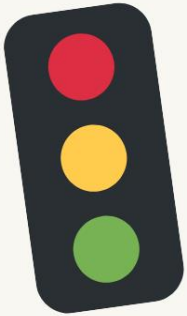


ST PETER'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL



ACTIVE



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PLAN



2024 – 2025





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St Peter's School Vision and Values

Vision

At St Peter's School, we care for each other in a community of faith and learning.

We strive for excellence and understanding in our learning and behaviour.

Our school values



The school values underpin all that we do at St Peter's School. Having an effective School Travel Plan demonstrates our commitment to being **responsible** citizens and providing equal, fair and **respectful** opportunities for safe travel to and from the school.

About our school

St Peter's R.C. Primary School is a Roman Catholic (RC) primary school situated in the Old Aberdeen area of Aberdeen. St Peter's serves the North RC zone of the city (which includes parts of Aberdeenshire) and has a number of pupils transported to school due to living more than 2 miles from the school but in zone.

Our school is part of the St Machar Academy Associated Schools Group (ASG). The school roll is currently 186 pupils.

We are situated on Dunbar Street in the Old Aberdeen area. We also have school gates leading onto Dunbar Street. The main way for pedestrians (and cars) to access our



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school is via Dunbar Street. The King Street gates are locked during the school day and only used for taxi pupils at the start and end of each school day.

We have a cycle / scooter rack located near the pupil entrance to our school.

The school's catchment area can be seen in the map below:



Every year we support pupils in P6 and P7 to complete Bikeability Levels 1 and 2. We are supported by Sustrans and Adventure Aberdeen. Our Family Learning team also support with learn to ride sessions in the local community for younger pupils.

In school, we have an active "Junior Road Safety Officers" group, who promote safe travel across the school, including with our parents and wider community.





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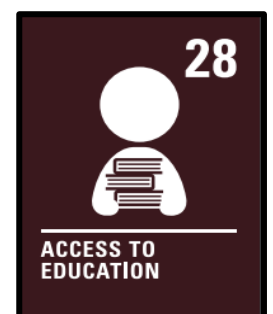
Rationale

As a school, we are involved in many valuable initiatives, such as Eco Schools, Rights Respecting Schools and the School Sports Award. We are committed to raising awareness of global and community issues relating to the health, wellbeing and safety of others.

There are many different walking and cycling routes to our school which we would like to encourage more people to use.

UN Convention on the Rights of a Child

The following rights have been identified as being at the heart of our school travel planning.



UN Sustainable Development Goals

The following global goals have been identified as being at the heart of our school travel planning.



What is a travel plan?

A travel plan is a document which encourages people to travel to our school in an eco-friendly, healthy and safe way. The travel plan supports walking and cycling as the most eco-friendly, active and safe way to travel to our school.



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There are many benefits of walking and cycling to school:

- **Safety:** More people cycling and walking to school means less cars on the road and around the school gate making it a much safer environment for everyone.
- **Eco-Friendly:** By walking or cycling to school we are helping the environment and improving air quality around our school.
- **Health:** If you walk or cycle to school it is a good way to get exercise which offers mental and physical health benefits for the whole family.
- **Education:** Improving road safety awareness and knowledge of pupils, families and the wider community.

We want to create safer journeys for people travelling to and from St Peter's R.C. Primary School.

Context to our local area

St Peter's School is situated on Dunbar Street Road, a one-way street in Old Aberdeen.

Access to the school, for vehicles, is through an entrance off of Dunbar Street, with a one-way car parking facility. Parking is available to staff and visitors to the school but is closed to parents.

Pupils access the school through an entrance on Dunbar Street. Following safety concerns from parents, staff and pupils, unlockable bollards were erected to stop vehicles from travelling through this entrance to school. This remains the safest way for pedestrians (pupils, parents and visitors) to enter the school grounds.

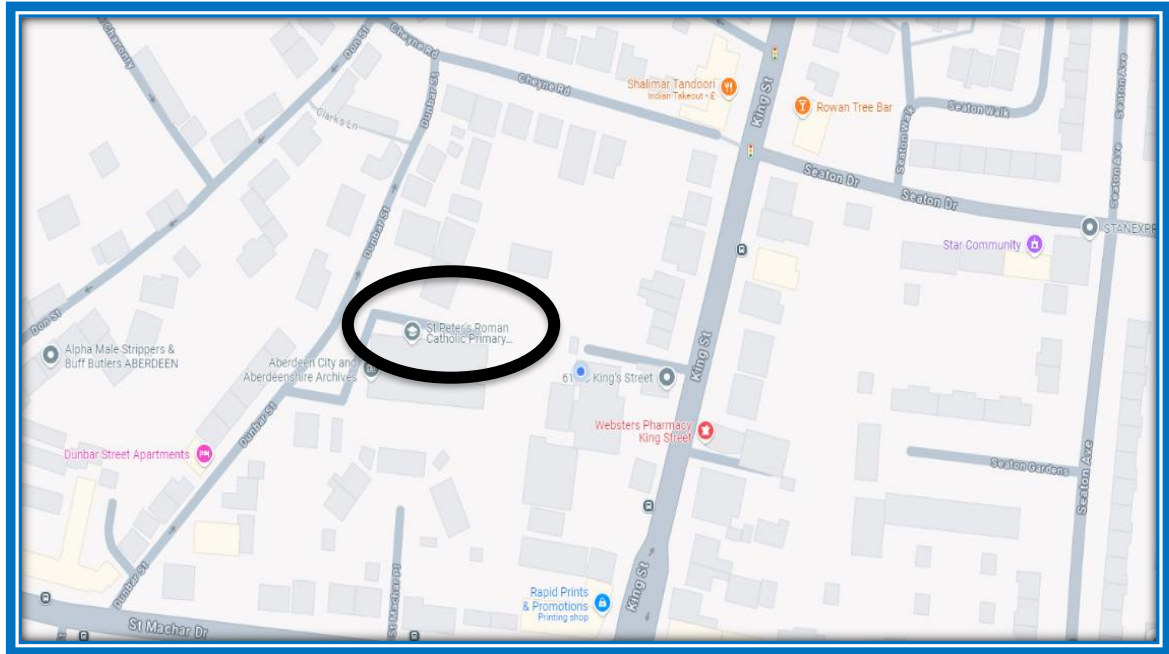
The gate on King Street is locked during the school day and is only accessible to taxi pupils arriving in the morning and leaving after school. The gate is left unlocked at the end of the school day as this is currently used by the community as a right of way (outside school hours). Some pupils / parents going for buses choose to leave via the King Street gate at the end of the school day.

In the morning the school gates are open at 8.50am and school staff are present in the playground to welcome learners into the school grounds at 8.50am. Parents/carers do not come into the school grounds at drop off / pick up, but are welcome to come into the school office should they need to.

The school office entrance is accessed by coming through the gates and through the playground.



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There is a 20-mph speed limit along the one-way Dunbar Street at all times. There are also speed bumps along the road.

Pupils are encouraged to walk, scoot, cycle, park and ride to school throughout the year. There are limitations to this due to some pupils being transported by the local authority.

There is currently no crossing patrol person nearby. There is a traffic lights crossing on King Street (towards St Machar Drive).

Our Travel Data



Our Junior Road Safety Officers regularly engage our school community in discussions about travelling to school. They organise competitions and promote road safety and active travel throughout the school year.

In addition, each year St Peter's School takes part in the Hands Up Scotland Survey.

We are aware that at pick up and drop off times there have been a lot of school community concerns over drivers on Dunbar Street and those dropping off pupils.



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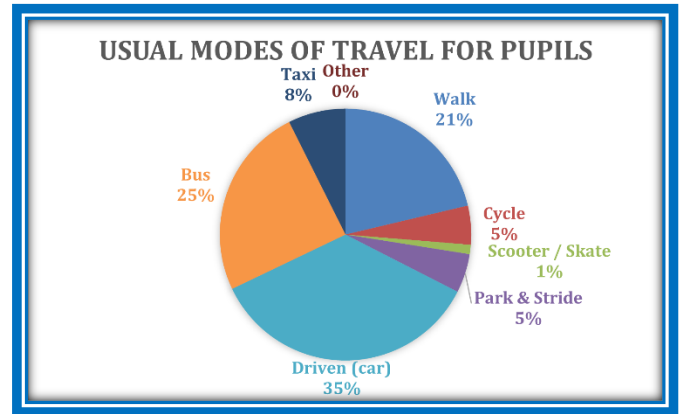


Travel Data

Pupils travelling to school

The last "Hands Up Survey" found that pupils reported normally travelling to school in the following ways:

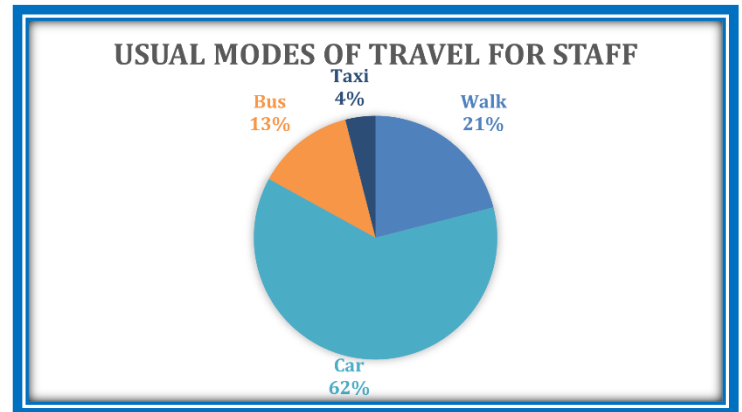
Method of travel	% of pupils
Walk	21.3%
Cycle	5%
Scooter / Skate	1.2%
Park & Stride	5%
Driven (car)	35.4%
Bus	24.7%
Taxi	7.4%
Other	0%



Staff travelling to school

In November 2024, our Junior Road Safety Officers surveyed staff on their usual mode of transport to work. The following results were found:

Method of travel	% of staff
Walk	21%
Cycle	0%
Scooter / Skate	0%
Park & Stride	0%
Car	62%
Bus	13%
Taxi	4%
Other	0%



Current Travel Concerns

The following have been identified as concerns / barriers to safe and active travel to St Peter's School:

- Drivers (parents / carers) not adhering to school policy and causing congestion around the school grounds by parking in the school car park.



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- Parents / carers parking on the road adjacent to the school and causing traffic flow problems for local residents, including when parking illegally or dangerously.
- Parents / carers parking across driveways.
- Cars parked on double yellow lines or parked on the kerb / walkway.
- Cars stopping in the middle of the road to let pupils out / pick pupils up.
- Drivers not obeying the speed limit on Dunbar Street.
- Pedestrians walking onto the road without looking to check if it is safe on Dunbar Street.
- Cars leaving doors open, causing traffic congestion due to lack of space to manoeuvre around these in the one-way street.
- Very busy traffic if exiting the school via the Dunbar Street gates at the end of the school day.
- Lack of opportunities for pupils to travel actively to school, including because of distance from the school.
- Lack of knowledge / availability of park and walk locations.

Action Plan

Aim: To create safer journeys for people travelling to and from St Peter's R.C. Primary School.

Strategies already in place










Strategy / initiative	Description
<p data-bbox="103 1335 518 1361">Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)</p>  	<p data-bbox="619 1335 1511 1422">We have a group of pupil leaders called the Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs). This group consists of Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils. Pupils in P6 apply to be JRSOs for a two-year period. The P7s lead the JRSOs.</p> <p data-bbox="619 1456 1487 1543">The group are led by Mrs Kelman, who supports them in creating an action plan each year to organise and promote road safety initiatives throughout the year.</p> <p data-bbox="619 1576 869 1603">Their actions include:</p> <ul data-bbox="670 1615 1503 2020" style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining a display board in school • Holding short assemblies • Working with classes to lead road safety learning activities • Recruiting and training new JRSOs • Ordering and sharing road safety resources and materials throughout the school • Sharing their work through the school website and newsletters • Creating competitions to promote a culture of road safety • Running a "Beep Beep Day" for all classes, Active Adventure Day activities and a road safety themed transition day for new P1 pupils • Creating awareness campaigns, including videos for our newsletters and leaflets / tickets to remind drivers of our road safety expectations in school



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting travel data across the school
Hands Up Scotland Survey (Sustrans) 	<p>Every year in the first term of school, we take part in the Hands Up Survey. Teachers collect information from every learner in the school on how they travel to school. This information is then sent to the Hands Up Survey organisers and is collated with statistics from Aberdeen City Council and National statistics from the whole of Scotland.</p>
Cycle / scooter rack 	<p>We currently have a rack for children to put their bikes and scooters during school hours.</p>
Bikeability Learn to ride 	<p>We actively work with partners, including Sustrans and Adventure Aberdeen, to deliver Bikeability 1 and 2 training for pupils.</p> <p>The Level 1 training is completed in the school playground with P6 and P7 pupils. The Level 2 training is completed in the streets around the school with P7 pupils.</p> <p>We also work with the Family Learning Team to identify opportunities for learn to ride in the local area with younger pupils.</p>
Beep Beep Day 	<p>We use the annual "Beep Beep Day" to support education around road safety in school.</p>
Class learning 	<p>All classes learn road safety when focusing on "safe" as part of our health and wellbeing curriculum linked to the wellbeing indicators. We use "Healthy Schools Scotland" website to support planning, learning and teaching here.</p>
Road Safety Magic Show 	<p>We take part in Magic Allan's Magic Road Safety Show where important messages about road safety are shared in a fun and exciting way. All classes benefit from this experience.</p>
Links to our eco group work 	<p>As part of our eco schools green flag work, our eco schools pupil voice group work with our JRSOs to promote walking and cycling to school.</p>
Monthly school newsletters 	<p>Traffic matters and JRSO updates are a regular feature in our monthly school newsletter (Sway).</p>
Parent council 	<p>Our parent council is a forum for parents to share any concerns around traffic matters. This is often an agenda item for our parent council matters.</p>



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Further actions required to support our School Travel Plan

Action	How we can achieve this	Who is responsible	Timescale
Create a map of safe routes to school, including park and ride locations and crossings in the local area.	JRSOs to work with Sustrans I Bike officer to create this map.	JRSOs DHT (0.2)	By March 2025
Link our JRSOs work with the work of the eco pupil voice group.	JRSOs to be given time to work with eco pupil voice group pupils and teachers to share their evidence of impact to support with maintaining our eco green flag award.	JRSOs DHT (0.2) Eco pupil voice teachers	By June 2025
Enhance the work of the JRSOs in collecting travel data in school to inform evaluations and next steps for our School Travel Plan.	JRSOs to be given the responsibility for collecting key data in school (e.g. hands up survey, staff travel survey, parent travel survey).	JRSOs DHT (0.2)	By September 2025
Involve parents and community members in evaluating our School Travel Plan and gather feedback to inform the next School Travel Plan.	JRSOs to organise and invite parent council chair / other office bearers, Sustrans I Bike Officer, local councillor and other parents to a feedback session.	JRSOs DHT (0.2)	By June 2025
Pupils, parents and the wider school community to be involved in reviewing our Active Travel Plan for the temporary move to the Riverbank School building.	St Peter's JRSOs and school staff to meet with pupils and school staff from Riverbank School to gather their views and information to inform the travel plan for our move to the Riverbank School building.	JRSOs DHT (0.2) HT	By June 2025
Seek further opportunities for learn to ride sessions for younger pupils.	School staff to work with the Family Learning Team to evaluate past learn to ride sessions and look at the scope for more of these for St Peter's families.	HT	By April 2025
Classes to engage with road safety walks / cycles in the local area.	School to plan with Sustrans I Bike officer to plan local walks and cycles for pupils across the school.	HT and Sustrans I Bike Officer	By July 2025
Bike safety checks to be offered at school	School to work with Adventure Aberdeen to offer free Dr Bike sessions for Bikeability pupils.	DHT (0.8) and Adventure Aberdeen	By December 2024



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Tips to keep you safe when walking to school:

- Plan your route to school first. Discuss this with an adult. Find where there are crossings. Make use of these and plan a safe route you know.
- Find a good place to cross, this should be away from parked cars and have good visibility in both directions. Try to prevent crossing near parked cars or busy / main roads.
- Be bright and be seen. The more you stand out, the more drivers will see you and slow down.
- Be aware of driveways and narrow entrances.
- Stay alert and pay attention at all times.
- Use the Dunbar Street gate to enter and leave the school grounds. Do not come through the car park.



Tips to keep you safe when cycling or scooting to school:

Where pupils can do so safely, we actively encourage pupils to bike or scoot to school. Please feel free to bring your bike or scooter and make use of our bike and scooter shelters.

The school cannot take any responsibility for any bikes or scooters left here. You will need to bring a lock to secure your bike / scooter.

- Plan your route to and from school with an adult first.
- Wear a helmet and wear something bright.
- Ride in a position you can see and be seen.
- No cycling or scooting in the playground (unless part of a lesson).
- Consider other pedestrians. Use your bell if necessary to warn others that you are there.
- Maintain your bike. Check brakes and tyre pressure. Guides can be found online from Cycling Scotland.
- Use the clearly marked school entrances to come into the playground. Push your bike or scooter along with you when near the school gates and when entering into the playground.
- Consider pedestrians at all times.





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Tips to keep you safe when driving to school:

- Plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time in order to account for any unexpected delays.
- Give yourself time to find a responsible place to park.
- Park and stride - parking 5 to 10 minutes from the school will help in tackling congestion.
- Keep your speeds low (well below the 20 mph limit on Dunbar Street).
- Always let your child out of the car on the pavement side.
- Do not park on yellow lines or other parking restrictions or in front of driveways. Do not park in places where you will cause danger or obstruction.
- Check for other road users before you or your child open the car door.
- Set a good example by teaching your child about road safety.
- Do not use the school car park to drop off or collect pupils.
- Use the clearly marked paths for children to walk safely into the school grounds.



Getting it Right for Every Child at St Peter's School

It is a key priority to ensure the pupils at St Peter's R.C. Primary School are **Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Achieving, Respected, Responsible** and **Included**. We submit this School Travel Plan with the hope and expectation that all members of our school community embrace its content and help to make our school a safer place for everyone.

Travel plan working group:

The following people were part of the creation of our School Travel Plan:

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