



# Holy Family RC Primary School & ELC Travel Plan 2024

## About Our School

Holy Family RC Primary School is situated on Summerhill Terrace in Aberdeen. Holy Family serves the Summerhill area of Aberdeen City. The school roll is currently 172 pupils with an Early Learning Centre class of 20 pupils. Holy Family has cycle/scooter racks situated at the front of the school by the school office. There are lots of fantastic walking and cycling routes to our school which we would like to encourage more people to use.

## 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. This travel plan supports walking and cycling as the most eco-friendly, active and safe way to travel to our school.

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 the air quality around our school.
- **Health & Fitness:** The recommendation is that all children undertake 2 hours of Physical activity 5 days a week but many children in Scotland do not achieve this. If you walk or cycle to school, it is a good way for everyone in the family to get exercise and provide health benefits for the whole family.

**We want to create safer journeys for people travelling to  
and from Holy Family RC Primary School.**

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## Our Rationale:

As a school we are involved in many valuable initiatives such as ECO Schools/ Laudato Si, Rights Respecting Schools, Global Citizenship and Health and Sports Awards. We are committed to raising awareness of global and community issues relating to health, wellbeing and safety of all.

## UN Conventions on the Rights of a Child

The following rights have been identified as being at the heart of our school travel planning:



## Our Aims :

- To reduce the number of cars on the roads around the school at peak times
- To reduce any potential accidents/ perception of danger and risks to children on their journey to school
- To make it easier for children to travel to school by active modes
- To improve children's health and fitness through increasing walking, cycling and scooting.

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Issues highlighted in our recent Travel Audit include:

1.	60 % agreed there were concerns about traffic around Holy Family
2.	40% said it was safe and pleasant to walk to school 20% said it was safe enough 40% said the option not available due to distance from school.
3.	60% said walking and cycle routes are promoted 40 % not aware of any cycle paths or seen any on route to school
4.	80% said there was adequate cycle parking 20% were not sure
5.	60% were aware of local bus and train services but some were still unsure where it picks up and drops off. 40% didn't know
6.	100% were aware of waiting areas and routes to public transport
7.	100% agreed there was congestion around the school especially in the afternoon 20% shared it is made worse by parents
8.	The following were the suggestions of what parents would like addressed in our Active Travel Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The lack of common sense by drivers /parents dropping and picking up their children from school and basically making up their own rules for the road</li> <li>● It would help if the other side of the road has double yellow lines</li> <li>● Parents parking safely on the roads not half on the kerb which is now illegal! No stopping or parking in the yellow zig zag areas. Most of this is due to laziness not wanting to walk the extra few minutes to put child into school.</li> <li>● Being thoughtful of your surroundings</li> </ul>

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## Action Plan

To promote road safety for all and create safer journeys for people travelling to and from Holy Family RC Primary School and to encourage more active ways to get to school.

Action	How can we achieve this	Who is responsible	Timescale
To promote road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● JRSO group to be created</li><li>● Poster campaign</li><li>● Promote Green Cross Code at Assemblies</li><li>● Regular updates in the school newsletter to remind parents/carers</li><li>● to drive safely and with responsibility.</li><li>● Liaise with City Wardens</li></ul>	HT / JRSO group	June 2025
Encourage safe, sustainable and active travel to school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Keep promoting national events such as Walk to School Week, bike week, and road safety week.</li><li>● Continue with our Bikeability program.</li></ul>	Everyone	June 2025

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Encourage safe and responsible parking outside school.	<p>Communicate with parents over appropriate parking locations in order to create a safer school gate environment.</p> <p>Create banners, posters and adverts to promote appropriate parking and safe crossing.</p> <p>Promote use of Fernielea Gospel Hall car park as a safe parking zone.</p> <p>Write to local councillors to appeal for a lollipop person to be reinstated.</p> <p>Groupcall sent to parents about new legislation</p>	HT/ JRSO Group	June 2025
Monitor travel to school.	<p>Take part in annual Hands Up Survey</p> <p>Continue to audit the school environment on an annual basis.</p>	HT/JRSO Group.	June 2025
To promote healthy Lifestyles and choices	<p>Health &amp; Wellbeing/ sports Pupil Voice Group</p> <p>Wellbeing Wednesdays</p>	HT/ HWB & sports Group	June 2025

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## Our Travel Data

Each year, Holy Family conducts a travel survey. The results are in the table below which includes walking, cycling and scooting. These levels have seen a slight increase since 2018 for those walking to school and over the last four years have begun to steady out. There has been a slight increase in driving levels from 2021 to 2023.

### School Data from Hands Up Survey 2018 – 2023, Sustrans

Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other	Active Travel	Private Motorised Travel	Total pupils
2018	23.5%	*	*	0.0%	63.6%	*	7.6%	0.0%	*	71.2%	<b>132</b>
2019	22.0%	*	*	12.7%	51.7%	*	7.6%	0.0%	*	59.3%	<b>118</b>
2020	28.7%	*	*	*	52.9%	5.9%	3.7%	*	*	56.6%	<b>136</b>
2021	26.2%	4.6%	*	15.4%	39.2%	6.9%	6.2%	*	*	45.4%	<b>130</b>
2022	27.9%	*	*	9.6%	49.3%	5.1%	*	*	*	*	<b>136</b>
2023	30.7%	*	*	9.2%	46.6%	8.0%	3.1%	0.0%	*	49.7%	<b>163</b>

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## ELC Data from Hands Up Survey 2018 – 2023, Sustrans

Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter /Skate	Park & Stride	Drive n	Bus	Taxi	Other	Active Travel	Private Motorised Travel	Total pupils surveyed
2018	0.0%	0.0%	*	0.0%	83.3%	*	0.0%	0.0%	*	83.3%	<b>12</b>
2019	*	*	0.0%	0.0%	72.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	*	72.7%	<b>11</b>
2020	29.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	64.7%	*	0.0%	*	29.4%	64.7%	<b>17</b>
2021	*	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	82.4%	*	0.0%	0.0%	*	82.4%	<b>17</b>
2022	*	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	72.7%	0.0%	0.0%	*	*	72.7%	<b>11</b>
2023	*	*	0.0%	0.0%	68.8%	*	0.0%	*	*	68.8%	<b>16</b>

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### **Tips to keep you safe when WALKING to school:**

- Plan your route to school first. Discuss this with an adult. There are many paths within the area with crossing facilities – pelican and a patroller on Stronsay. Make use of these and plan a safe route. Stick to the route you know.
- Follow the Green Cross Code [Green cross code \(roadwise.co.uk\)](https://www.roadwise.co.uk/green-cross-code)
- Find a good place to cross, this should be away from parked cars and have good visibility in both directions.
- Be bright and be seen, the more you stand out the more drivers will see you and slow down
- Remember to ALWAYS look LEFT and RIGHT when crossing the road.
- Be careful of driveways and narrow entrances.
- Stay alert and pay attention at all times.
- Use the clearly marked path to walk into the playground.

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### **Tips to keep you safe when CYCLING and SCOOTING to school:**

Where children can do so safely, we actively encourage children 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 so you will need to bring a lock.

- 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 between 8.30am and 9am and between 3pm and 3.30pm.
- Consider other pedestrians around the school gate. Use your bell if necessary to warn others that you are there.
- Maintain your bike. Check your brakes and tyre pressure. Guides can be found online by Cycling Scotland.
- Use the clearly marked path to walk into the playground. Push your bike or scooter along with you.

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## **If you are taking the CAR**

- Plan and give yourself plenty of time to account for any unexpected delays, please give yourself time to find a responsible place to park.
- Park and stride – parking 5 or 10 minutes away from the school will help in tackling congestion.
- Use Fernielea Gospel Hall car park to park safely to reduce congestion
- Keep your speeds low.
- Always let your child out on the pavement side.
- Do not park on yellow lines/Zig zag lines or other parking restrictions or in front of people's driveways.
- Do not do a turn in the road on Summerhill Drive
- 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.
- Be COURTEOUS to other drivers and road users
- Remember Summerhill Terrace is a main bus route – do not park in the bus bay
- Use the clearly marked paths for children to walk safely into the playground.

## **S.H.A.N.A.R.R.I.**

It is a key priority to ensure that all pupils at Holy Family RC Primary and ELC 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 make Holy Family a safer place for everyone.