

School Travel Plan

Libberton Primary School
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Introduction

Libberton Primary School's 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 contribute to improving road safety in the local community.

Our School Travel Plan has been devised with input from staff, parents, pupils and local residents. We have carried out a questionnaire survey to obtain an outline of their views. Our Junior Road Safety Officers have been included and have ideas for the promotion of road safety.

The main objective of Libberton Primary School's School Travel Plan is:

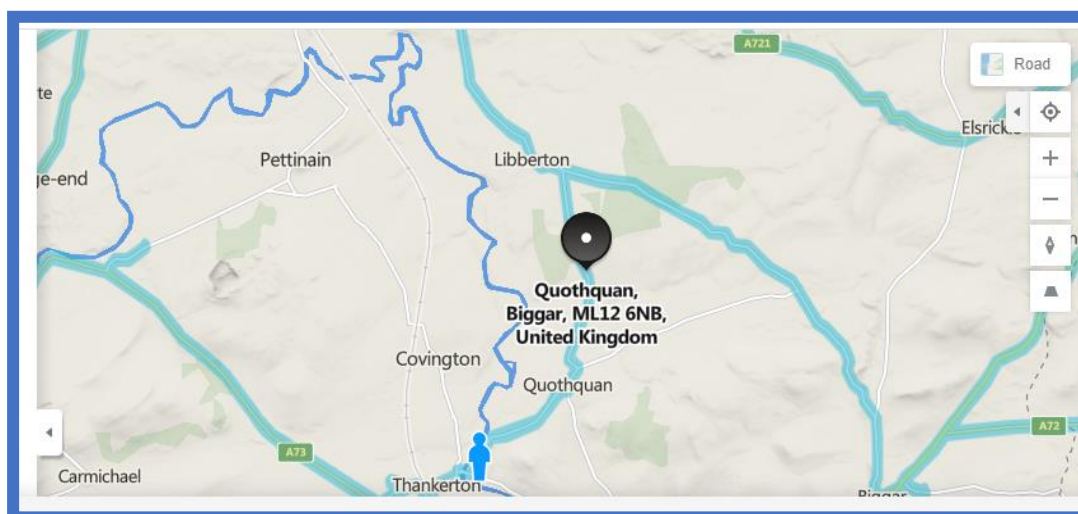
- To improve road safety in the immediate school vicinity and promote safe and sustainable travel to and from school, when possible.

Further objectives are to:

- Reduce congestion around the school.
- Improve the safety of routes to the school.
- Reduce the detrimental impact that cars have on our environment.
- Improve the health and fitness of staff, pupils and parents.
- Further our school image and develop our school ethos.

We aim to meet these objectives by encouraging staff, parents and pupils to adopt sustainable transport alternatives to travel to school. These are set out and fully expanded in the Key Initiatives with Objectives and Targets and Programme for Implementation sections.

About our School



Libberton Primary School is situated in rural countryside on Libberton Muir Road. This is a busy road with farm vehicles and lorries. At present, no child lives within safe walking distance of the school and children are either brought to school by car, with parents/carers, or by school transport. Vehicle access is via access from Libberton Muir Road. There is a 5mph speed limit. Signage to this effect is clearly displayed in the car park. A route for deliveries leads to the side of the school. The main vehicular entrance to the school is from Libberton Muir Road and allows access to the school car park for use by South Lanarkshire Council employees only. The staff car park has parking for 6 cars and 2 additional disabled bays. There is a bus/taxi drop off area at the side of the school for school contract buses and taxis. There is a drop off area on Libberton Muir Road for parents to drop off children by car. Parents are encouraged to ensure children alight on to the pavement side of the road. Children then make their way by the pavement, via the gate and steps to the school playground.

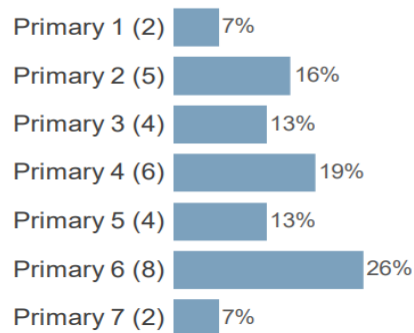
Evidence of consultation

A School Travel Plan survey was issued to all pupils, parents and staff for completion.

Pupil survey responses

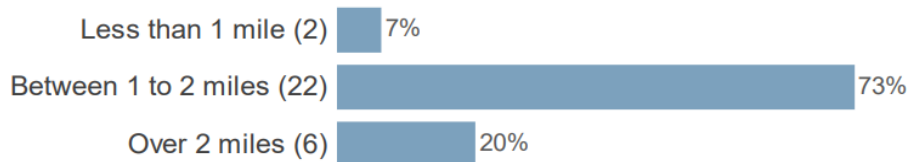
31 pupil replies were received, and all classes were represented.

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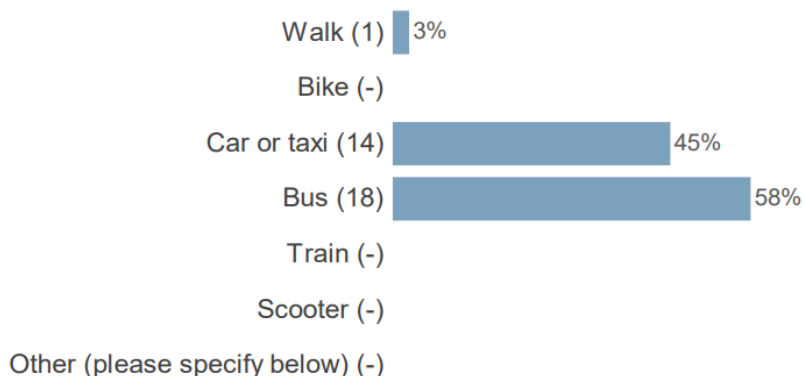
20% of pupils indicated that they normally travel over 2 miles to school, with 73% travelling between 1 to 2 miles.

How far do you normally travel to school?



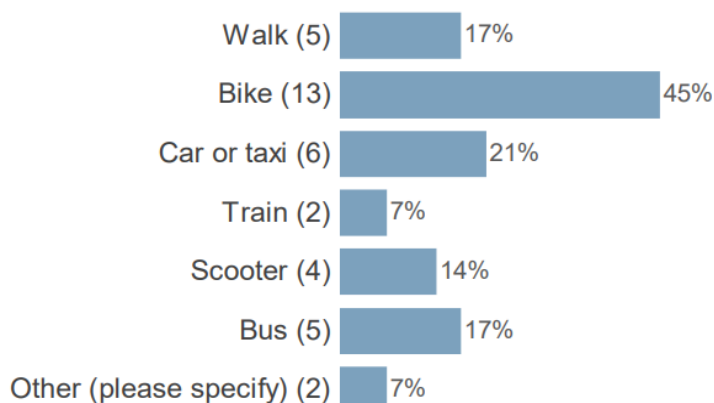
58% of pupils normally travel to and from school by bus, 45% by car / taxi and 3% walk. 87% travel with other children and an adult.

How do you normally travel to and from school? (select all that apply)



If pupils could choose how they travel to school, 45% would like travel by bike, 21% by car / taxi, 17% by foot / bus and 14% would like to scoot.

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

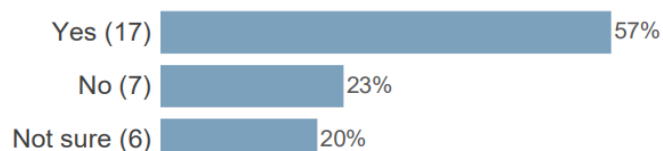


Other

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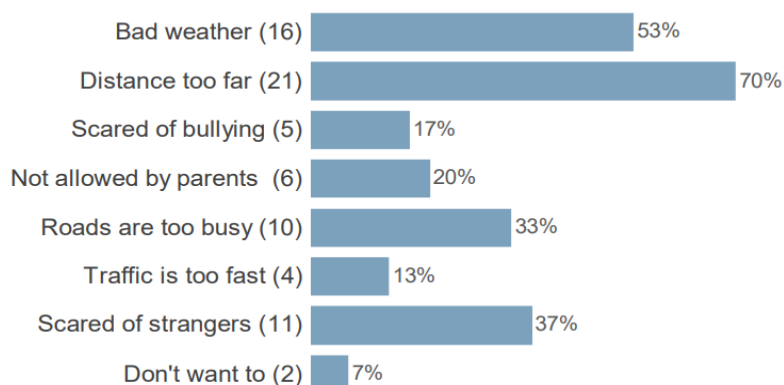
Pupils were interested in walking with others to school.

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



When pupils were asked, what makes it difficult for them to walk or cycle to school, out of available categories the most popular choice was 'distance too far' (70%), followed by 'bad weather' (53%), then 'scared of strangers' (37%) and 'roads being too busy' (33%).

What makes it difficult for you to walk or cycle to school? (select up to 3 options)



The final question allowed pupils to detail ideas for 'How do you think your journey to school could be made safer?', with the main suggestions being more pavements and speed of traffic.

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#### Parent survey responses

9 parent responses were received with most classes being represented, all detailing that their child travels over 1 mile.

#### **For Primary Schools, how far does your child travel to school?**

Less than half a mile (-)

Half a mile to 1 mile (-)

Over 1 mile (9)  100%

Travel methods to school were recorded as 78% normally travelling by bus with 44% by car.

#### **How does your child normally travel to and from school? (select all that apply)**

On Foot (-)

By Car (4)  44%

By School Bus (7)  78%

Public Transport (-)

By Bicycle (-)

Scooter (-)

If parents could choose how they would like their child to travel to school, 100% selected by bus, 38% by car and 13% by bicycle.


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

On Foot (-)

By Car (3)  38%

By School Bus (8)  100%

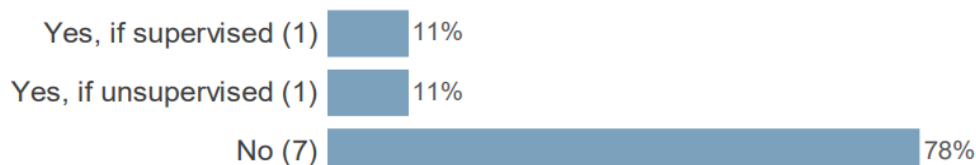
Public Transport (-)

By Bicycle (1)  13%

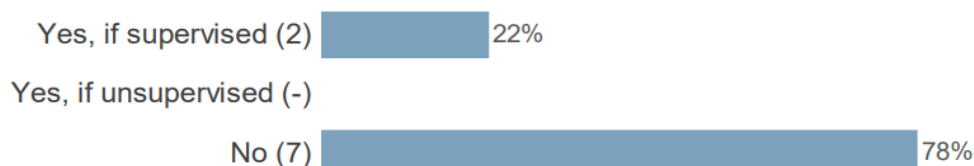
By Scooter (-)

Parents were not supportive of allowing their child to walk or cycle to school, with a majority having no support for Walking Bus or Cycle Train initiatives.

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



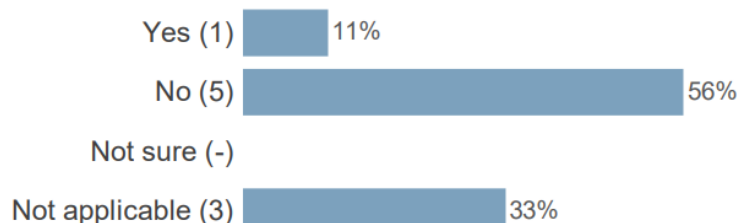
**Would / do you allow your child to cycle to school?**



Parents were asked what would encourage or enable their child to walk or cycle to school, rating the categories, here are the results –

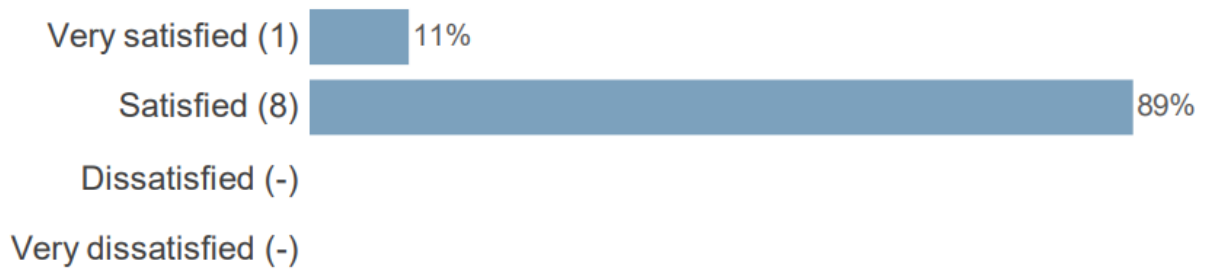
1. Slower traffic speeds (75%)
2. Safer crossing places (50%)
3. =More road safety education (38%)  
=Health and Fitness benefits (38%)
4. Better facilities at school (13%)
5. Other walking or cycling the same way (0%).

**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, scoot, or cycle. Would you consider supporting a 'Park & Stride' initiative - parking further away from the school and walking the remaining short distance? (Would you consider supporting a 'Park & Stride' initiative)**



The Park and Stride initiative received little support with comments included regarding no suitability and nowhere appropriate to park, lack of pavement and concerns about the speed of traffic and the road being too dangerous.

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



89% of parents are satisfied with their child's knowledge of road safety.

The last question gave parents the opportunity to inform us how the journey to school could be made safer. Safety at the bus, speed of traffic, passing vehicles, in particular HGVs were all noted.

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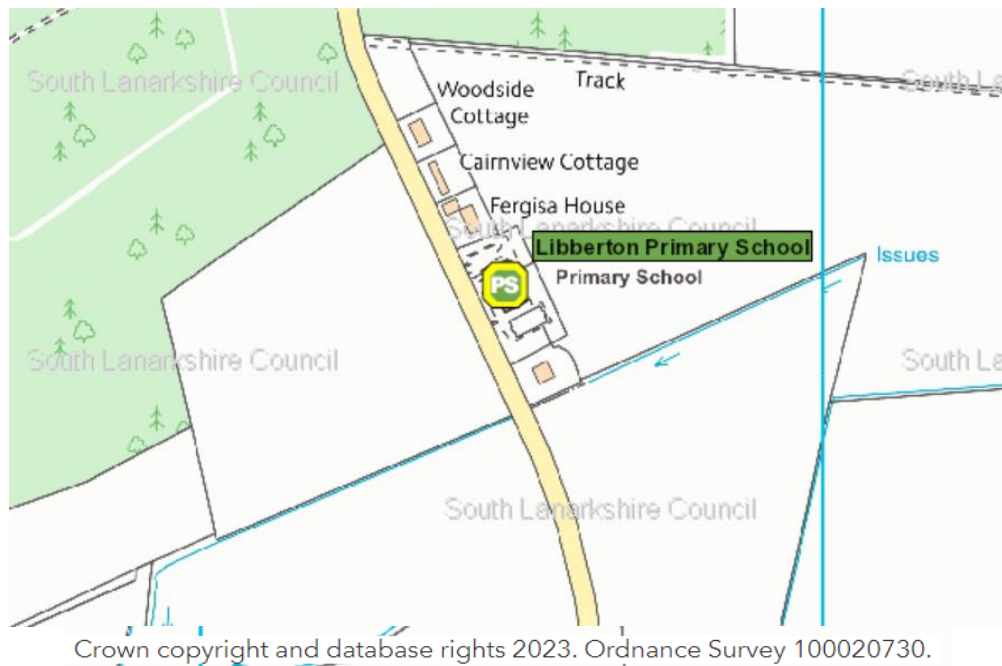
Staff Survey Responses

3 members of staff replied to the survey, all travel over 3 miles and by car as a driver. Ideally all wish to travel to school as a driver and all supported a car sharing initiative. Staff concerns, in relation to the school journey or the school vicinity included winter travel conditions, speed of traffic and better road markings.

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*Full survey results can be found in the Appendix section.*

# Summary of School's Transport and Road Safety issues



Libberton Primary School is located on a national speed limit road between the village of Libberton and Quothquan.

The school has a part-time 20mph speed limit in place during school times.

Unfortunately, the location of the school means that there is a shortage of foot paths in the locality of the school.

Majority of the roads leading to the school are National speed limit and the speed of traffic is a concern as well as the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) that pass the school daily.

Limited parking is available at the school along with disabled parking spaces.

The school bus uses the school car park to facilitate the collection drop of pupils. Bus Safety is continually monitored daily.

Most of the children travel by school bus with many being driven to and from school. Cars associated with the school journey have been observed performing unsafe driving practises, including turns on the road directly outside the school, double parking and parking on the junction at the school car park.

# Key Initiatives with Objectives and Targets

## Pupil travel to and from school

### Bus Travel

Remind all bus users about how to keep safe when travelling by bus.

#### ***Bus Travel Objectives:***

Continue to raise bus safety awareness on a daily and remind pupils about being safe through the activities in Be Safe Bus Safe booklets to pupils.

JRSO Bus Safety design Seatbelt notebooks will be issued to all pupils.

#### ***Bus Travel Targets:***

Have daily monitoring of bus behaviour and safety.

We rate this as a long-term measure.

## Traffic near the school

### Speed of Traffic and driver awareness

We wish to remind all road users travelling by the school to drive at a safe and slow speed.

#### **Speed of traffic and driver awareness Objectives:**

New markings indicating 'School' and 'Slow' have recently been added to the carriageway outside the school on both approaches. This has been a great visual to remind drivers.

Our school has a part time 20mph speed limit in places during school peak times.

Reinforce the message by delivery of 'Exploring Speed Through Active Learning Resource', (Speeding Ted) and Speeding Ted visit.

Arrange a mobile Speed Sign visit from the Traffic and Transportation Section to monitor the speed of vehicles.

We will display 20mph - slow down at our school posters, on JRSO noticeboards.

#### **Speed of traffic and driver awareness targets:**

Arrange for 20mph posters and lamp post wraps to be put into place. Organise Speeding Ted lessons during Health Week and throughout the school session. Liaise with colleagues in Traffic and Transportation to arrange speed sign visit. We rate this as a long-term measure.

# School environment

## Lack of paths and road markings

Remind users of the school about the lack of pavement around the school vicinity and to think about their journey and how to keep safe.

### ***Lack of pavement and road markings Objectives:***

JRSO's will raise awareness to pupils and parents about general road safety and how to keep safe.

Use social media platforms to make the community aware of the road markings and speed limit outside the school.

### **Lack of pavement and road markings Targets:**

JRSO's termly plans this term to promote all the above. We have rated this as a long-term measure.

# Road Safety within Curriculum for Excellence

## Road Safety Education campaigns and initiatives

To promote and participate in Road Safety Campaigns and Initiatives throughout the year, local and National.

### ***Road Safety Education campaigns and initiatives Objectives:***

Support and engage with a variety of road safety learning resources developed specifically to support Curriculum for Excellence in schools.

### **Road Safety Education campaigns and initiatives Targets:**

Aim to take part, when possible, in the following -

South Lanarkshire Council Road Safety Calendar Competition, Exploring Speed Through Active Learning (Speeding Ted) lessons, Go Safe! Ziggy's road safety mission, Bikeability Scotland, JRSO, Sustrans Annual Travel Survey and Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme (JRSO).

We will schedule to borrow road safety games and mascots to support JRSO plans. We rate this as an ongoing long-term measure.

# Traffic Management Audit

Action points from our school's Traffic Management Audit, which was carried out in October 2021 -

- Parking – inappropriate and lack of – we will issue Park Safe reminders.
- Faded internal road markings – we will speak to School Support Co-ordinator.
- Speeding vehicles – we will raise awareness.
- Unsafe driving manoeuvres – we will raise awareness.

## Publicity and awareness

On completion of our School Travel Plan we will organise a launch and share our aims and targets with the school community. 'We are a School Travel Plan School' promotional banner, leaflets and stickers will be distributed. The school will receive a School Travel Plan Award certificate.

# Programme for Implementation

**May 2023**

School Travel Plan complete.



**Termly reminders in August, January and April for the following topics -**

- Being safe on the bus
- Speed of traffic awareness
- JRSO plans and noticeboard updates.
- Car sharing (when possible)
- Safe journey planning.
- Road Safety Curriculum for Excellence

**Specific initiatives dates –**

**May** – School Travel Plan Award.

**September** – Road Safety Calendar Competition and Sustrans Annual Travel Survey Week

**October / November** – JRSO's Be Safe Be Seen plans and promotion.

**May** – Borrow on-loan road safety resources for Health Week.



## Plans for Monitoring and Review

The plan will be monitored, and a full review completed in three years' time. Our School Travel Plan is an active document, which we can add to when required.

Copies of our School Travel Plan will be available to view in the school and on our school website. We have liaised with our pupils, parents, staff, School Travel Plan Co-ordinator, Engineering Officer and School Support Co-ordinator in the creation of our School Travel Plan. We will all work in partnership in the evolvement of the Travel Plan and future activities.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers, as well as our Parent Council and school staff will notify of any amendments or changes, resulting in the plan being modified as required, with updated copies being made accessible.

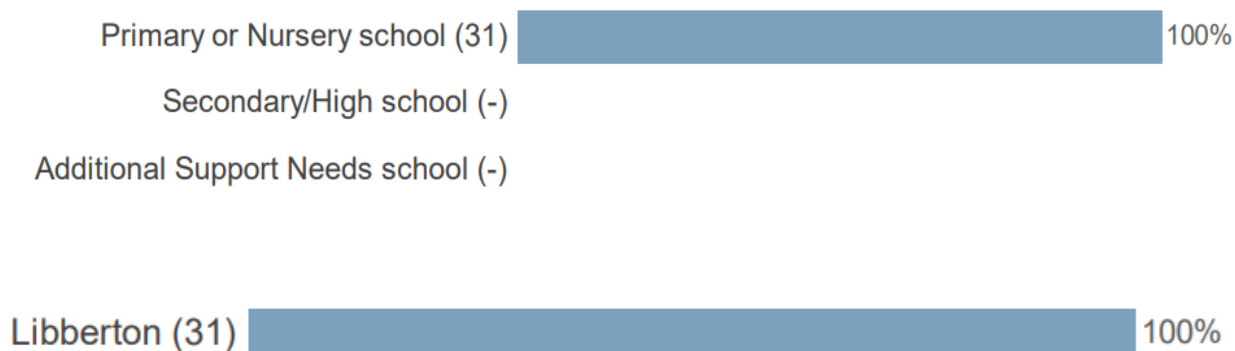
# School Travel Plan Questionnaire Appendix Section

## Pupil Questionnaire Results

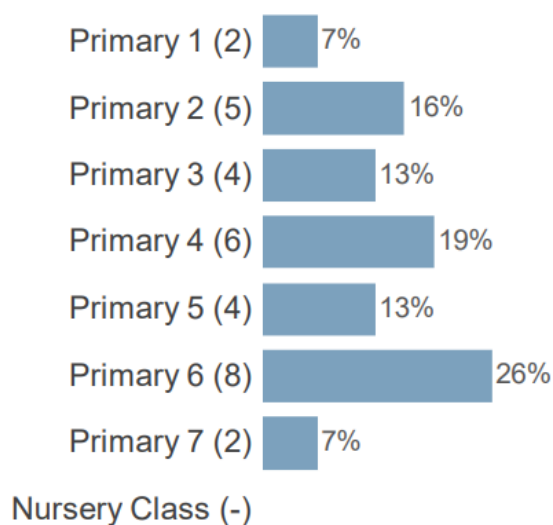
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**Do you attend Primary, Nursery, Additional Support Needs or Secondary School?**



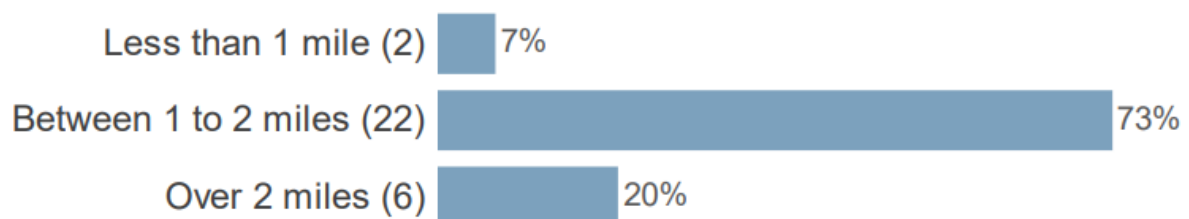
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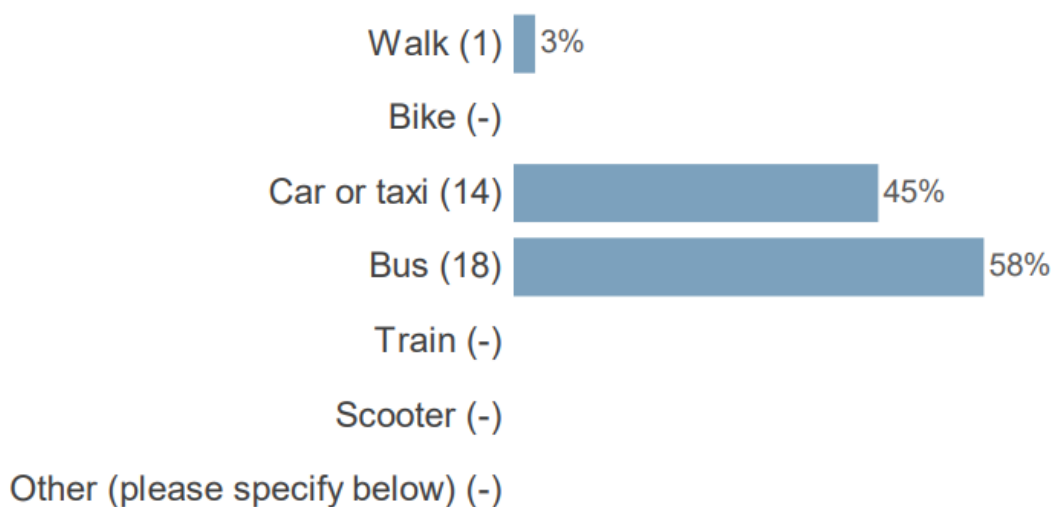
**I am:**



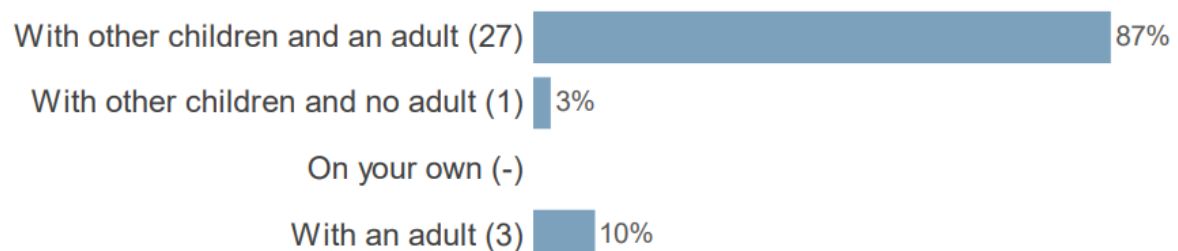
**How far do you normally travel to school?**



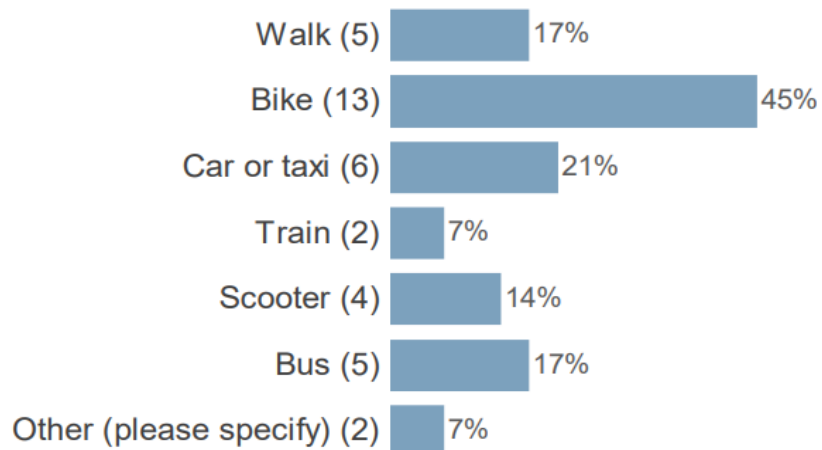
**How do you normally travel to and from school? (select all that apply)**



**Do you mostly come to school:**



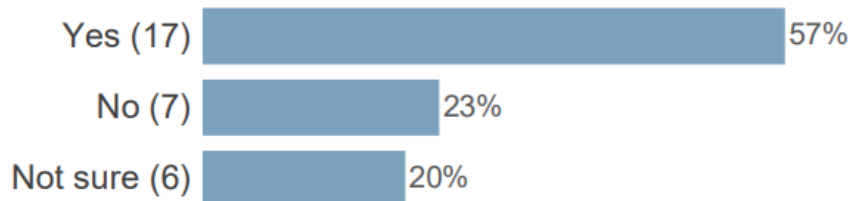
**If you could choose, how would you like to travel to school?**



**Other**

walk with m my friends  
roller blades  
none  
horse

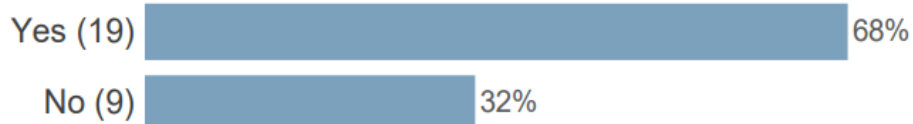
**Would you like to walk with a group of children and adults to school?**



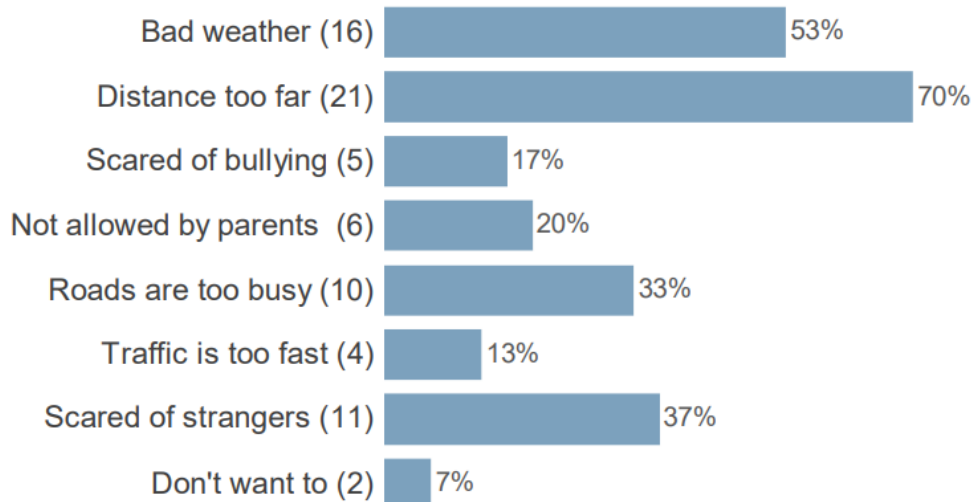
### Do you have a bicycle?



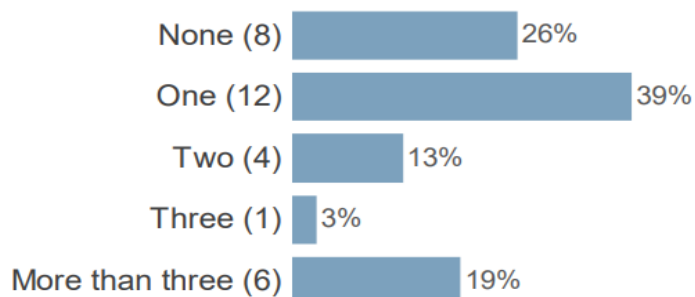
### Would you like to cycle with a group of children and adults to school?



### What makes it difficult for you to walk or cycle to school? (select up to 3 options)



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



**How do you think your journey to School could be made safer?**

Add more pavements to where I live and for cars to slow down.

cars go slower

Cars to slow down

cars go slower

For the cars to slow down and more roads to help people

cars go slower

Make more pavements.

cars go slower

more pavements and with pavements

cars to go slower

Add more pavements.

### Add more pavements

no cars

To be carefull on the road

cars go slower

### Add more pavements

cars go slower

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cars go slower

cars go slower

pavement added

## Pavements

you can add pavements to the roads to make it safer/easier to walk and cars can go slower.

if we had pavements and cars could please GO SLOWER

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no

cars slow down

cars slow down

**How do you think your journey to School could be made safer?**

speed restrictions in place

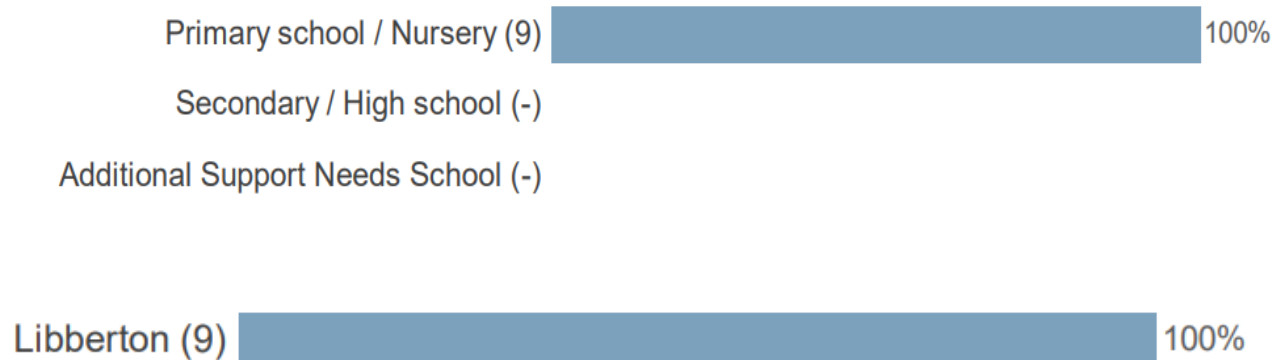
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## Parent Questionnaire Report

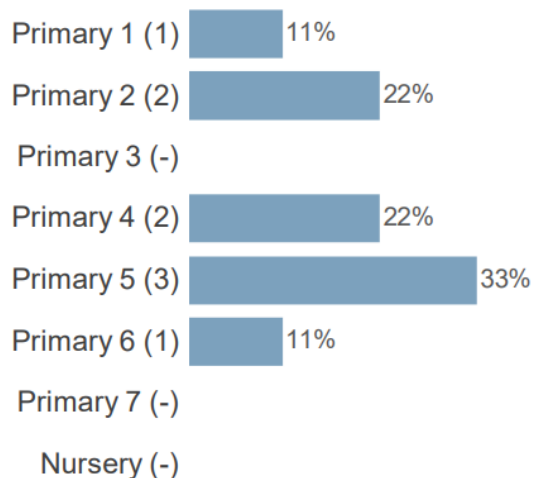
### Which area in South Lanarkshire is your child's school located?



### Does your child attend Primary, Nursery, Additional Support Needs, or High school?



### If you are responding for a child at Primary School, please specify your child's class:



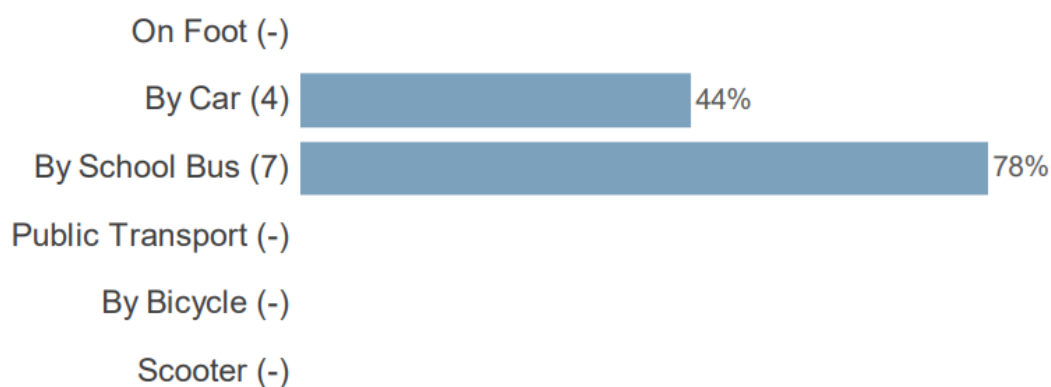
**Is your child:**



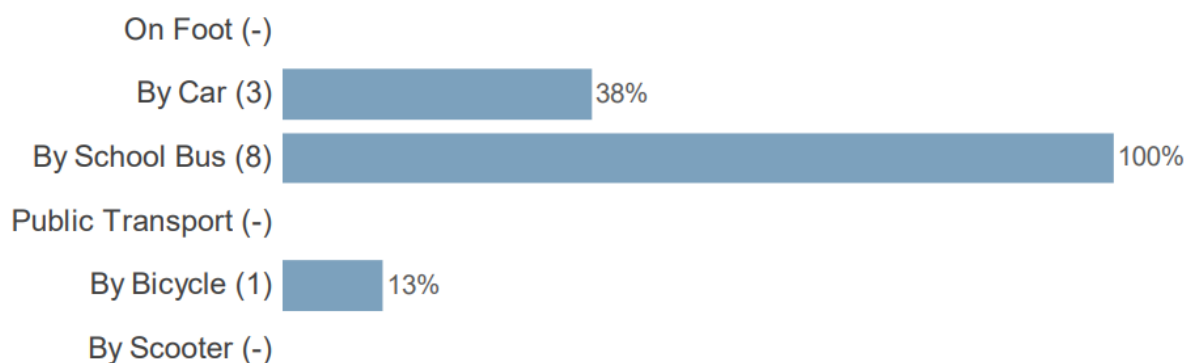
**For Primary Schools, how far does your child travel to school?**



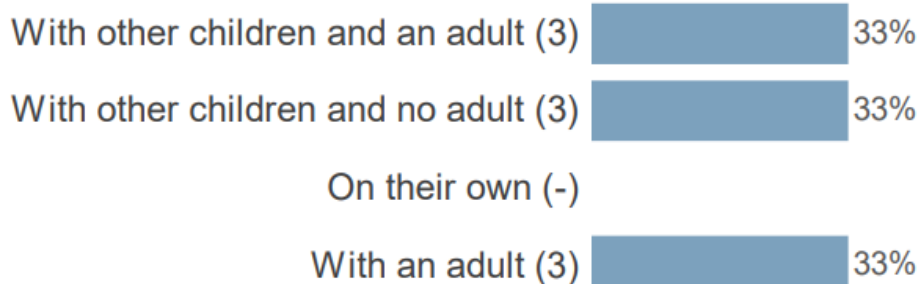
**How does your child normally travel to and from school? (select all that apply)**



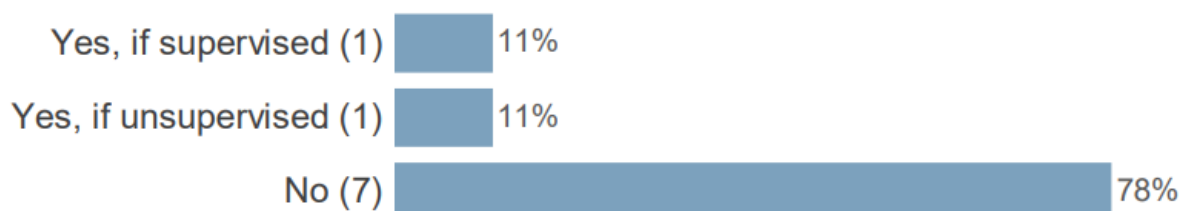
**If you could choose, how would you prefer your child to travel to and from school?**



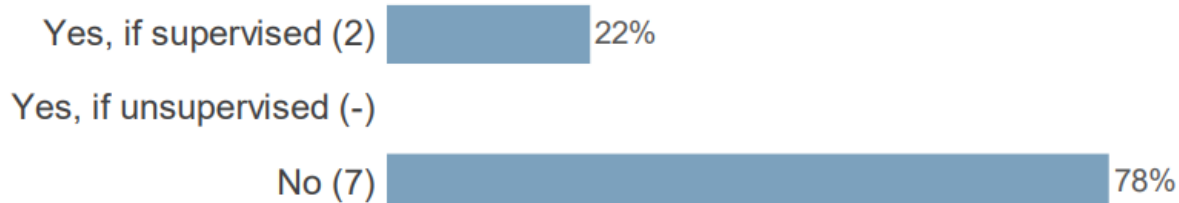
### How does your child usually travel to school?



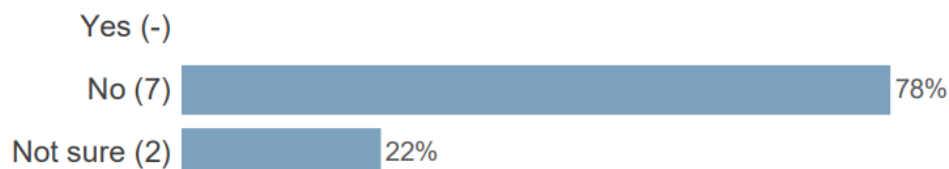
### Would / do you allow your child to walk to school?



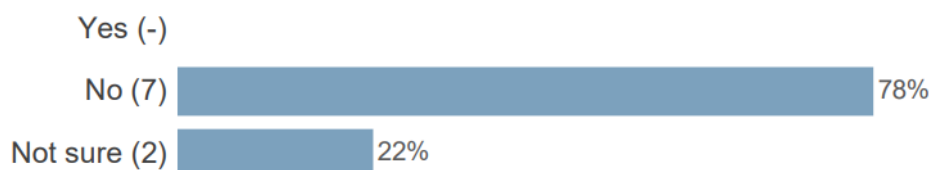
### Would / do you allow your child to cycle to school?



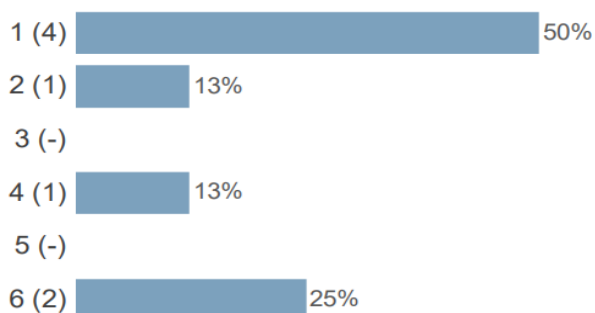
### Would you be available as a parent volunteer to supervise a small group of children walking to school (walking bus)? (Would you be available as a parent volunteer to supervise a small group of children walking to school?)



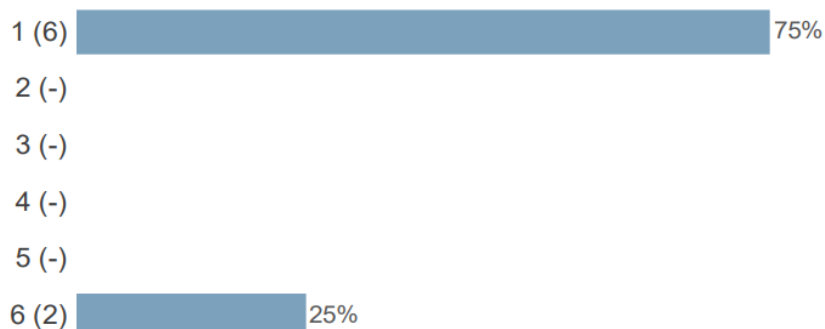
**Would you be available as a parent volunteer to supervise a small group of children cycling to school (cycle train)? (Would you be available as a parent volunteer to supervise a small group of children cycling to school?)**



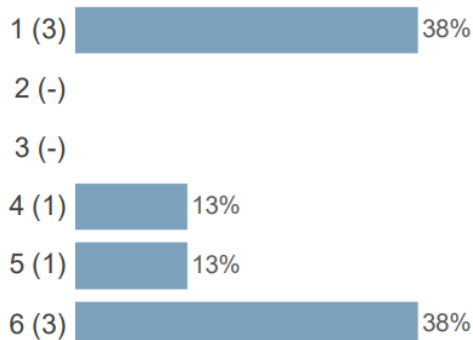
**What would encourage or enable your child to walk or cycle to school? (Please rank the following aspects in order of importance to you from 1 to 6, with 1 being most important and 6 least important) Please ensure you choose a separate ranking level for each aspect. (Safer crossing places)**



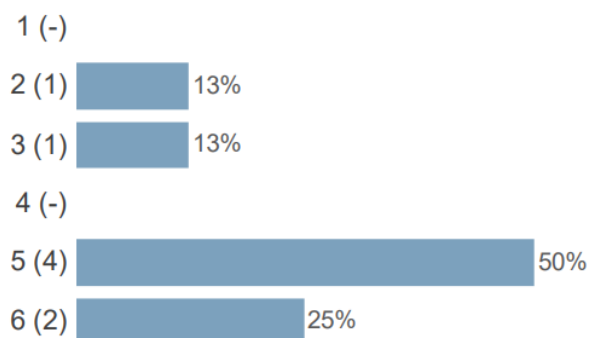
**What would encourage or enable your child to walk or cycle to school? (Please rank the following aspects in order of importance to you from 1 to 6, with 1 being most important and 6 least important) Please ensure you choose a separate ranking level for each aspect. (Slower traffic speeds)**



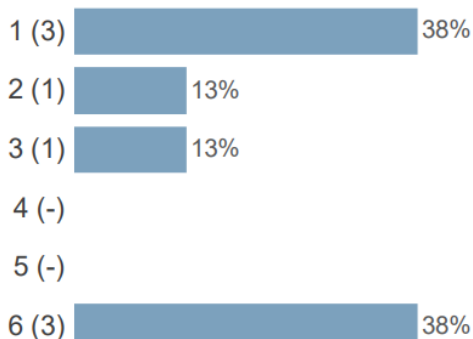
**What would encourage or enable your child to walk or cycle to school? (Please rank the following aspects in order of importance to you from 1 to 6, with 1 being most important and 6 least important) Please ensure you choose a separate ranking level for each aspect. (More road safety education)**



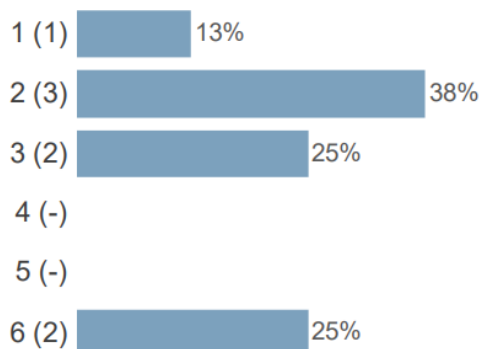
**What would encourage or enable your child to walk or cycle to school? (Please rank the following aspects in order of importance to you from 1 to 6, with 1 being most important and 6 least important) Please ensure you choose a separate ranking level for each aspect. (Others walking or cycling the same way)**



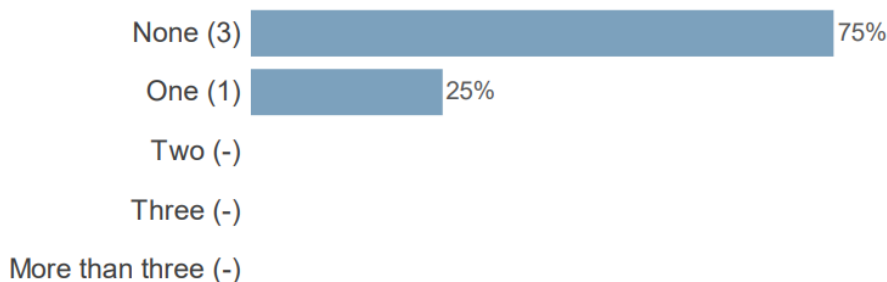
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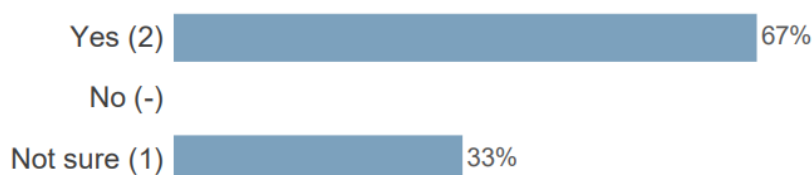
**What would encourage or enable your child to walk or cycle to school? (Please rank the following aspects in order of importance to you from 1 to 6, with 1 being most important and 6 least important) Please ensure you choose a separate ranking level for each aspect. (Better facilities at school)**



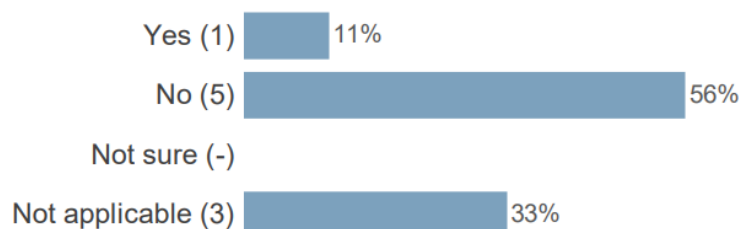
**If your child travels to or from school by car, how many additional pupils normally travel with them?**



**If your child travels to or from school by car and you don't carry any additional pupils, would you consider sharing the journey to or from school with other parents and their children?**



**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, scoot, or cycle. Would you consider supporting a 'Park & Stride' initiative - parking further away from the school and walking the remaining short distance? (Would you consider supporting a 'Park & Stride' initiative)**



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

Not a lot of pavements near the school and the road leading to the school is 60 mph a lot of drivers don't slow down at the 20 mph

Situation of school does not make this feasible as busy road with heavy farm traffic as well as normal traffic.

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There is nowhere appropriate to do this where the school is located I would love my child to walk/cycle to school but the road is too dangerous


**Whether or not you would use a Park and Stride scheme, 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?. Please give as much detail as possible.**

Not suitable for Libberton PS because of its location

There is no suitable location near the school, as the road the school is on is located outwith the village and is a very busy and fast country road.

The school is on a 60mph road, there aren't really any areas I know of along the road that could be used for a park and stride and it would not be safe for the kids (even when supervised) to walk along such a fast speed road with no pavements.

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

Very satisfied (1)  11%

Satisfied (8)  89%

Dissatisfied (-)

Very dissatisfied (-)

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

My biggest worry is cars squeezing past the school bus while children are getting in/off the bus. There should be laws that cars have to stop and wait until the children are safely in the bus or off the street (like in the USA)

The main road to Libberton primary from Libberton is in a bad state. The road is subsiding at either side so there is very little room for two cars. This makes cycling, walking and even driving to school dangerous. The traffic goes extremely fast along the road and past the school. This includes large lorries from local businesses. In the better weather I would consider cycling to the school with my daughter but it is unsafe unless the road is upgraded and there is more room for traffic to pass safely. It will not be long before there is an accident on the road with the speed of the cars and the state of the road. Something needs to be done as traveling in a car can be dangerous, never mind cycling.

It is not really possible to do any walk to school schemes because of the location of the school. I wish we could walk or cycle but it would just be too dangerous.

# Staff Questionnaire Report

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



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



## How far do you travel to school?



## How do you normally travel to / from school (Car as a driver)



**Ideally, how would you prefer to travel to school? (select all that apply)**



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

Rural location of school  
Road is unsuitable for any other way and no public transport available  
The distance I have to travel - 16 miles - there is no other option

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



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

Due to heavy farm vehicles I would not feel safe with this option

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

Due to heavy farm vehicles I would not feel safe with this option

**If you currently travel to school by car, what would persuade you to consider: (Public Transport)**

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Not available

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

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Roads are back roads which aren't always treated in time for travel to school. Road in front of the school (Muir Road) is a 60mph road although does have signage for 20 mph during certain times.

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The speed at which the cars pass the school.

**Do you have any other comments in relation to School travel?**

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Better road markings would be beneficial in front of the school. At playtime in the morning and lunchtime cars, lorries and trucks are travelling at up to 60 mph which can be very worrying. We do have some vulnerable pupils who could leave the school grounds and attempt to walk along the road (path access limited).

- End of School Travel Plan -