

***Westray
Junior High
School***



Travel Plan

Aims

The overall aims of the plan are:

- To improve safety for children walking and cycling to/from school.
- To promote healthier alternatives to the car i.e. walking and cycling
- To maintain the opportunities for road safety education
- To plan for regular Scottish Cycle Training Scheme
- To increase awareness among pupils, staff and parents of health and environmental issues arising from the school run.
- To review the school travel plan annually

Situation

The school is situated in the village of Pierowall. This is at the northern end of the isle of Westray. There are footpaths around the school, which lead into the centre of the village. However there are no footpaths leading to the southern end of the village, resulting in children walking on the roads.

Some of the roads leading from the school are unlit. They also have a speed restriction of 30mph.

At present Westray J H School has 77 pupils – 40 secondary, 33 primary and 4 in the Pre School. Pre School children are always brought to school and collected by parents/carers. 40 children come by bus in the winter, reducing to 31 in the summer. 19 children either walk or cycle on a regular basis. The remaining 15 children come to school via a car.

Just 3 of the children that come by car are appropriate to target. This is due to the fact that the remaining children are young and under the age to undertake cycle safety training. We will also target the children who do not use the bus during the summer months.

Entrances and Parking

The school has 1 main entrance.

Staff park mainly in the car park to the West of the school. The three minibuses drop children off in a designated parking space near to the entrance of the school. The parents also use this car park to drop their children off by car. The cyclists use a separate area at the back of the school to leave their bikes and then walk on the footpath towards the school entrance.

At the end of the day Primary children are led to the buses and are also taken out to the playground to be collected by parents or to start to walk or cycle safely home. Secondary pupils leave the school without any need to supervise their exit.

Safety Vests

Each new group beginning primary one are given fluorescent vests.

Road Safety

Children are taught about road safety issues right through their nursery and primary education. The 'Traffic Club' resource is shared by nursery staff. Throughout primary road safety is based on the 5 – 14 guidelines with much of the work covered through 'Streetsense 2.'

Junior Road Safety Officers from Primary 7 pupils have been given their induction and they will be highlighting road safety issues across the primary sector.

Senior primary children and pupils in S1 have been given Scottish Cycle training Scheme tuition.

Reviewing and Reporting

This travel plan was drawn up after consultation with pupils, staff and parent council.

Issues regarding Road Safety will be highlighted periodically to parents via newsletters. This could include safety on the school bus, safe cycling, wearing safety vests in dark weather etc.

This plan will be reviewed annually by the head teacher.

Aim	Target	Action	Personnel	Timescale	Funding/ Resources
To improve safety for children walking and cycling to /from school.	Provide adequate cycle shelters in safe locations.	Seek funding and install cycle shelters in safe locations.	Head teacher	Short term	OIC
	Continue with program to train cyclists through the Scottish Cycle training scheme.	Continue to provide cycle training on bi annual basis.	Community wardens / parent trainers	Short term	
	Use JRSO to promote road safety issues in and around the school.	Continue to further develop their role.	Principal teacher	Short term	
	Request for further footpaths and lighting leading from the school to the south of the village.	To make representations to the community council and relevant council departments.	Head teacher Parent Council	Long term	
Walk to school	To encourage more people to walk to school in the summer	Active schools present a fitness programme to children and encourage them to walk to school	Active Schools	Short term	OIC
Cycle to school	To encourage more people to cycle to school in the summer.	Seek funding and install cycle shelters in safe locations.	Head teacher	Short term	OIC
		Continue to provide cycle	Community	Medium	

		<p>training on bi annual basis.</p> <p>Raising awareness of the benefits of walking and cycling to school.</p>	<p>wardens / parent trainers</p> <p>PSD sessions</p>	term	
To maintain the opportunities for road safety training.	To provide effective training	<p>Class Teachers will ensure the delivery of Road Safety at crucial points of the year using the Street Sense 2 road safety programme.</p> <p>Pre School will promote the Children's Traffic Club.</p> <p>Use the Theatre in Education experience to develop children awareness of road safety.</p>	<p>Teachers JRSO's</p> <p>Theatre in Education through Road Safety Scotland</p>	<p>Short term</p> <p>Medium Term</p>	OIC