ST PETER'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN

2026-2027

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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

Kind Koala

Forgiving Friends

Responsible Robin

Tolerant Turtle

Respectful Rainbow

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.

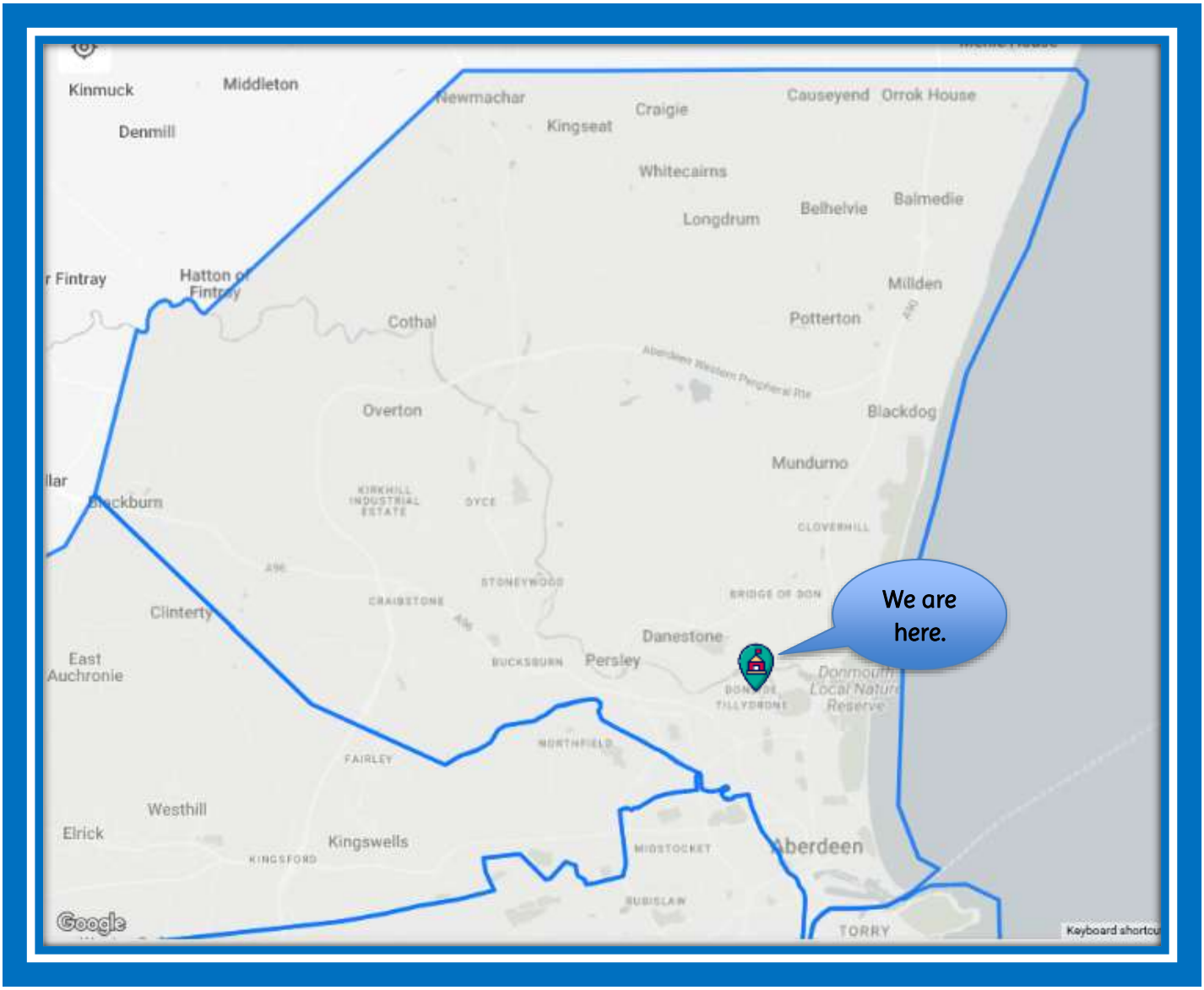
Our school is part of the St Machar Academy Associated Schools Group (ASG). The school roll is currently 203 pupils.

We are currently situated on Dill Road in the Tillydrone area. This is due to our school building in Old Aberdeen currently being refurbished, with an estimated completion

timeline of October 2027. The main way for pedestrians (and cars) to access our school is via Dill Road.

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

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 Walk Wheel Cycle Trust 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.

JRSO
Junior Road Safety Officer

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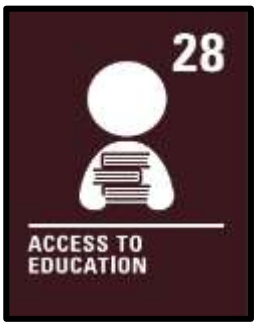
Rationale

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 Dill Road in Tillydrone.

Access to the school, for vehicles, is via two car parks located in front of the school building (directly off of Dill Road). Parking is available to staff and visitors to the school but is closed to parents.

Pupils access the school through a pedestrian pathway between the two car parks, which is accessed from Dill Road.

Taxis / minibuses for transported pupils arrive into the first car park off of Dill Road. Pupils who are transported by bus (school transport) are dropped off at a bus stop on Hayton Road and are walked round to the school / back to the bus stop by our transport escort.

Each morning, the gates into the school playground are opened at 8.50am and school staff are present in the playground and at the entrance to the school to welcome learners into the school grounds. Parents/carers can come with their child into the playground each morning and also collect pupils from the playground at the rear of the school at the end of the school day.

The school office entrance is accessed by coming through pedestrian walkway.

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There is a 20-mph speed limit along Dill Road at all times. There are "school – keep clear" zig-zag lines near to the school entrance.

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 zebra crossing on Hayton Road near to the turn-off into Dill Road, and another zebra crossing beside the community centre on Hayton Road.

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, St Peter's School takes part in the Hands Up Scotland Survey on a yearly basis.

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

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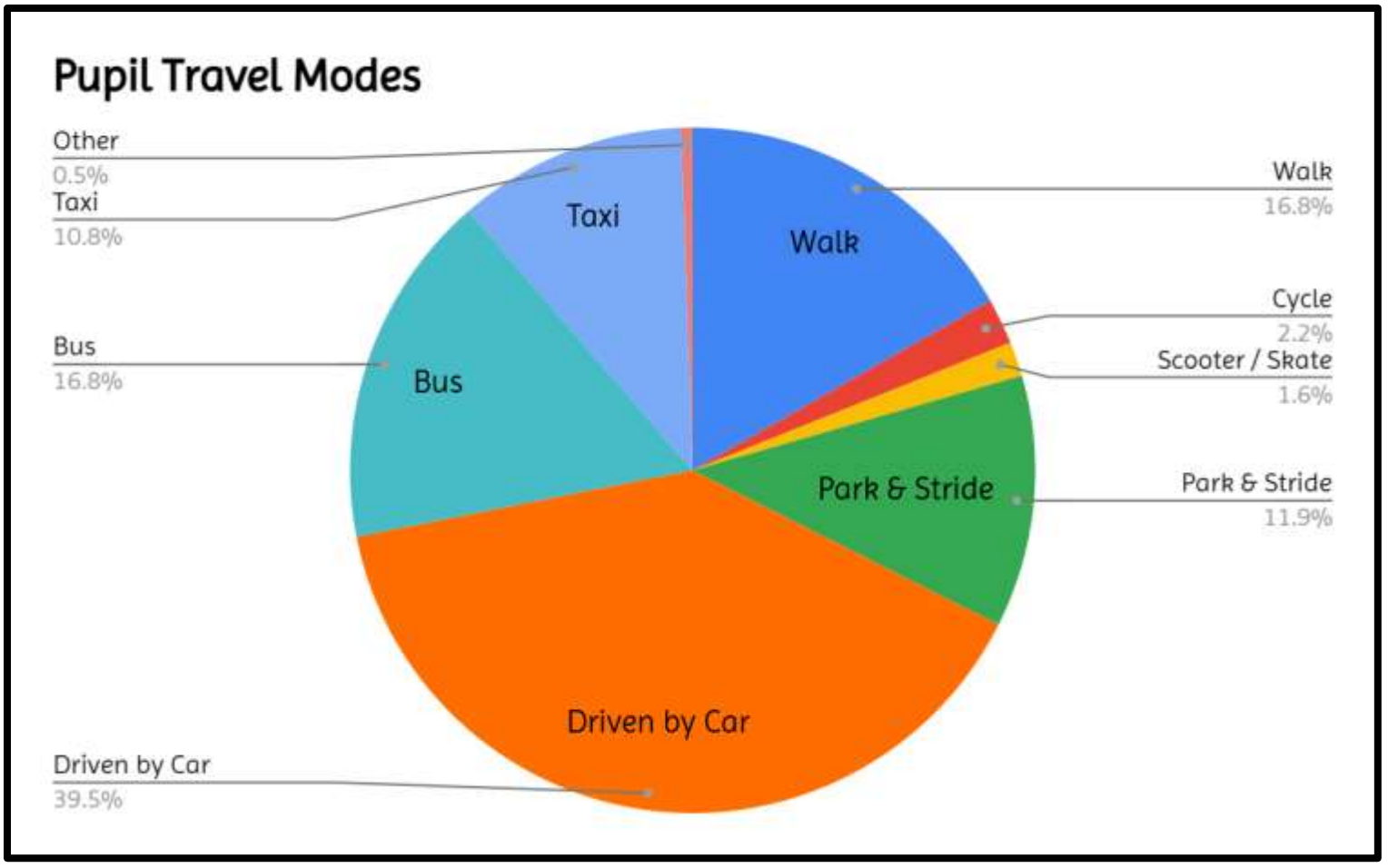
Travel Data

Pupils travelling to school

The last "Hands Up Survey" (September 2026) found that 185 pupils surveyed reported normally travelling to school in the following ways:

Method of travel	Number of pupils	% of pupils
Walk	31	16.8%
Cycle	4	2.2%
Scooter / Skate	3	1.6%
Park & Stride	22	11.9%
Driven (car)	73	39.5%
Bus	31	16.8%
Taxi	20	10.8%
Other	1	0.5%



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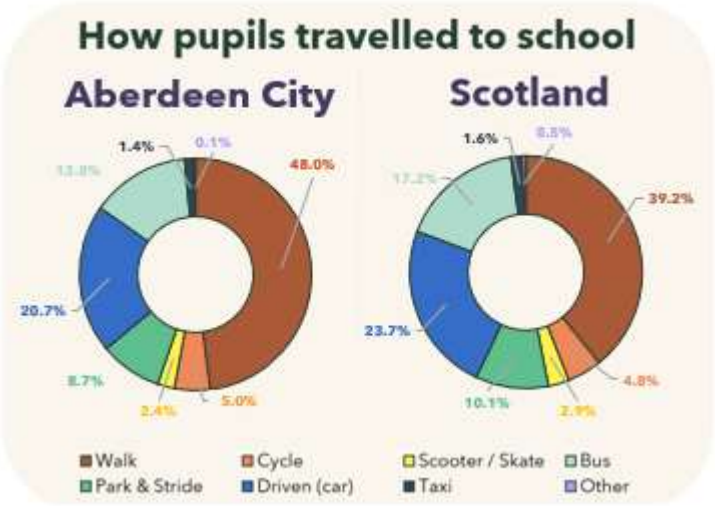
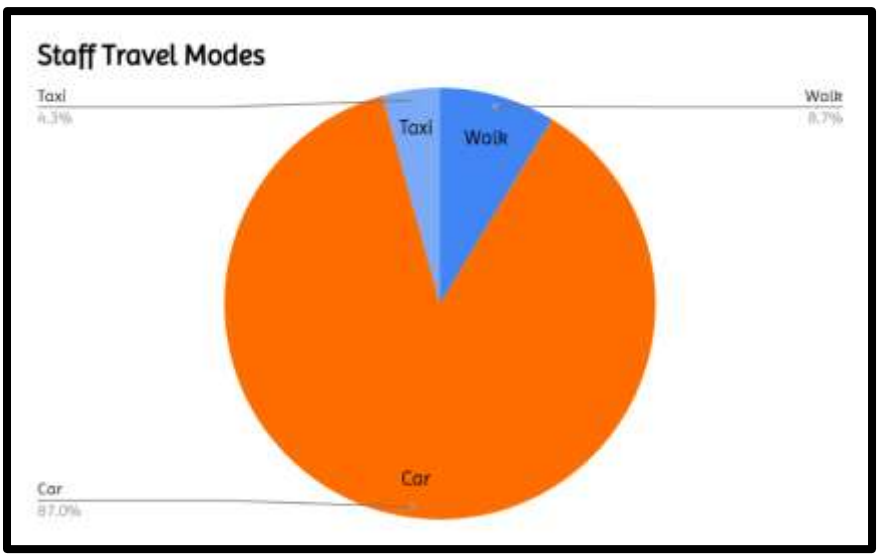
Local and National Picture for Pupil Travel

The following chart shows how our results compare to the local and national picture for pupil travel modes:



In August 2026, our Junior Road Safety Officers surveyed staff on their usual mode of transport to work. The following results were found from the 24 staff surveyed:

Method of travel	Number of staff	% of staff
Walk	2	8.7%
Cycle	0	0.0%
Scooter / Skate	0	0.0%
Park & Stride	0	0.0%
Car	20	87.0%
Bus	0	0.0%
Taxi	1	4.3%
Other	0	0.0%



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Current Travel Opportunities and Challenges:

The following have been identified as travel opportunities / benefits at our current site:

- There is more room for cars to park in the local area close to our Dill Road site.
- There is a bike rack to allow pupils and staff to securely padlock bikes / scooters outside the school.
- There are zebra crossings nearby to support safe walking to school.
- There are bus stops close by the school, supporting those travelling by public transport.
- Park and walk locations nearby include some on-street parking on Hayton Road, a public parking area near to Morrisons Daily and Seaton Park Car Park (South Entrance – St Machar Drive side).

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

- Drivers (parents / carers) not adhering to school policy and causing congestion around the school grounds by parking in the school car parks.
- 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, zizag lines or on the kerb / walkway.
- Cars stopping in the middle of the road to let pupils out / pick pupils up.
- Drivers not obeying the 20 mph speed limit on Dill Road.
- Pedestrians walking onto the road without looking to check if it is safe on Dill Road.
- Cars leaving doors open, causing traffic congestion.
- Very busy traffic at drop off and pick up times on Dill Road, which is a relatively small road.
- Lack of opportunities for pupils to travel actively to school, including because of distance from the school.

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School Action Plan

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

Strategies already in place

Strategy / initiative	Description
Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs)	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. 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. Their actions include: • 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 • Collecting travel data across the school
Hands Up Scotland Survey (Sustrans)	Every year in the first term of school, we take part in the Hands Up Survey. JRSOs (supported by class 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.
Cycle / scooter rack	We currently have a rack for children to put their bikes and scooters during school hours.
Bikeability **Learn to ride**	We actively work with partners, including Sustrans and Adventure Aberdeen, to deliver Bikeability 1 and 2 training for pupils. 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. We also work with the Family Learning Team to identify opportunities for learn to ride in the local area with younger pupils. Bike safety checks are also organised for our pupils taking part in learn to ride activities.

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Beep Beep Day	We use the annual "Beep Beep Day" to support education around road safety in school.
Class learning	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.
Road Safety Magic Show	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.
Links to our eco group work	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.
Monthly school newsletters	Traffic matters and JRSO updates are a regular feature in our monthly school newsletter (Sway).
Parent council	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.
Working with community partners	Our JRSOs invite parent council representatives and local representatives (included councillors) to support our planning for our School Travel Plan and ongoing projects in school.

Our JRSOs also have an Action Plan for the school year, which is contained in Appendix 1.

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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 pedestrian pathway to enter and leave the school grounds. Do not come through the car parks unless coming from a school transport taxi.

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 you enter the school grounds.
- 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 Dill Road).
- 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 parks to drop off or collect pupils.
- Use the clearly marked paths for children to walk safely into the school grounds.

Bus Travel

St Peter's RC School is located on Dill Road, Aberdeen, and is well served by public transport. The main bus operator in the area is First Aberdeen, which operates a wide range of services across the city. Timetables, route maps and live bus information can be accessed through the First Bus website or the First Bus app.

First Bus Service 19 runs directly through Tillydrone (via stops such as St George's Church, Coningham Terrace, and Donbank Place) toward Culter or the city centre/Broad Street. This allows for connections from other bus routes.

Additional services pass close to Tillydrone or edge-of-neighborhood stops (such as Don Street/Old Aberdeen area), including:

- First Bus Services 17 / 17A / 17K are accessible via a short walk toward nearby corridors / Don Street.
- First Bus Services 18 / 18B are accessible via nearby connection points.

- Stagecoach Service 727 is also accessible nearby. The Stagecoach website has timetables available and a route planner to create a personalised journey timetable.

Free Bus Travel for Children and Young People

The Scottish Government provides free bus travel for all children and young people aged 5-21 who live in Scotland through the National Entitlement Card (NEC) scheme. This allows eligible children and young people to travel free on most bus services throughout Scotland.

This initiative helps families reduce travel costs and encourages greater use of sustainable forms of transport.

How to Apply

To receive free bus travel, children and young people need a National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot NEC. Applications can be made online through getyournec.scot.

Encouraging Bus Travel

Using the bus can help reduce traffic congestion around the school, improve road safety and contribute to lower carbon emissions. The school encourages families to consider public transport where it is a practical option and to make use of Scotland's free travel scheme wherever possible.

Some older pupils may travel to and from school independently by bus. Parents / carers should carefully consider whether their child is mature, responsible and confident enough to travel alone, taking account of their age, ability and individual circumstances. Responsibility for determining whether a child can travel independently rests with parents and carers.

If parents are considering allowing their child to travel to school independently by bus, they are encouraged to discuss this with the school in advance so that any relevant arrangements can be taken into account. We recommend that children are familiar with their route, know what to do if they miss their stop or bus, and understand basic road and personal safety expectations before travelling independently.

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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:

Staff:
Mr Liam Sturrock (Head Teacher, Working Group Lead)
Mrs Carolyn Kelman (DHT / Class Teacher, JRSOs lead)

Pupils:
P6: Sophie, Henry, Orestis, Sofia and Lena
P7: Violette, Phoebe, Letycja and Stephen

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Review Date: **August 2027**

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Appendix 1 : JRSOs Action Plan 2026 - 2027

Priority	Action Required	Who Will Lead On This?	What Improvements Will We See?	Review Date
Create JRSO team for 2026/2027	Current JRSOs (from P7) to inform the P6 class about the role of JRSOs and advise them of the recruiting process. Interested pupils apply for the position of JRSO in writing, identifying why they would be suitable for the role. Current JRSO team to filter applications before recruiting 4 new members	P7 JRSOs Mrs Kelman	We will be able to create a motivated, caring team who will work together to improve road safety awareness in our school	**August 2026**
Order JRSO resources for the 2026/2027 year	Mrs Kelman to contact JRSO office to ensure resources are sent to us towards as soon as possible	Mrs Kelman	JRSO log books will help our new members record minutes of meetings & ideas/suggestions	**August 2026**
Apply for 'Ziggy's Little Books For Home' for all P1 pupils	Contact 'Road Safety Scotland' for free P1 resources	Mrs Kelman and JRSOs	Provide new P1s with home learning opportunities	**August 2026**
Meet P1s to read to them and give out 'Ziggy's Little Books For Home'	JRSOs will meet with P1 classes to read and give out Ziggy books	Mrs Kelman JRSOs	Raise awareness of road safety	**7th September 2026**
Ticketing outside school grounds reminding parents about safe parking / drop offs etc. JRSOs to stand outside school grounds at drop off time on dates to be confirmed to distribute leaflets	JRSOs to make large posters and leaflets reminding parents about: safe park and stride locations; not to leave engines idling; not to block entrances; be mindful of others and local residents etc.	Mrs Kelman JRSOs	Less congestion during drop off and pick up times. Increased safety for our pupils Reminders to parents / carers about keeping our children safe around our local community	**September 2026**
Update school website - introduction and overview of aims for this year	Mrs Kelman to help JRSOs update the website	Mrs Kelman and JRSOs	Raise awareness to pupils and parents about the role of our JRSO team this year	**October 2026**
Collate the results from our recent air quality monitoring and share with the school in assembly.	JRSOs previously worked with Fiona from Walk, Wheel, Cycle Trust to look at the air quality around our school.	JRSOs Mrs Kelman Eco Group	Raise awareness of congestion and pollution created by cars	**October 2026**

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JRSOs 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 will collect the results and share with the rest of the school. Potentially share this information with parents and carers through website / Google Classroom etc		Support from our parents and wider community to reduce road pollution	
Prepare a presentation for assembly to introduce themselves and launch a road safety awareness competition 'Be Bright Be Seen'	JRSOs to plan and carry out a 5 minute presentation educating pupils about road safety in the dark Competition to design a 'Be Bright Be Seen' cycle helmet	JRSOs	Pupils will know who our JRSO members are and can easily identify them if they need some road safety advice	**November 2025**
Road Safety Week 'Safe People On The Move'	JRSOs to create a video introducing Road Safety Week and discussing the importance of staying safe on the move.' They will create fun activities for the classes to participate in and post their video on each Classroom.	JRSOs Mrs Kelman to assist	All pupils will be reminded about the importance of road safety	**15th November 2026**
Invite parent council and local councillors to join us for a JRSO meeting to discuss our work and our travel plan	JRSOs will host a meeting with parents and councillors to raise awareness of their role and what we have done this year to help raise road safety awareness.	Mrs Kelman JRSOs	Opportunity to showcase our work as a pupil leadership group and to share thoughts / opinions / and ideas to keep our local roads safe	**February 2027**
Beep Beep! Day	Working with p1 - p3 children to ensure they are aware of being safe around roads	JRSOs Mrs Kelman	Theme to be confirmed	**Monday 16th March 2027**
Ticketing outside school grounds reminding parents about safe parking / drop offs etc. JRSOs to stand outside school grounds at drop off time on dates to be confirmed to distribute leaflets	JRSOs to make large posters and leaflets reminding parents about: safe park and stride locations; not to leave engines idling; not to block entrances; be mindful of others and local residents etc.	Mrs Kelman JRSOs	Less congestion during drop off and pick up times. Increased safety for our pupils Reminders to parents / carers about keeping our children safe around our local community	**April 2027**
Scooter Obstacles	Working with all classes to raise awareness on scooter safety and also to raise awareness of road signs	JRSOs Mrs Kelman	- Increased awareness of scooter safety - increased awareness of road signs and their meaning	**May 2027**
Update school website - introduction and overview of aims for this year	Mrs Kelman to help JRSOs update the website	JRSOs Mrs Kelman	Update parents / carers on JRSOs accomplishments this year	**June 2027**

Appendix 2 : JRSOs Group Information Poster 2026 – 2027