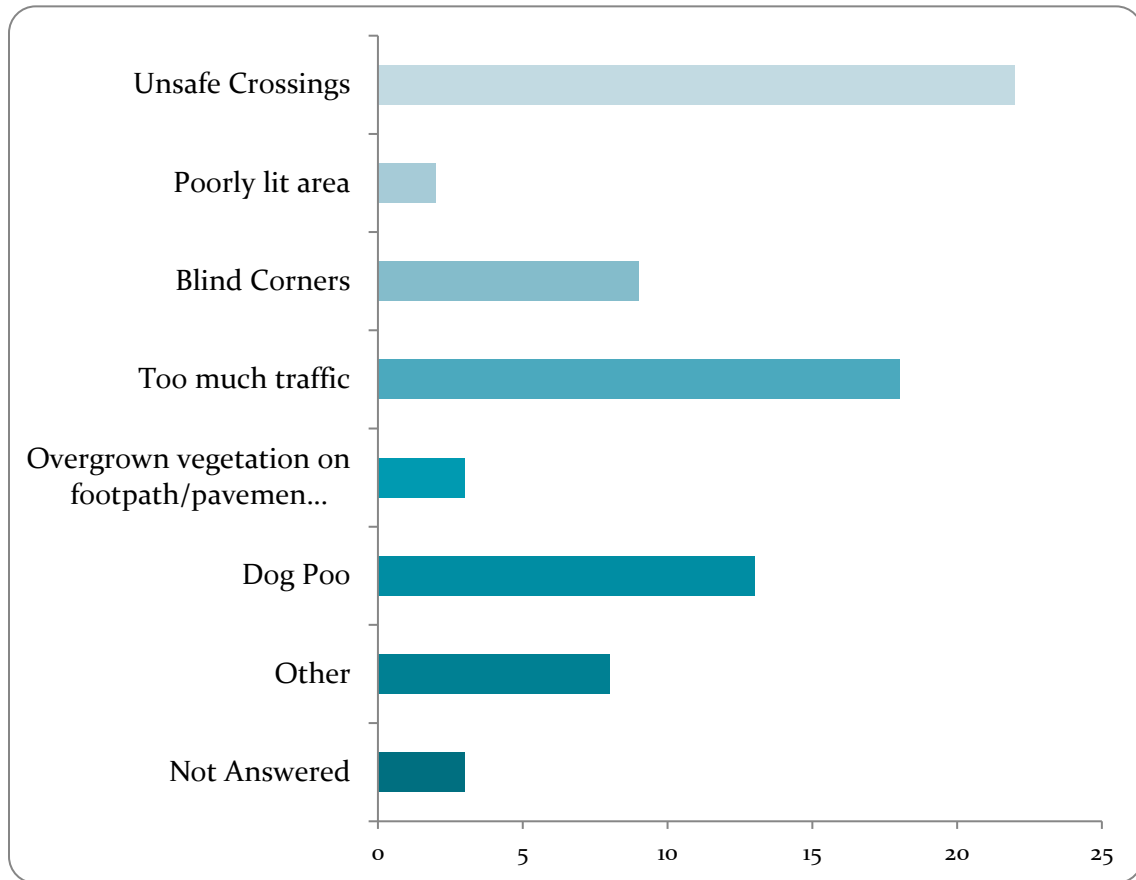
Parent Survey on how they currently travel to school with their children



Staff Survey on how they currently travel to school



Barriers/issues on the routes to school



Other noted concerns included parents concerned about speeding vehicles, lack of pedestrian crossings and the busy Dalry Gorgie Interchange on Murieston Road/Dalry Road/Gorgie Road junction has no pedestrian lights only one side of the road, narrow paths along Dalry Road and distance too far from home.

We asked parents what improvements they would like to see introduced

- Better lighting
- Cycle lanes
- Park and stride place that has permission
- School bus for those who live further to reduce traffic
- Implementation of the 20mph speed limit
- Some signals while crossing the cross roads or a sign board for the drivers to drive slowly and wait for children while crossing the road. Especially the cross road between the front gate and salty yard.

- Get a pedestrian crossing and signal at Murieston Road/Dalry Road/Gorgie Road junction/McLeod Street/Georgie Road
- Pedestrian Crossing signs at side roads off Gorgie Road
- Spaces for People next to schools should be made to be safer and more visible with a softer and brighter coat on it to prevent potential trips/accidents
- Widening very narrow paths especially along Dalry Rd on the cemetery side all the way to the junction of Dalry Rd, Henderson Terrace

Actions and Travel Plan Updates

The school has a high percentage of pupils walking to school with an average of 55.8% over the five years of hands up survey data submitted. This was also evident through the recent travel surveys carried out although there was only a small response with 40 people completing the survey.

The school also falls under the 29% national average of pupils taking the car to school with only 11.5% on average arriving by car. This has reduced by 2% since the last travel plan which was undertaken in 2010 for Dalry Primary so shows a small reduction of people travelling by car.

We aim to continue to reduce the number of vehicles being driven to school using ongoing initiatives and by introducing infrastructure changes on the routes to school to encourage others to actively travel to school when possible.

<u>Measure</u>	<u>Delivery By</u>	<u>Expected Completion Date</u>	<u>Update</u>
Clean up dog poo across the catchment	Road Safety to liaise with Street Cleansing	Summer 2023	
Cut back vegetation across the catchment	Road Safety to liaise with roads Operations	Summer 2023	
Traffic surveys to establish speed on Dalry Road	Road Safety	Spring 2023	
Parksmart Campaign with parents	Road Safety/JRSO's/ School/ Parking/ Police	Summer/Autumn 2023, then as required.	
Better lighting	Road Safety to liaise with Street Lighting to	Autumn/Winter 2023	

	undertake a lighting study		
School Streets in immediate vicinity of school	Road Safety	2023	
Cycle lanes	20 Minute Neighbourhood/Road Safety	2026	
Parking Restrictions/Dropped Crossings at all junctions within 400m of the school	Road Safety	2024	
Ensure JRSO's are active	School/Road Safety	Ongoing	
Take part in Sustrans Hands Up Survey	School	Annually in September	
Ensure Travel Plan is communicated to all parents and placed on website.	School	Annually	
Cycle racks to be implemented if can be done can this be put at front of school rather than using the space in playground.	Road Safety	2023/24	
Pedestrian crossing and signal at Murieston Road/Dalry Road/Gorgie Road junction/McLeod Street/Georgie Road	20 Minute Neighbourhood/Road Safety	2026	
Widen pavements outside school where temporary measures are, do build outs	Road Safety	Early 2024	

Timetable of events for the coming session

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates to run</u>	<u>Complete</u>	<u>Evaluation notes</u>
Parksmart			

JRSO newsletters			
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Monitoring and Evaluation

- The Road Safety and Active Travel Liaison Officers, School Representatives and the Parent Council meet annually to review plan progress.
- The Road Safety team will undertake ongoing monitoring of campaigns and improvements to note the effectiveness.
- This School Travel Plan will be completely reviewed in 2027.

Sign Off

This plan has been agreed by the following:

The City of Edinburgh Council Road Safety Team:

Name: Tracey Bach

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Signature:

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Date:

Date:

Dalry Primary School:

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Date:

Dalry Parent Council:

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Date: