

CROSS ARTHURLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN VOLUME 2 - April 2011



Introduction

Cross Arthurlie Primary, Barrhead

Cross Arthurlie Primary School, Barrhead is situated in a housing estate east of the B771 Paisley Road and currently has a school roll of 318 pupils. The school can be accessed from the east via Fern Drive and from the west via Whin Avenue. The main pedestrian entrance to the school is on Fern Drive and the vehicular entrance to the school is on Whin Avenue.

Cross Arthurlie Primary School developed their first travel plan in 2007 and this is the first revision of the plan.

What is a School Travel Plan?

A School Travel Plan (STP) is a document written by the school with input from interested parties, such as teachers, pupils, school travel co-ordinator, Police, local Councillor and parents. The document outlines the schools needs and problems regarding travel to school with the aim to address related issues.

School Travel Plans are not just about transport though, they are also about improving health, broadening education, improving the environment, contributing to the community and combating social exclusion. Improvements may therefore cover a range of areas including physical changes to the area around the school, curriculum work, promotional events, raising awareness, training and so forth.

Access to School

Cross Arthurlie Primary School can be accessed on foot, by bicycle, public transport and by car, or by a combination of these modes or transport. Pedestrian provision within Barrhead and in the immediate vicinity of Cross Arthurlie Primary School is good. Local streets generally have well lit and well maintained pedestrian footways.

A school crossing patroller now operates on Fern Drive. Pedestrian Crossing facilities have also been installed to assist pupils crossing the busy B771 Paisley Road near its junction with Quarry Road.

A map of walking routes in Barrhead can be viewed and printed at the following website.

http://www.gobarrhead.co.uk/assets/GoBarrhead_MapLeaflet_WEB.pdf

Existing Infrastructure

Local streets already have a number of measures in place in to help ensure a safe environment for pedestrians, cyclists and children travelling to school. These measures include:

- 20 mph speed limits on a number of local streets. The chance of a child being seriously injured or killed if hit by a car travelling within the speed limit is significantly reduced compared with a car travelling at 30 mph or more;
- A part time 20 mph is in effect outside the school during school peak hours;
- A pedestrian crossing is now operational on Paisley Road near its junction with Fern Drive;
- A school crossing patrol is now posted on Fern Drive;
- Bollards to prevent cars from mounting the footway.

Public Transport

Information on the full range of public transport services available to the whole school community can be found by using the free journey planning services offered by Traveline Scotland:

<http://www.travelinescotland.com/> or Transport Direct:

<http://www.transportdirect.info>. Each of these websites allow users to plan any public transport journey within Scotland and from Scotland to the rest of the UK and they provide up to date and impartial information on how to get to a chosen destination by the quickest public transport mode. The Traveline service is also available by phoning: 0871 200 22 33 and Transport Direct allows users to plan car journeys as well as public transport journeys or journeys comprising both.

Identifying Travel Trends

In September 2009 Cross Arthurlie pupils took part in the annual 'National Hands Up' survey on school travel.

The pupils were asked how they currently travel to / from school and the results are as follows:- of the respondents currently 49 (25%) pupils are driven, 84 (46%) pupils walk, 34 pupils (19%) park and stride and 15 (8%) pupils are bussed to school.

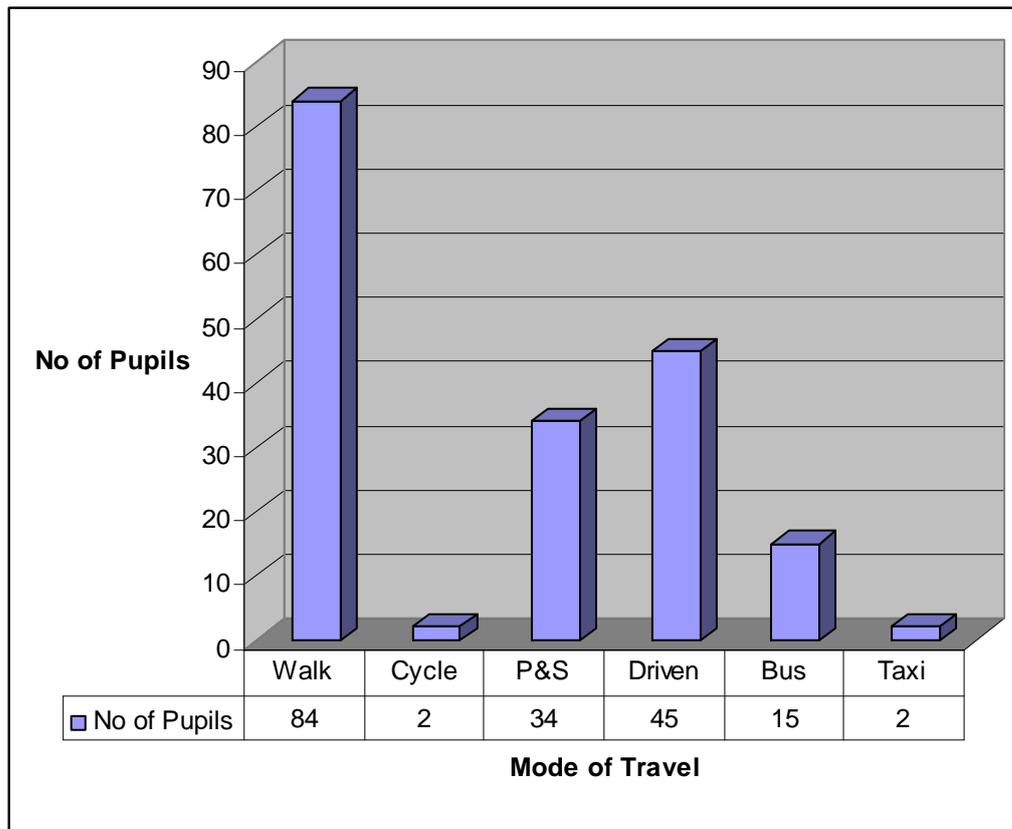


Diagram 1 - Cross Arthurlie School Travel, September 2009

The data illustrated above will be used as base figures to set targets for increasing levels of walking, cycling and park and stride.

Aims of the Cross Arthurlie Primary School Travel Plan

- To continue championing cycling and to maintain the commitment levels that led to the school receiving the Cycling Scotland 'Cycle Friendly School' award.
- To improve pedestrian safety in and around the school.
- To encourage more pupils to walk, at least part of the way, to school.
- To discourage inconsiderate parking around the school.
- To raise awareness amongst pupils, parents and staff of the wider health and environmental problems associated with increased car use and the health benefits of walking, and cycling to school.
- To improve the local environment for everyone by reducing pollution, congestion and addressing safety issues around the school.

Cross Arthurlie Primary - School Travel Policy

- Cross Arthurlie Primary would like to reduce levels of car emissions around the school. Parents who drive to school are encouraged to switch off their engines whilst waiting for pupils.
- Park and Stride:- Older pupils are expected to walk at least part of the way to school to reduce congestion around the school gates.
- Parents are encouraged not to park on footways, as this can be dangerous for pupils walking on footways. Parking close to the school also restricts visibility for pupils crossing the road.
- Cross Arthurlie Primary actively encourages pupil's to cycle to school, however it is up to parents to judge whether they feel pupils have the skills necessary to cycle safely.
 - :- High visibility reflective vests are available for regular cyclists.
 - :- Pupils must promise to cycle responsibly at all times and dismount on approach to the school. Cycling is not permitted inside school grounds.

Park and Stride

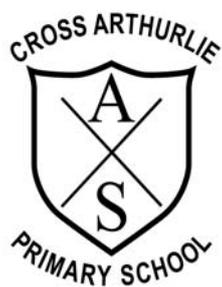
- The schools 'Junior Road Safety Officers' are tasked with encouraging parents who currently drive to school to consider 'Park & Stride' to reduce congestion levels outside the school gates.

Summary of Objectives and Proposals

Objectives	How	By When	Who
Continue to undertake on-road cycle training and maintain pass rate at over 90%	* Support volunteers and teachers undertaking training	Ongoing	Gillian Cullen - Principal Teacher, Parent Volunteers, Active School Co-ordinator
	<i>Cost:- N/A</i>		
To encourage an improvement in the number of pupils, parents and teachers walking to and from school. Target 55% by September 2013.	* Identify 'Park & Stride' drop-off and collection zones.	Ongoing	JRSO's
	* Whole school take part in 'Walk to School' week events.	Twice annually (May and October).	Greg Brown - Schools Travel Co-ordinator (STC), Pupils, Teachers
	<i>Cost:- N/A</i>		
To reduce level of traffic congestion around school at the beginning and end of the school day.	* Encourage 'Park & Stride'.	Ongoing	JRSO's
	* Parents and staff to be encouraged to car share.	Ongoing	Whole School
	<i>Cost:- N/A</i>		

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>How</i>	<i>By When</i>	<i>Who</i>
Encourage an increase in the numbers of pupils cycling to school.	* Install additional cycle parking.	Completed	Greg Brown - School Travel Co-ordinator
	* 'Cycle Skills' training for P5 pupils.	Ongoing	Teachers, Pupils
	* Supply reflective tabards to cyclists.	As required	Greg Brown - School Travel Co-ordinator
	* Cycling Scotland - Cycle Marketing Campaign	May 2011	Road Safety Training Officer, Active School Co-ordinator
	Cost: - To be met by East Renfrewshire Council		
Primary to Secondary Transition:- Ensure effective continuity between P7 pupils going to S1.	* Campus Policeman at Barrhead High to discuss travel / personal safety issues involved in moving to High School.	Ongoing	Campus Policeman at Barrhead High.
	Cost: - N/A		
Consider undertaking 'Travelling Green' with P5 pupils	* This resource encourages and raises awareness of the many benefits of sustainable travel	Ongoing	P5 pupils, Teachers
	Cost: - To be met by East Renfrewshire Council		
Raise awareness of sustainable travel initiatives and promote new ideas from the pupils.	* Create a section on school notice board for school-travel information.	Ongoing	JRSO's
	Cost: - N/A		

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>How</i>	<i>By When</i>	<i>Who</i>
To encourage pupil, parent and teacher awareness of road safety and safe travel to and from school.	* Develop school policy and programme of study for P1 to 7 on road safety, establishing link with Health Promoting Schools, Eco-Schools and curriculum for excellence.	Ongoing	Gillian Cullen - Principal Teacher
	* Continue to support 'Junior Road Safety Officer' scheme.	Ongoing	Gillian Cullen - Principal Teacher
	<i>Cost: - N/A</i>		



Evaluation and Monitoring

- Subsequent annual 'Hands Up' survey data will be used to record trends in travel behaviour and assess progress that has been made.
- Following each annual survey, a meeting will take place between all interested parties and a report compiled to assess the Travel Plan and revise it as necessary.

Appendix

Links to national programmes and initiatives that are supportive (e.g. in terms of provision of advice, information and other resources) of the goals of many of the recommendations put forward in this document:

Bike Week: www.bikeweek.org.uk

Road Safety Scotland: www.road-safety.org.uk

Choose Another Way: www.chooseanotherway.com

Links to websites that provide a range of useful information:-

Travel Line Scotland - Public Transport Information: www.travelinescotland.com

UK Sustainable Transport Charity : www.sustrans.org.uk

Walk It Glasgow : <http://www.walkit.com/glasgow/>

