



New Deer School Travel Plan

2016-2017



Introduction

New Deer Primary School is one of eleven primary schools within the Mintlaw cluster. The school have a roll of 104 pupils, spread across 5 classes, there is also a nursery with up to 40 pupils and a playgroup also meet in our school building. There are 20 members of staff including the head teacher, 6 teaching staff, 4 PSAs, 4 school catering staff, and several specialists. The school is situated between many main routes in the village, which means there is a lot of traffic around the school.

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. It acts like a policy, stating clear and helpful information for school users. It explains what you need to do when travelling to school in order to keep yourself, and other people safe.



New Deer Primary School Pupil Council have produced this plan to provide helpful information for those travelling to New Deer School. We urge all school users to read this plan and if you feel you do not understand any part of it, please make an appointment to speak with one of the children in the Pupil Council and they will explain it to you.

We applied for a grant and were lucky to be chosen to receive a new Bicycle shelter. Each year primary 5 and 6 take part in the Bikeability Project, which teaches how to cycle safely on our busy New Deer roads.

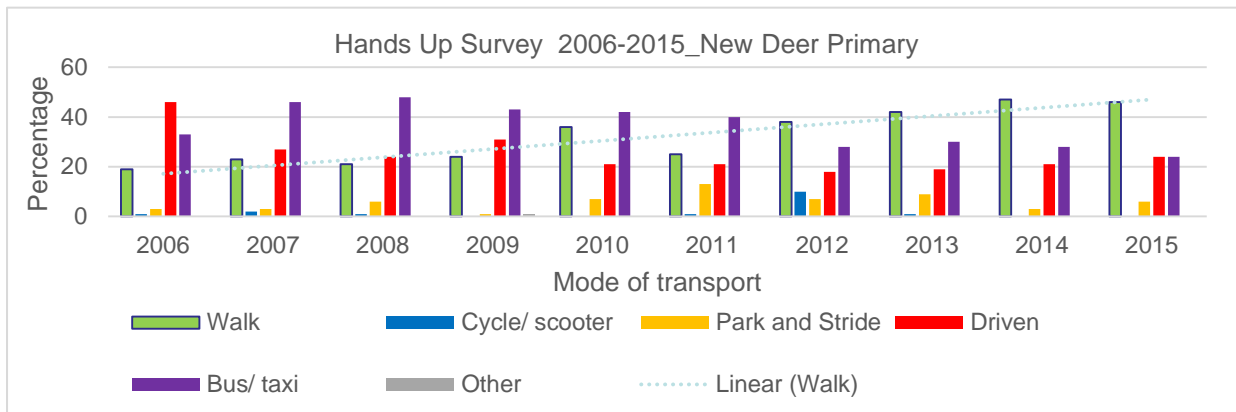
We would like to see our lovely new shelter full of bikes every day!



Consultation

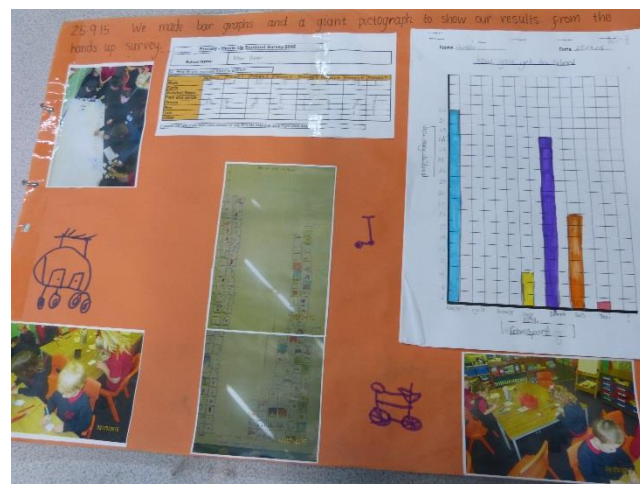
A 'Hands up Survey' is done with the children every year, to indicate how they travel to school - there is now a decade of information available for this.

Thank you to the ECO Group for this information!



Over the past ten years there is a huge increase in the number of children walking to school and we are delighted with this – but can we make it even better?

Presently 44% of pupils walk or cycle to school. 7% park and stride (which is when you park about 5/10 mins from the school and walk the remaining bit), 24% are driven, and 25% come by bus or taxi.



Our Survey

In 2015 – 2016 we surveyed our parents on the safety issues around the school.

The main points gathered from the parent surveys are:

- 50% of people live under 1 mile from school and a further 12.5% live under 2 miles.
- 59% of parents feel bus and cars cause problems around the school.

The main concerns are :

- too much parking close to the school gates,
- inconsiderate parking,
- speeding,
- congestion on Johnston Cottages Lane and Main Street,
- poor road layout,
- difficulties finding a safe place to cross the road.

Distance and the roads being too dangerous are the main barriers to walking and cycling.

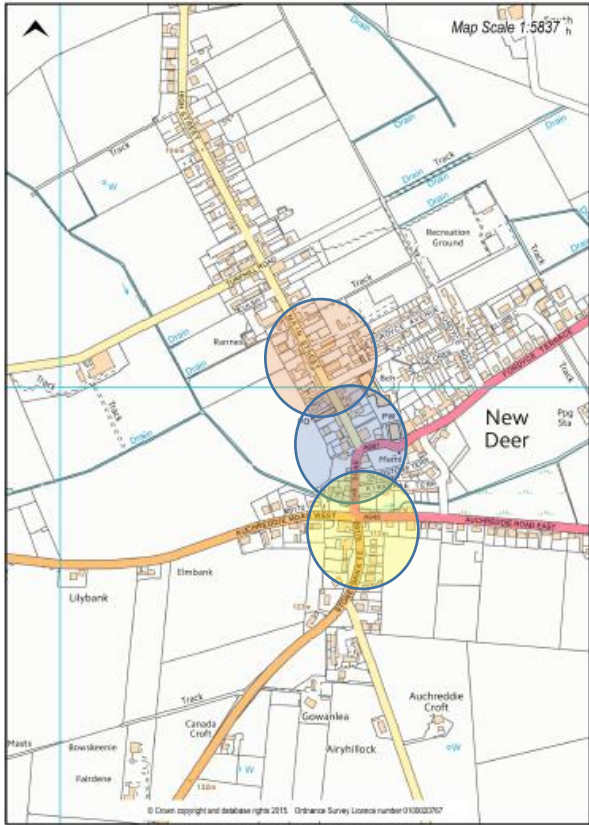
This map was created to show the main areas of concern in the village.

Concerns raised regarding the red zone were related to parking and congestion on Main Street and Johnston Cottages Lane. Too many cars parking on the street near Johnston Cottages Lane leading to difficulties crossing the road. Cars turning in and driving too quickly down the narrow and pavement less lane.

Concerns raised in relation to the blue zone were difficulties crossing at the junction where Main Street meets The Brae, and walking down The Brae, past the shops where there is a lack of pavement and steps are involved.

Orange zone concerns relate to crossing at the junction Auchreddie Road West/East meeting Stoney Bank and The Brae, vehicles going quite fast and difficult for pupils to look in 4 directions when having to cross,

The Pupil Council campaigned and were able to get the speed limit reduced to 30mph in this area, but this is still quite fast.



So..... our action plan		
What?	Who?	When?
Ask our parents not to come down Johnston Cottages Lane to drop off and pick up!	Mrs Mutch – in newsletters (and in person!)	2015- 2016
Ask the local authority for a slower speed limit in the lane.	Parent Council	2015 - 2016
Speak to the Community Association about the parking issues.	Parent Council	2015 - 2016
Write a letter to the Local Authority asking if we can have a lollipop lady for the top and bottom of The Brae.	Pupil Council	2016 - 2017
Have a 'Walk to School' Challenge.	Pupil Council	2016 - 2017
Find out about the 'Scoot to School' Project.	Pupil Council	2016 - 2017
Promote Walkie Talkie	Pupil Council	2016 - 2017
Encourage Parent Fitbit Challenges	Pupil and Parent Council	2016 – 2017



Remember the letter **S** in our **school vision** is for everyone to be **safe**!

If you have to take the car, you can help by:

- Leaving yourself plenty time and parking a distance away from the school and Park and Stride. You could park at the pleasure park, the show park, up the High Street or down Fordyce Terrace – try to be outwith the red, blue and orange circles on our map.
- Keeping your speeds super low around the school.
- Not parking or dropping off in our school car park – we need to keep bus pupils safe in this area.
- Avoiding coming down Johnston Cottages Lane. It is very narrow, has no pavement, and it is congested around the school entrances. Parking here also makes it difficult for visibility as children and staff cross from the school to our gym hall.

New Deer School has three green eco flags!



Swapping the car for another method of getting to school – walking, cycling or scooting is good for the environment.

We pride ourselves on being a happy, healthy team at New Deer!

The Pupil Council went out on a Timing Expedition!
It took no longer than 10 minutes to walk from any of the village boundaries!
That's how easy it is to walk to school, or Park and Stride!

Children who walk or cycle to school are more awake and ready to learn!!

This helps us with the **A** in our **SCARF** – to **Achieve**!



The **F** in our New Deer **SCARF** is for **friendly**!

Walkie and Talkie – is good fun – join your friends on the walk to school and have a laugh on the way!

