

# **Loch Primary School and Nursery Class**



## **School Travel Plan**

**April 2025**

## **Introduction**

Loch Primary School and Nursery Class' Travel Plan intends to set out measures and best practice regarding travel arrangements for both staff and pupils. The school recognises the importance of promoting sustainable transport in order to reduce the current trend of car reliance. We believe that a School Travel Plan (STP) will help to address many of our road safety and transport problems and have a very positive effect on the local community as a whole.

The STP has been devised with input from staff, parents/carers and pupils. We have undertaken an extended period of consultation and discussion between all stakeholders and carried out various surveys and questionnaires to obtain an outline of their views.

The main objective of Loch Primary School and Nursery Class' Travel Plan is:

- To reduce the amount of car trips made to and from the school.

Further objectives are to:

- Reduce congestion around the school drop-off area.
- Promote safe routes to school and nursery.
- Improve health and fitness of staff, pupils and parents/carers.
- Help to reduce pollution and create a better environment by using alternative travel methods to cars.

We aim to meet these objectives by encouraging staff, pupils and parents/carers to adopt sustainable transport alternatives to travel to school and nursery. These are set out and explained in the ***Key Initiatives with Objectives and Targets*** and ***Programme for Implementation*** section.

## Brief Description of the School



Loch Primary School and Nursery Class is situated in the Springhall area of Rutherglen, South Lanarkshire. It has an approximate roll of 200 pupils and a further 36 full time nursery pupils. We are currently an Eco School and have been awarded four Green Flags. We have also achieved our Gold Health Promoting award. Our nursery and school catchment area includes the Springhall and Whitlawburn areas from which most of our pupils travel and also some housing estates including Lomond View, Langlea and part of Hunter housing estates. The school opening hours are 9:00am-2.55pm and the nursery session runs from 9:00am-3:00pm. Throughout the year there are a variety of extra-curricular activities after school and these tend to run until 4:00pm.

The school is located at the end of Lochaber Drive, which leads from Cruachan Road just off of the A749 which is a dual carriageway. A few local shops are situated on the same road as the school but we are not affected by any traffic from these.

Loch Primary School and Nursery Class is also situated beside a neighbouring school, St Anthony's Primary School, which causes extra congestion at school drop off and collection times. To try to ease the congestion we have different finishing school times with Loch Primary School finishing five minutes before St. Anthony's Primary School.

There is a designated drop off area and pupil access for both schools.

We encourage children to cycle or travel on their scooter to school and nursery. We have cycle racks in the playground to allow bicycles and scooters to be brought to school and stored safely.

## **Evidence of consultation**

As the main method of consultation, a survey was distributed to all pupils, parents/carers and staff and the results collated. The responses helped us to understand the views of pupils, parents and staff. The results are shown on the following pages.

- STAFF
- PARENTS/CARERS
- PUPILS

## STAFF RESPONSES

### School Travel Plan - Staff Questionnaire

Base: 27 respondents

#### Which area in South Lanarkshire is your school located?

0 (0%)	Hamilton
0 (0%)	East Kilbride
27 (100%)	Rutherglen/Cambuslang
0 (0%)	Clydesdale

#### Do you teach in nursery, primary or high school?

27 (100%)	Primary / Nursery school
0 (0%)	Secondary/ High school

#### Which primary school in Rutherglen/Cambuslang do you teach in?

0 (0%)	Bankhead	0 (0%)	Park View
0 (0%)	Burgh	0 (0%)	Spittal
0 (0%)	Burnside	0 (0%)	St Anthony's
0 (0%)	Cairns	0 (0%)	St Brides
0 (0%)	Calderwood	0 (0%)	St Cadocs
0 (0%)	Cathkin	0 (0%)	St Charles
0 (0%)	James Aiton	0 (0%)	St Columbkilles
0 (0%)	Hallside	0 (0%)	St Marks
27 (100%)	Loch	0 (0%)	West Coats

#### How far do you travel to school?

3 (11%)	Less than half a mile
2 (7%)	Half a mile to 1 mile
7 (26%)	1 to 2 miles
5 (19%)	2 to 3 miles
10 (37%)	Over 3 miles

#### How do you travel to / from school

	To School	From School
Walk	5 (83%)	6 (100%)
Car (as a driver)	21 (100%)	18 (86%)
Car (as a passenger)	2 (100%)	1 (50%)
Bus	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Train	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Bicycle	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other method	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

#### Ideally, how would you like to travel to school?

8 (31%)	Walk
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15 (58%)	By car (as a driver)
1 (4%)	By car (as a passenger)
3 (12%)	By bicycle
1 (4%)	By bus
1 (4%)	By train
0 (0%)	Other method

**Please give a reason for wishing to travel this way:**

- Public transport would take too long.
- Need the car to drop off and pick up children before and after school.
- To have more exercise each day.
- Health benefits, both physical and mental.
- Ease of transporting equipment for work.
- Regularity of bus services.
- Independence
- In case of family emergency.
- Convenience.
- Good for the environment.

**If you travel to school by car, would you consider sharing the trip (car sharing)?**

10 (48%)	Yes
9 (42%)	No
2 (10%)	Already do

**If 'No' can you say why:**

- I need to take my own children to school which is further away and in the opposite direction of my own school.
- I cannot share with others due to my restrictions with my child.
- Family commitments.
- I work different hours from my colleagues.
- No colleagues live nearby.

**If you currently travel to school by car, what would persuade you to consider:**

Walking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distance to walk.</li> <li>• Health benefits.</li> <li>• Living closer.</li> </ul>
Cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe cycle paths.</li> <li>• Facilities to store bike in dry place.</li> <li>• Health reasons.</li> <li>• Distance is too far and too much to carry on bike.</li> </ul>

- Public Transport
- A more direct route.
  - More frequent public transport and better connections.
  - Cheaper fares.

**Do you have any concerns in relation to the school journey or the school vicinity (for you or for the pupils)?**

- Congestion around school due to 2 schools and nursery being at the end of a street (dead end).
- Lack of crossing patroller.
- Too many children exiting at same time can be dangerous.
- Heavy traffic.
- Concerns with the amount of traffic accessing a dead end road and illegal parking.
- The school is near a dual carriageway and not all pupils use the underpass.
- Cars park in the staff car park or over our zebra crossing which makes it unsafe for our pupils.
- The street is extremely busy and some people park on zig zag areas and drive into school car park very fast.
- Cars travel too fast on the road outside the school.
- There are a lot of parked cars on the street where the school is which makes driving down Lochaber Drive difficult at busy times.
- Some pupils walk to school without a parent/carer.

## PUPIL RESPONSES

### School Travel Plan - Pupil Questionnaire

Base: 85 respondents

#### In which area in South Lanarkshire is the school which you attend?

0 (0%) Hamilton  
0 (0%) East Kilbride  
85 (100%) Rutherglen/Cambuslang  
0 (0%) Clydesdale

#### Do you attend primary, Nursery, or high school?

85 (100%) Primary or Nursery school  
0 (0%) Secondary/High school

#### Which primary school in Rutherglen/Cambuslang do you attend?

0 (0%) Bankhead	0 (0%) James Aiton	0 (0%) St Brides
0 (0%) Burgh	0 (0%) Hallside	0 (0%) St Cadocs
0 (0%) Burnside	85 (100%) Loch	0 (0%) St Charles
0 (0%) Cairns	0 (0%) Park View	0 (0%) St Columbkilles
0 (0%) Calderwood	0 (0%) Spittal	0 (0%) St Marks
0 (0%) Cathkin	0 (0%) St Anthony's	0 (0%) West Coats

#### I am in class:

0 (0%) Primary 1  
4 (5%) Primary 2  
28 (33%) Primary 3  
9 (11%) Primary 4  
0 (0%) Primary 5  
23 (27%) Primary 6  
21 (25%) Primary 7  
0 (0%) Nursery Class

#### I am:

45 (53%) A boy  
40 (47%) A girl

#### How do you normally travel to and from school?

54 (64%) Walk  
3 (4%) Bike  
38 (45%) Car or taxi  
3 (4%) Bus  
0 (0%) Train  
6 (7%) Scooter



**Do you mostly come to school:**

28 (33%)	With other children and an adult
19 (22%)	With other children and no adult
10 (12%)	On your own
28 (33%)	With an adult

**If you could choose, how would you like to travel to school?**

31 (37%)	Walk
21 (25%)	Bike
19 (23%)	Car or taxi
0 (0%)	Train
20 (24%)	Scooter
3 (4%)	Bus
2 (2%)	Other (please specify)
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limo</li><li>• Helicopter</li></ul>

**Would you like to walk with a group of children and adults to school?**

42 (49%)	Yes
32 (38%)	No
11 (13%)	Not sure

**Do you have a bicycle?**

55 (65%)	Yes
30 (35%)	No

**Would you like to cycle with a group of children and adults to school?**

25 (46%)	Yes
30 (55%)	No

**What stops you or makes it difficult for you to walk or cycle to school?**

52 (61%)	Bad weather
13 (15%)	Distance too far
5 (6%)	Scared of bullying
26 (31%)	Not allowed by parents
28 (33%)	Roads are too busy
14 (17%)	Traffic is too fast
12 (14%)	Scared of strangers
17 (20%)	Don't want to

**If you travel to school by car, how many other pupils travel with you?**

34 (42%)	None
28 (34%)	One
10 (12%)	Two
6 (7%)	Three

4 (5%)      More than three

**Do you think that you could park a little further away from the school and have a short walk with an adult or your friends to get to or from your school? This is called 'Park & Stride'!**

0 (0%)      Yes

0 (0%)      No

**How could your journey be made safer?**

- Less traffic near the school.
- Having people to walk with.
- Following the adult.
- Road in Springhall expands (to make traffic easier).
- Too busy.
- Helping people be safe, have fun, be smart.
- Less cars.
- Traffic lights and signs.
- Cars to stop parking on roads.
- Less Traffic on roads.

## PARENT/CARER RESPONSES

### **School Travel Plan - Parent/Carer Questionnaire**

**Base: 42 respondents**

#### **Which area in South Lanarkshire is your child's school located?**

0 (0%)	Hamilton
0 (0%)	East Kilbride
42 (100%)	Rutherglen/Cambuslang
0 (0%)	Clydesdale

#### **Does your child attend Primary, Nursery or High school?**

42 (100%)	Primary school / Nursery
0 (0%)	Secondary/High school

#### **Which primary school in Rutherglen/Cambuslang does your child attend?**

0 (0%)	Bankhead	0 (0%)	James Aiton	0 (0%)	St Brides
0 (0%)	Burgh	0 (0%)	Hallside	0 (0%)	St Cadocs
0 (0%)	Burnside	42 (100%)	Loch	0 (0%)	St Charles
0 (0%)	Cairns	0 (0%)	Park Views	0 (0%)	St Columbkilles
0 (0%)	Calderwood	0 (0%)	Spittal	0 (0%)	St Marks
0 (0%)	Cathkin	0 (0%)	St Anthony's	0 (0%)	West Coats

#### **Child's Class:**

5 (12%)	Primary 1
1 (2%)	Primary 2
10 (24%)	Primary 3
9 (21%)	Primary 4
6 (14%)	Primary 5
4 (10%)	Primary 6
5 (12%)	Primary 7
2 (5%)	Nursery

#### **Is your child:**

15 (36%)	Male
26 (62%)	Female
1 (2%)	Prefer not to say

#### **How far does your child travel to school?**

19 (45%)	Less than half a mile
18 (43%)	Half a mile to 1 mile
5 (12%)	Over 1 mile

**How does your child normally travel to and school?**

29 (69%)	On foot
26 (62%)	By Car
0 (0%)	By School Bus
2 (5%)	Public Transport
2 (5%)	By Bicycle
3 (7%)	Scooter

**If you could choose, how would you prefer your child to travel to school?**

31 (74%)	On foot
17 (41%)	By Car
5 (12%)	By School Bus
0 (0%)	Public Transport
5 (12%)	By Bicycle
5 (12%)	Scooter

**How does your child usually travel to school?**

20 (48%)	With other children and an adult
0 (0%)	With other children and no adult
4 (10%)	On their own
18 (43%)	With an adult

**Would / do you allow your child to walk to school?**

24 (57%)	Yes, if supervised
7 (17%)	Yes, if unsupervised
11 (26%)	No

**Would / do you allow your child to cycle to school?**

21 (50%)	Yes, if supervised
2 (5%)	Yes, if unsupervised
19 (45%)	No

**Would you be available as a parent volunteer to supervise a small group of children walking to school (walking bus)?**

2 (5%)	Yes
29 (69%)	No
11 (26%)	Not sure

**Would you be available as a parent volunteer to supervise a small group of children cycling to school (cycle train)?**

2 (5%)	Yes
33 (79%)	No
7 (17%)	Not sure

**If your child travels to school by car, how many additional pupils travel with you?**

13 (50%)	None
6 (23%)	One
7 (27%)	Two
0 (0%)	Three
0 (0%)	More than three

**Would you consider sharing the trip with other parents and their children?**

5 (38%)	Yes
4 (31%)	No
4 (31%)	Not sure

**We are encouraging those who come to school by car to park a little further away from the school. This will help make the journey to school safer for those children who walk or cycle. Would you consider supporting a 'Park & Stride' initiative - parking further away from the school and walking the remaining short distance?**

29 (71%)	Yes
4 (10%)	No
3 (7%)	Not sure
5 (12%)	Not applicable

**If 'No' or 'Not sure' please say why:**

- Depends what time I would start work in the morning as sometimes short on time and don't know how long it would take to walk from the 'park and stride' and sometimes the grandparents take the children to school.
- I have a disabled child that travels in the car to school so would not be able to park further away and walk due to this.
- In the current climate it is not safe for children to be walking to and from school.
- I need to park close to the school to drop my child off due to having a disability.
- Mobility issues for the driver.
- I have a baby in the car. It's not always possible to take a pram with me.

**Can you give details of suitable locations that could be used as a pick up / drop off area or to be used as a 'Park & Stride' site?**

- On empty land beside Springlaw Nursery.
- The shops along from the school.
- I believe there requires to be safe crossing utilising lollipop persons. The top of Ross Place is particularly hazardous as the parking there blocks viewing, also the speed drivers can drive is dangerous. People parking in the zig zags at the school is also a cause for concern.
- Near Saleem's or potentially at Nisa in Whitlawburn.
- It would help if the residents used the car parks that are provided at the back rather than parking on the road.
- There is not enough space to do this due to the houses surrounding the school.
- Across from Community Centre, this would prevent congestion.

**How satisfied are you with your child's knowledge of road safety?**

9 (22%)	Very satisfied
28 (68%)	Satisfied
4 (10%)	Dissatisfied
0 (0%)	Very dissatisfied

**Can you suggest any ways the journey to school could be made safer?**

- More enlightenment and using pictures.
- Zebra crossing on the main road along from the school or a crossing attendant.
- Not so many cars coming and going at drop off and pick up.
- Have Police monitor the speed of cars and also ensure that people travelling in cars have the correct number of passengers.
- Lollipop ladies/men.
- Feeling safe walking through tunnels, maybe more lights and fresh paint etc.
- The 2 main roads, 1 at Ross Place and the one at Springhall Library are so busy and fast that lollipop people are needed.
- I think access to cars travelling with kids should be banned from Lochaber Drive.
- Children going by foot can be released five minutes earlier or vice versa.
- The area around the school needs more/better safer ways to cross.
- Cycle lanes going straight to the school.
- It could be made safer by making the road to school a 1-way system and definitely having zebra crossings, proper parking areas for cars and better all round road management.
- Less cars.
- If there was an access road beside the school to allow traffic to exit the area without having to double back down the same busy road.
- Opening up another road to alleviate the traffic problem within the school zone and allow cars easier exit away from the school.
- Put double yellow lines along from Loch as the parked cars make it very difficult for 2 way street.
- Traffic lights close to school.

## **Summary**

The responses to this survey have indicated that 62% of parents/carers who responded currently use the car to drop off and collect their child at school. Some parents surveyed selected multiple options for how their children travel to and from school. This meant that 69% of parents surveyed also stated that their children travel to and from school on foot. These results do not inform us of how often these children travel by car and how often they choose to travel on foot. 74% of parents indicated that they would prefer for their child(ren) to walk to school.

## **Summary of School's Transport and Road Safety Problems**

Loch Primary School and Nursery Class is located at the end of a residential road next to a neighbouring establishment, meaning we experience problems with congestion. This is heightened during school drop off and collection times, especially if there are cars parked on Lochaber Drive belonging to residents or people using the church then the road mirrors a one-way street. Traffic must wait and allow cars with the right-of-way to pass first. This causes traffic jams and can result in a build-up of cars queuing along the road.

## **Initiatives with Objectives and Targets**

- **Walk to School Week / Walk to School Month**

We take part in the above initiatives every year with pupils in the school participating.

*Objectives:* This encourages children to walk to school if they can during these particular events. It benefits the pupils as they will get exercise and it also improves congestion in the school car park and on Lochaber Drive.

*Targets:* To continue to participate in the Walk to School initiative each year.

- **Cycle Friendly School Award**

We have received this award for the promotion of cycling to school and our participation in Bikeability training.

*Objectives:* We hope that through the Cycle Friendly Schools scheme we can encourage more children to cycle to school. We hope that we will continue to be able to inform pupils about cycling events that are held nationally. This will improve the general health and fitness of pupils, reduce congestion and reduce the impact of cars on our environment.

*Targets:* To maintain our Cycle Friendly School award and maintain our efforts in this.

- **Sustainable Travel**

We aim to encourage more of our pupils to cycle or use their scooter to travel to and from school by creating a larger storage space for them through the day.

*Objectives:* We hope that more children will be encouraged to travel to and from school via these modes of transport as there will be designated spaces to store their equipment throughout the day.

*Targets:* To decrease the number of children being brought to and from school in a car.

- **JRSO**

We teach all of our pupils about Road Safety through the Health and Wellbeing curriculum. In addition to this we also promote Junior Road Safety Officers who work throughout the year to promote Road Safety. The Officers organise competitions and speak at assemblies to raise awareness of road safety.

*Objectives:* The road safety lessons and JRSO raise awareness of issues when travelling. They teach pupils about many aspects of road safety. This helps to make children safer when travelling to and from school but also when playing with friends outside of school.

*Targets:* To continue to support JRSO in their jobs. We will continue to teach the pupils about Road Safety through the Health and Wellbeing area of the curriculum. New JRSOs will be appointed annually.

- **Health and Wellbeing Within the Curriculum**

All pupils within the school participate in weekly Health and Wellbeing lessons that have been planned by their class teacher.

*Objectives:* Continue to ensure our progressive planner incorporates all aspects of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum including Road Safety and Sustainability.

*Targets:* Pupils will experience breadth and depth in their learning leading to excellent knowledge of Road Safety, Sustainability and keeping themselves safe at all times.



- **Health Week**

Every May, all children will participate in Health Week events which encourage children to participate in a range of physical activities and healthy experiences.

*Objectives:* During Health Week we aim to offer our pupils a range of experiences through class lessons, visitor talks, activities or workshops. Parents/ carers are often invited in to participate and learn with their child.

*Targets:* By including a Road Safety and Sustainability activity in Health Week, we will be raising awareness of the need to travel to school in a healthier and eco-friendly manner.

- **Publicity / Awareness**

Our Travel Plan is created in an attempt to encourage parents/carers and our children to travel to school and nursery in a safer, more sustainable and healthier way.

*Objective:* Raise the profile of the School Travel Plan

*Targets:* Make available the School Travel Plan on the school's website and provide regular updates within school newsletters.

### **Plans for Monitoring and Review**

This plan will be monitored and reviewed at staff meetings and at regular Health/Eco/Pupil Council meetings.

Any amendments that are to be made to the plan will be inserted by the HT as soon as possible and through the school newsletter. Updated copies will be made available. This is not a prescriptive plan and it is by no means complete. We are intending to treat this as an active, ongoing 'work in progress' and we will add to the plan when we can.

Date of next review: April 2027