

# CORNBANK ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TRAVEL PLAN

2019



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## **Introduction**

This school Travel Plan documents the measures and initiatives that will be implemented by Cornbank Primary School to reduce unnecessary car use, encourage healthy and sustainable travel options and increase safety for children getting to and from school. This is fully in accordance with the school's vision, which states that it aims, "to provide and resource an environment....which encourages each pupil and staff member to achieve their full potential in all aspects of life and to work as effective contributors and responsible citizens." The measures will include walking and cycling initiatives as well as educational programmes.

## **School Description**

Cornbank St James Primary School is a fairly large building, built on one floor. It is in the middle of Cornbank estate but many pupils come from other parts of Penicuik to it too. We have approx. 296 pupils.

The main school entrance stands on Marchburn Drive with a rear entrance from a footpath connecting to Brockwood Avenue and Bavelaw Crescent. Our school is surrounded by pathways and has a cycle path cutting through our field to give us cycle access to the playground. Cycle training takes place in the summer term for P6 pupils. We have a few drop-off zones so that cars don't have to come to the same point to drop-off.

The school day starts at 0850hrs and finishes at 1515 hrs .

## Current School Travel Information

### Staff Travel Survey - 24 responses

62% of staff currently drive to school with 38% living locally and walking to school.

The main reasons stated for car travel were:-

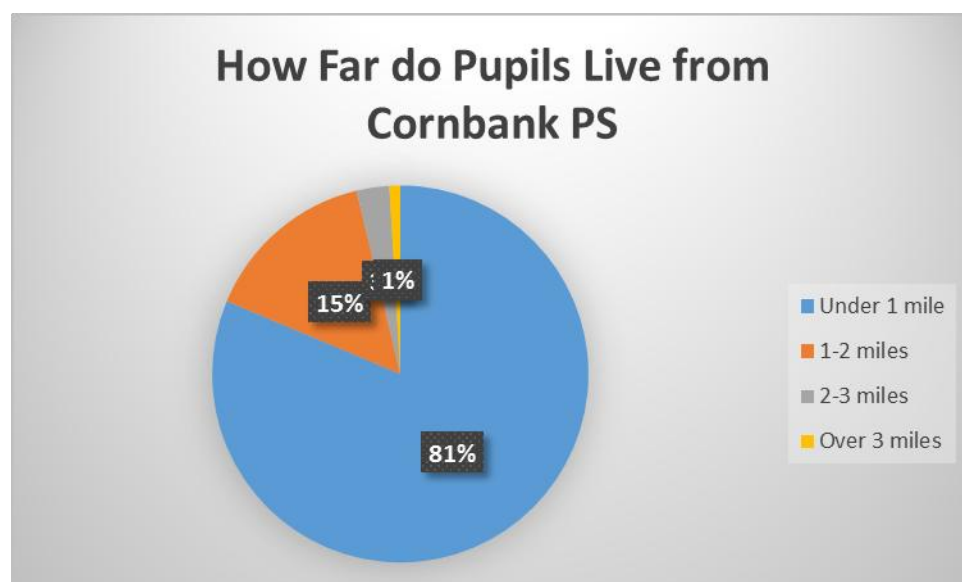
- . Activities after work
- . Convenience
- . Need car for work duties

Of those staff who drive, 33% were interested in a car sharing scheme with a further 19% unsure but interested in finding out more. Staff should be made aware of Midlothian Council's Trip Share scheme - available on the intranet.

### **Pupil/Parent Travel Survey Results**

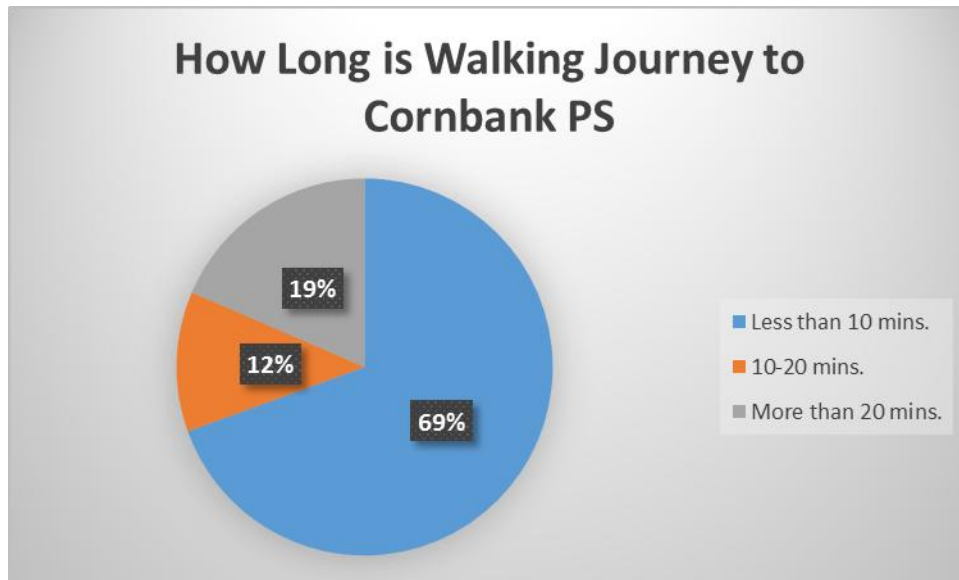
108 parent questionnaires were analysed - these will be used as representative of parental views. When questioned about how they currently travel to school, answers showed the following:

#### **How far do you live from the school?**



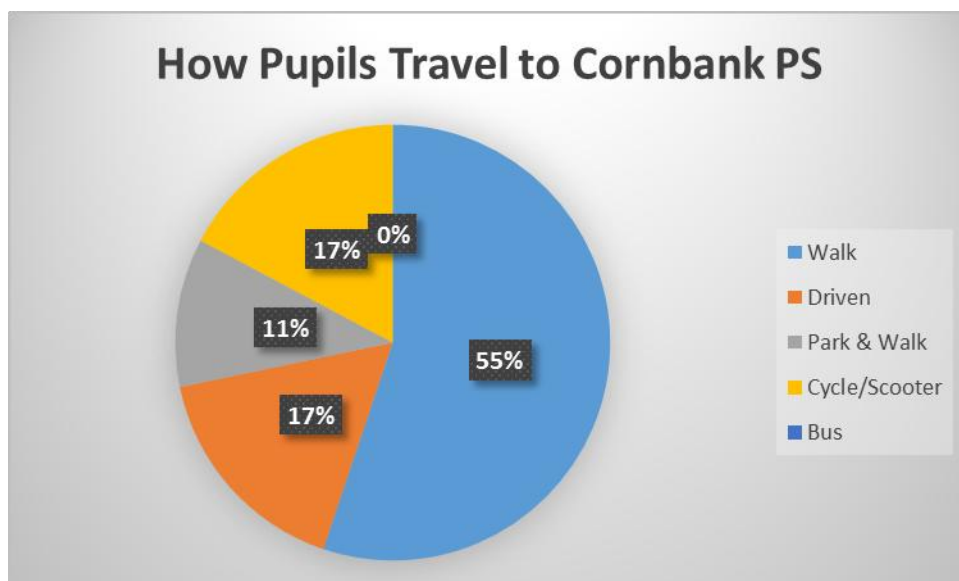
81% of pupils live under 1 mile from school. A further 15% live under 2 miles, within acceptable walking/cycling distance. 4% of our pupils live over 2 miles from school.

### How long does the journey to school take your children?



69% of pupils have a journey time of 10 minutes or less with 12% being between 10 - 20 mins, within acceptable walking and cycling distance. 19% of pupils have a walking journey time of over 20 mins.

### How Does Your Child Travel to & From School?



55% of children walk to school with 17% of pupils' cycle or come by scooter. 11% of pupils use a Park & Walk scheme with nobody reporting travelling by bus. 17% actually travel all the way by car, a 3% increase since our last surveys which is disappointing.

### **If you could choose, how would parents prefer their child to travel to school?**

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|-------|-----|
| Walk  | 71% |
| Cycle | 20% |
| Car   | 9%  |

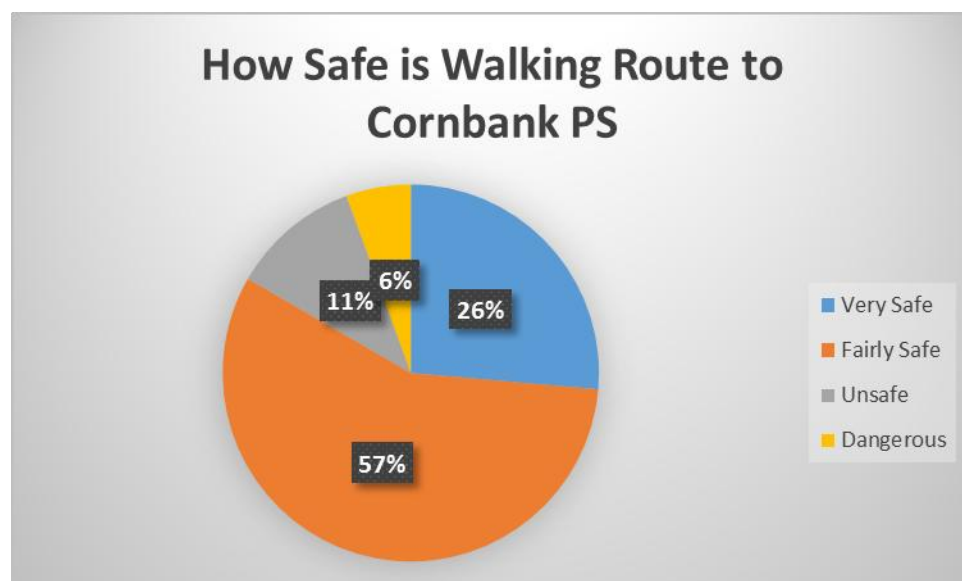
This shows that a further 16% of parents would rather their child walked to school, with 20% of parents preferring their child to cycle - currently 17% already do so. 9% parents prefer their child to travel to school by car, down on the 17% that do so with most of these stating it was required either for work reasons or distance.

### **For car users only**

Of those parents who currently take children to school by car, 44% make a specific journey with 56% combining the journey with a journey to work, nursery, etc.

### **For parents whose children walk/cycle to school only**

#### **How Safe Do You Consider Your Route To Be?**



83% of parents consider their child's journey to school to be fairly safe or very safe. 11% of parents feel their child's journey is potentially unsafe with 6% considering it to be dangerous, most of these coming out with catchment.

### **Improvements parents recommended to make walking/cycling to school safer** (Noted where reported from more than 1 respondent)

- 7 people requested a School Crossing Guide service at the top of Cuiken Terrace.
- 6 suggestions were for a zebra crossing or similar at raised table Greenhill Park/Clerk Road.
- 5 people felt gritting of local footpaths was inadequate.
- 4 people highlighted pavement parking etc. by Cuiken PS as an issue
- 4 suggestions were for an official crossing point/assistance somewhere on Rullion Road.
- 4 people requested a School Crossing Guide on Carlops Road/foot of Bog Road.
- 2 suggestions were for a School Streets Scheme on Marchburn Drive.
- 2 people felt that the whole of Cornbank should be a 20mph zone
- 2 parents felt there was difficulties crossing between Bridge Street and West Street.
- 2 people highlighted an issue with cars parking on the Keep Clears on Marchburn Drive.

### **Aims and Objectives**

As with most schools in Midlothian, parking at the school gate at peak times is a problem at Cornbank Primary School. It is considered that the level of congestion caused by unnecessary car use presents a significant risk to the health and safety of our pupils. It is our aim to increase the number of children using sustainable and healthy modes of transport and to reduce the number of parents who park too close to the school gates. We are pleased that our walking figure has greatly increased and our driven figure has decreased. We would however like to see the number of pupils travelling all the way to the school gate by car reduced even further and hope to see a further reduction by our next travel surveys. We would prefer that they park a little way away and allowed their children an opportunity to walk at least some of the way to school.

**Roles and Responsibilities** – Lyndsey Holmes and Susie Turnbull (Class Teachers) will assume main responsibility for implementing the School Travel Plan.

### **Programme of events/initiatives selected**

| <b>Solution</b>     | <b>Target</b>  | <b>Undertaken by</b>                                       | <b>timescale</b>    |
|---------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| Walking solutions   | Walk to school week  | School and School Travel Co-ordinator (STC)                | Annually May & Oct. |
|                     | Kerbcraft Road Safety programme                                      | School, parental volunteers                                | annually            |
| Cycling solutions   | Cycle training for P6  | School with Active Schools                                 |                     |
| Car solutions       | Display of Smart Parking Banner                                      | School/School Travel Co-ordinator                          | 6 monthly           |
| Education solutions | Road Safety Awareness  | School, JRSO and RSO (Steps to safety)                     | Ongoing             |
|                     | Health promotion   | School (part of Health promoting project)                  | Ongoing             |
|                     | Citizenship  | school   | Ongoing             |
| Traffic management  | Ask authority to look at our measures highlighted by parents         | STC, Midlothian Council                                    |                     |
| Promotional         | Travel plan launch   | School, RSO and STC  |                     |
|                     | Updating school information booklet to inform parents of travel plan | School   |                     |
|                     | Yearly update of travel plan   | School Travel Co-ordinator, Pupil Council, PTA and parents |                     |

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Regular updates reported at staff meetings

Data concerning perceptions of safety about school travel to be collected from JRSO children and Pupil Council members.

School Travel Plan to be reviewed every second year - next due February 2021.