



From mountain to sea



Crathes School Travel Plan 2019

Introduction

Crathes School is a small rural primary school located 4 miles outside Banchory. It has 39 pupils taught in two classes.

In 2010 Bert McIntosh kindly funded and constructed a new car park which provides more space for cars and buses dropping off and picking up pupils from school. Due to the rural location of the school, travel to school by bus or car remains the main mode of transport for the majority of our pupils, however there are some pupils and members of staff that do occasionally cycle during the warmer months.

This plan is designed to provide information to families on how to travel safely to school.

What is a travel plan?

A Travel Plan is a document which encourages people to travel to our school in a sustainable, active and safe way. Our rural location can mean that for some pupils walking or cycling to school is not the safest option. We hope this document will help families to think about the benefits of walking or cycling even if they are not suitable for the school run.

The benefits of walking or cycling include:

- **Good for the environment**
- **Keeps you fit and healthy**
- **Reduces traffic on the roads**
- **It's fun**

Consultation

Every year, Crathes School conducts a travel survey as part of the Hands Up Survey. The results show us that consistently the majority of our pupils travel to school by bus or car.

In March 2019 we completed Travel Questionnaires with all pupils. 28 out of 35 pupils expressed an interest in cycling to school. Reasons for not cycling include distance from home to school, parents unwilling to let their child cycle alone, dangerous roads and a lack of suitable bike storage.

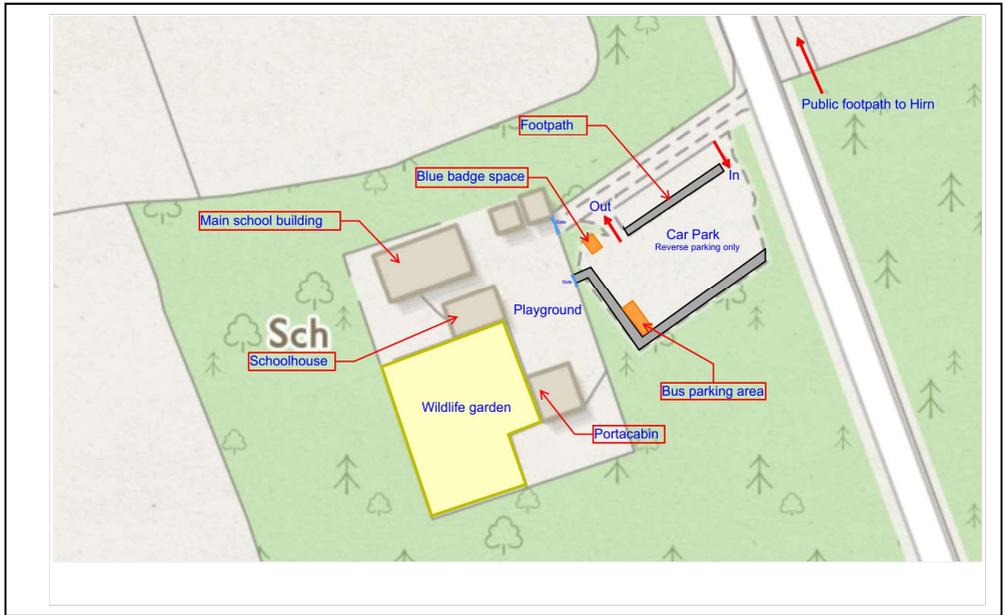
At Crathes all our pupils in P6/7 are offered the Bikeability Level 2 programme to educate them in safe cycling.

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Action	How can we achieve this	Who is responsible	Timescale
To encourage safe, sustainable and active travel to school	Keep promoting national events such as road safety week.	Head Teacher/class teachers	Ongoing
	Continue with our Bikeability Programme for P6/7 pupils.		Every two years
	Bid for funding for improved cycle storage		Summer 2019

<p>To promote safety when travelling by school bus</p>	<p>Clear signs indicating dedicated school bus parking spaces</p>	<p>Head Teacher, Parent Council and Rights Respecting Champions</p>	<p>Spring 2020</p>
<p>To encourage responsible parking</p>	<p>Reminders for parents, staff and bus drivers over appropriate parking in school car park in order to create a safer space for all.</p>	<p>Head Teacher, Parent Council and Rights Respecting Champions</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>To monitor travel to school</p>	<p>Continue to take part in the Annual Hands Up survey</p>	<p>Head Teacher</p>	<p>Term 1 each session</p>

Map of the Crathes School grounds



Top Tips if travelling to school by bus



- Check where the bus will pick you up from and be on time
- Wear a seatbelt at all times
- Don't distract the bus driver
- Use the footpath when walking in school car park

Top Tips if travelling to school by car



- Wear a seatbelt at all times
- Don't distract the driver
- Use booster seats for younger children
- Reverse park in the school car park
- Take care when you get out of the car and use the footpaths

Top tips if travelling to school by bike



- Check your bike before you set out
- Know your route
- Always wear a helmet
- Learn the Highway Code
- Park and lock your bike in bike racks

Top Tips if walking to school



- Walk on footpaths if possible
- Watch out for traffic
- Walk with an adult