

# School Travel Plan

Wiston Primary School

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## Wiston School Travel Plan – Introduction

Wiston 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 have a very positive effect on the local community as a whole.

The STP has been devised with input from staff, parents and pupils. We have included findings from Health and Safety Audit.

The main objective of Wiston Primary School's STP is:

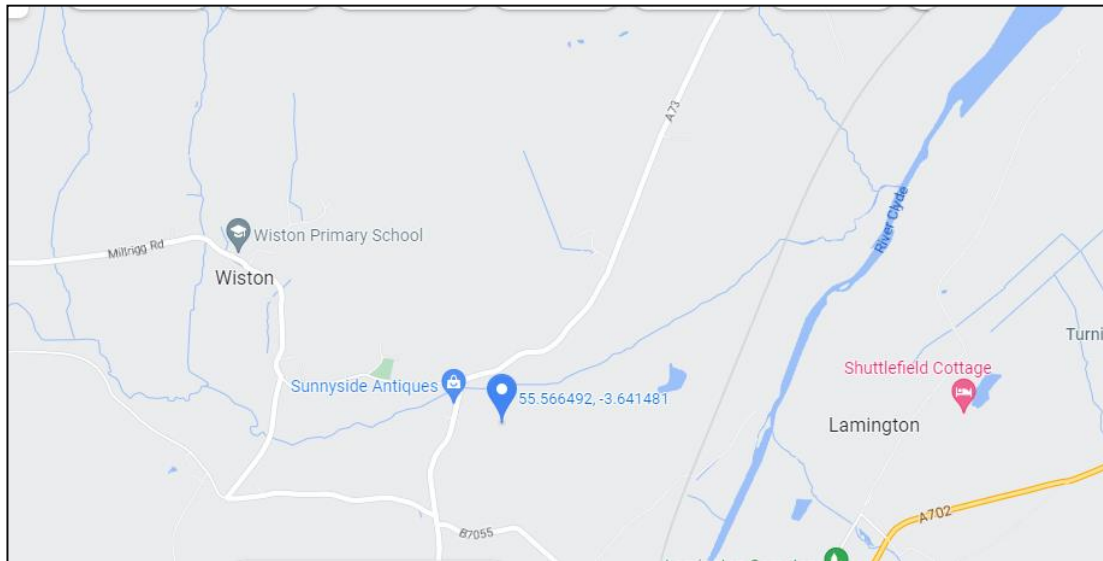
- To reduce the number of car trips made to and from school over the next three years and to maintain or further reduce this thereafter.

Further objectives are to:

- Reduce congestion around the school.
- Highlight 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.

## Wiston School Travel Plan – About our School



Wiston Primary School is a small, rural school situated in the village of Wiston, close to the town of Biggar where there are a wide variety of amenities. Our school was rebuilt ten years ago and we have access to excellent indoors and outdoors facilities.

We place a major emphasis on outdoor learning and take full advantage of having Wiston Lodge Outdoor Centre on our doorstep. We share a head teacher with Libberton Primary School. The local area is a varied mixture of farms and mainly private housing. With the lack of a safe pedestrian route to school, most of our children travel in the school bus, with the others being brought to school by car.

# Wiston School Travel Plan - Evidence of consultation

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

## Pupil survey responses

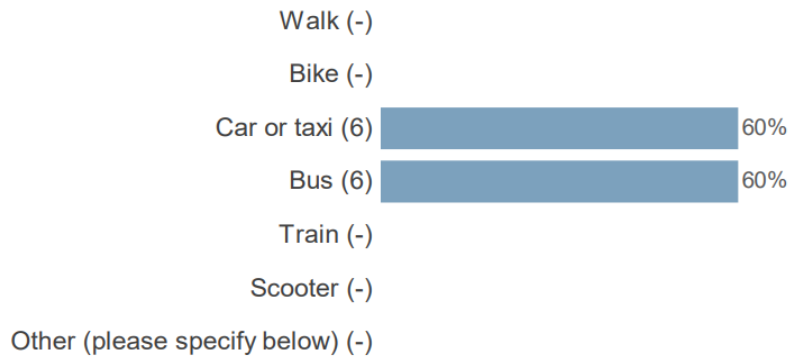
10 pupils completed the survey with responses from majority of stages. 60% of pupils selected that they normally travel less than 1 mile to school with 40% travelling over 2 miles.

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



60% of pupils normally travel to and from school by car or taxi with 60% travelling by bus.

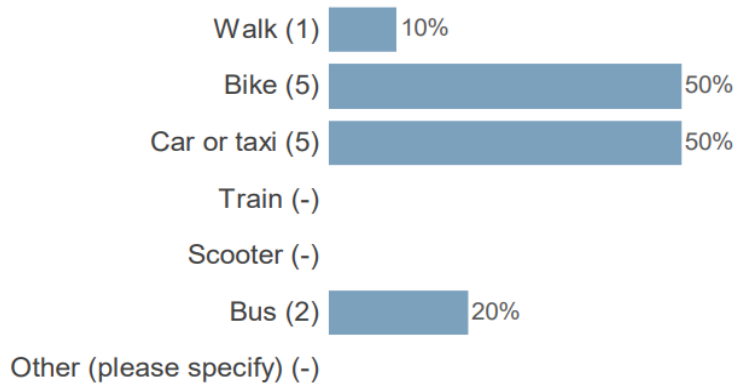
### How do you normally travel to and from school? (select all that apply)



80% travel with other children and an adult.

If pupils could choose how they would like to travel to school, bike and car were most popular with 50% each, followed by 20% selecting bike and 10% would like to walk.

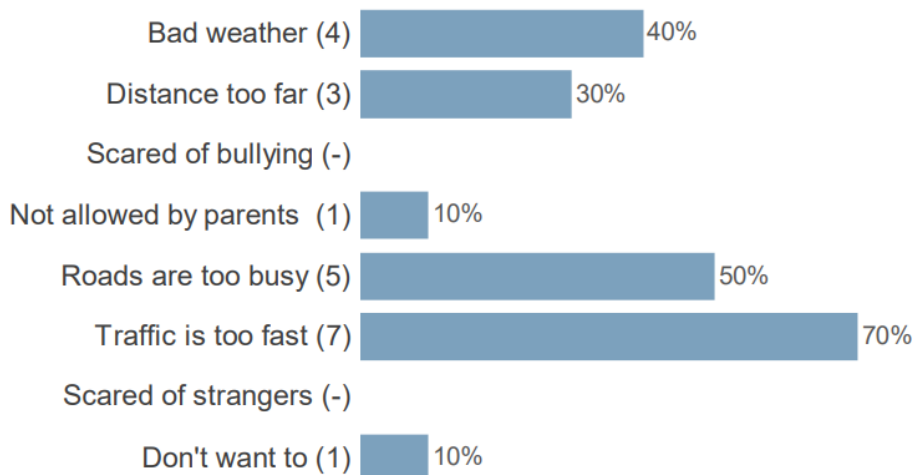
### If you could choose, how would you like to travel to school?



Pupils were interested in walking and cycling to and from school with others and all respondents have a bicycle.

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 'Traffic too fast' (70%), followed by 'Roads are too busy' (50%), then 'bad weather' (40%) and 'distance too far' (30%).

**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 made safer?', with the main suggestions were more paths /pavements and if the road was not as busy.

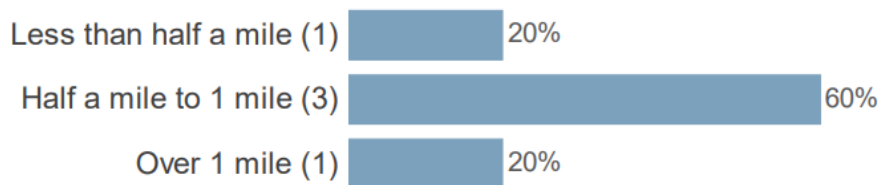
*The full pupil survey results can be found in the Appendix Section of this document.*

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Parent Survey Responses

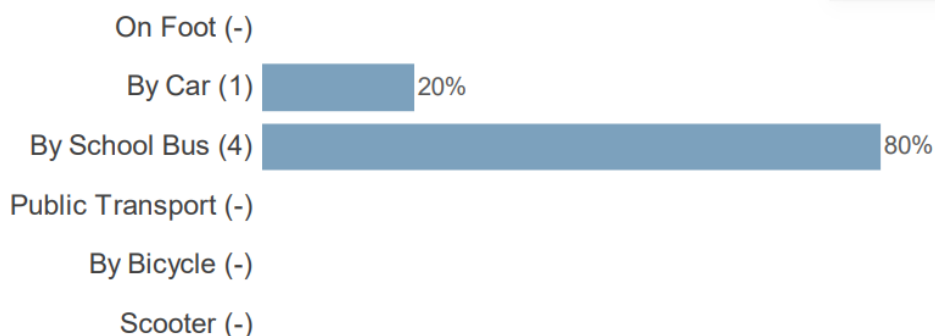
5 parent responses were received with from the older class level. 20% selected that their child travel less than half a mile, 60% travelling half a mile to 1 mile and 20% over 1 mile.

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



Parent were asked how their child normally travels to and from school with 80% selecting that they travel by school bus and 20% walk.

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



If parents could choose how they would prefer their child to travel to school, 100% selected by school bus, with 20% by car. Parents indicated that pupils travel to school with other children and an adult with 40% supporting walking to school if supervised and 60% replied no.

60% would allow their child to cycle to school if supervised and 40% said no.

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



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



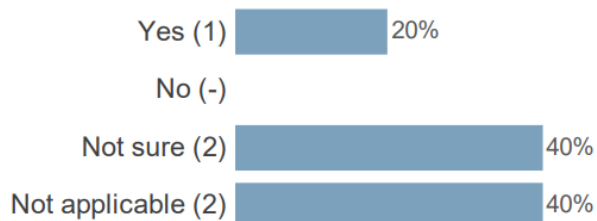
No support was given for Walking Bus or Cycle Train initiatives.

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 (80%)
2. Safer crossing places (60%)
3. More road safety education (60%)
4. =Health and Fitness benefits (40%)  
=Better facilities at school (40%)  
=Other walking or cycling the same way (40%).

The Park and Stride initiative received little support with 40% saying no, 40% not sure and 20% saying yes.

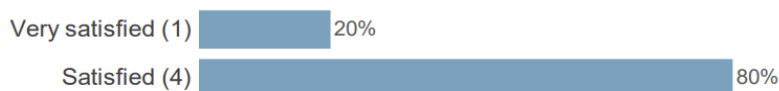
**We are encouraging those who come to school by car to park a little further away from the school. This will help make the journey to school safer for those children who walk, scoot, or cycle. Would you consider supporting a 'Park & Stride' initiative - parking further away from the school and walking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



A Park and Stride location of Wiston Hall was suggested.

80% of parents are satisfied with their child's knowledge of road safety, with 20% being very satisfied.

**How satisfied are you with your 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. Lack of pavements, speed of traffic, in particularly farm vehicles and more road safety education were suggested.

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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.

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



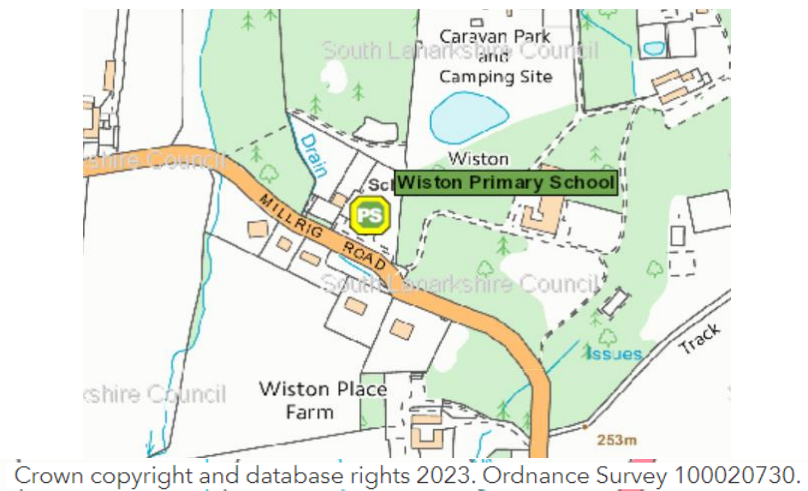
Ideally all wish to travel to school as a driver due to convenience and location. 67% supported car sharing initiative and car share when possible.

Staff concerns, in relation to the school journey or the school vicinity included no pavement and the unsafe routes near the school.

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# Wiston School Travel Plan – A Summary of School's Transport and Road Safety issues



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Wiston Primary School's location is very rural. The school has a mandatory 20mph speed limit in place on either approach to the school and along the road the school is located.

Due to the location and owing to the characteristics of the area, there is a lack of pavements around the school and on route to the school.

The roads around the school are National speed limit and speed of traffic is a concern as well as the speed of agricultural vehicles passing the school.

The school has a small number of parking bays along the school frontage with two formal marked disabled parking spaces. A one-way system is in operation to allow smooth flow of vehicles.

The school bus collects and drops pupils at the front of the school building.

Most of the children travel by school bus.

# Wiston School Travel Plan – Our 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 and issue Be Safe Bus Safe booklets to pupils. The booklets cover how to keep safe on the school bus and road safety activities.

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

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

Have ongoing monitoring of bus behaviour and safety. Particular focus in the new school term in August.

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:**

Our school has a specific 20mph mandatory speed limit in place. There are 20mph, school warning, yellow backed signs visible on both sides of the road at together with yellow texture flex markings with a 20 roundel in place to accompany the signage.

We will use 20mph slow down banner, 'Why 20?' lamp post wraps and display A3 and A5 posters to make the school community and all road users aware.

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.

Display 20mph - slow down at our school posters, on JRSO noticeboards.

JRSO ideas and competitions.

We will encourage those who do travel by car-to-car share, when possible.

#### **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 pavement 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.

## School's Traffic Management Audit

Our school's Traffic Management Audit was carried out by Health and Safety in December 2022. Internal and external suggestions were noted including signage for bus bay and speed limit within school car park and external 20mph markings. These findings will be discussed with our School Support Co-ordinator and Traffic and Transportation colleagues.

## 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 and work on –**

- 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.

## *Wiston School Travel Plan 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 evolution 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.

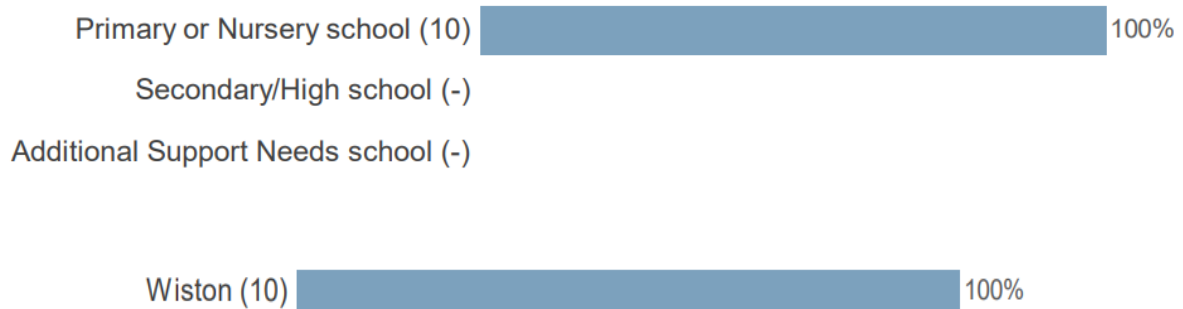
# Wiston Primary School - School Travel Plan Questionnaire Appendix Section

## Pupil Questionnaire Report

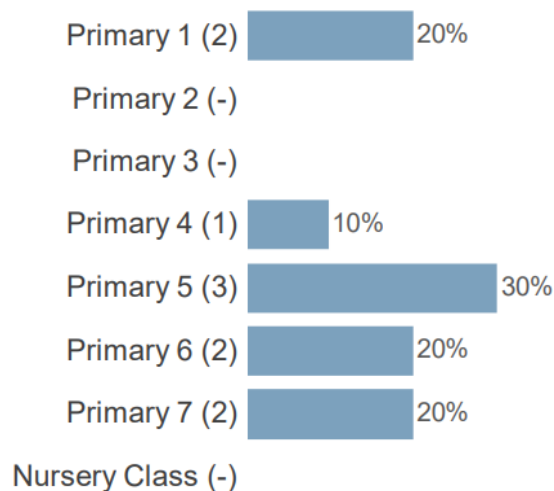
**In which area in South Lanarkshire is the school which you attend?**



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



**I am in class:**



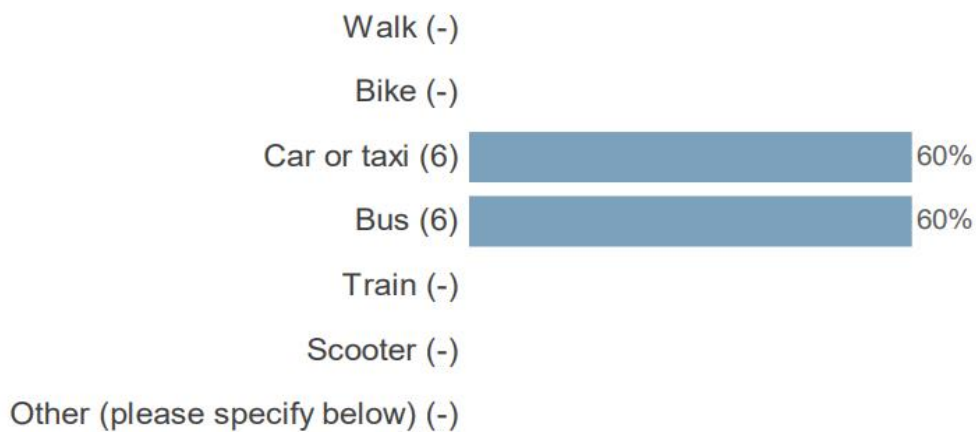
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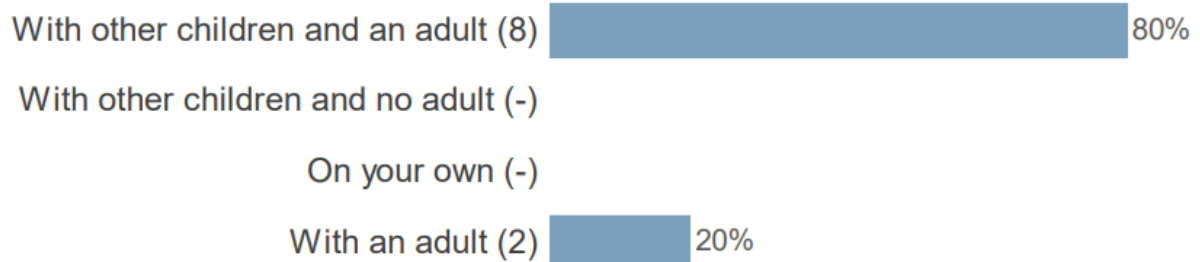
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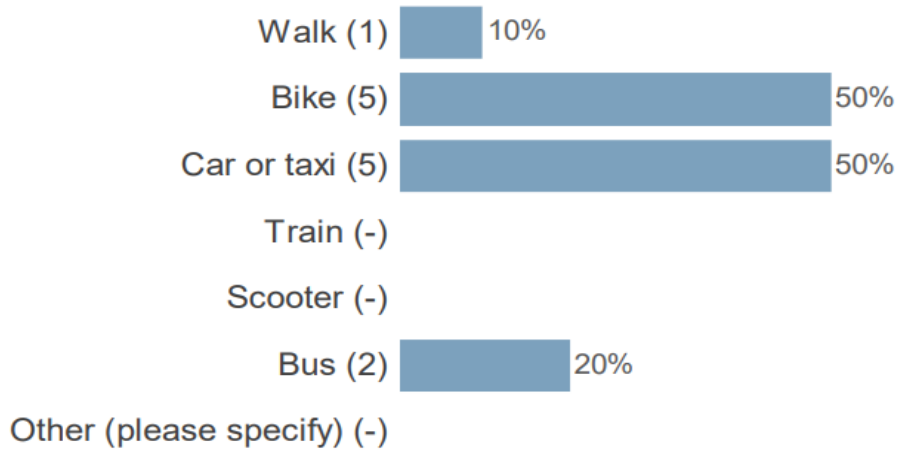
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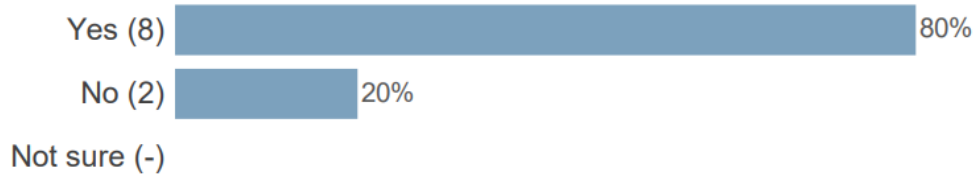
**Do you mostly come to school:**



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



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



**Do you have a bicycle?**

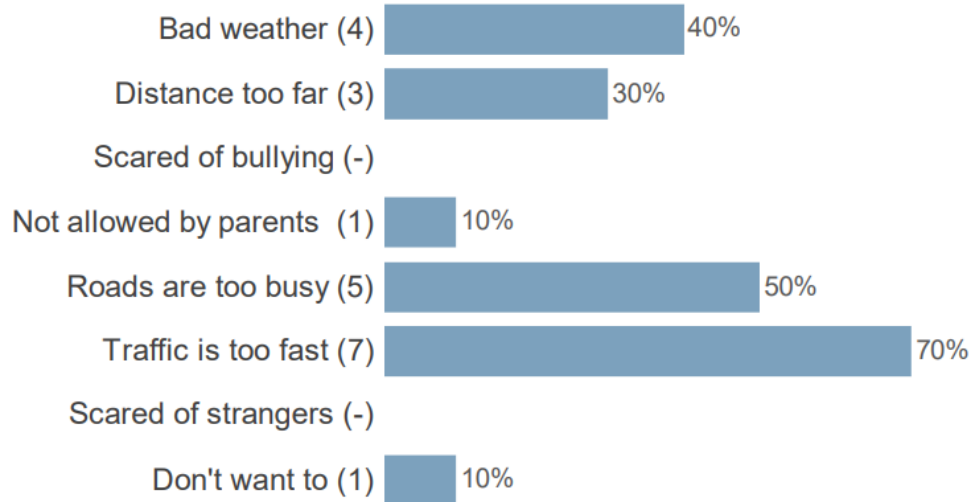


**Would you like to cycle with a group of children and adults to school?**

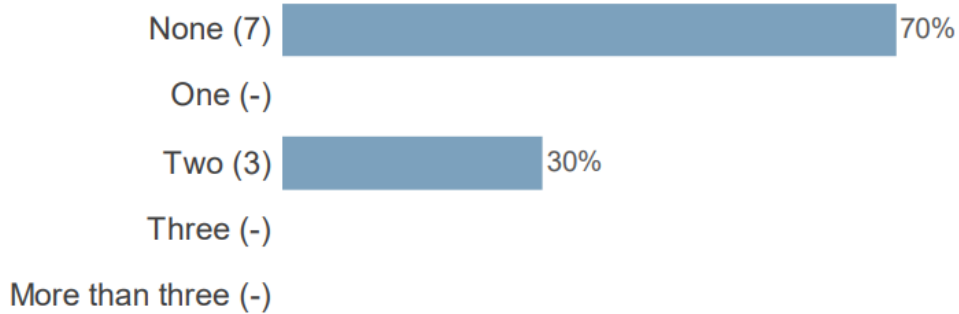




**What makes it difficult for you to walk or cycle to school? (select up to 3 options)**



**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?**

if the road was not as busy.

path on the side of road.

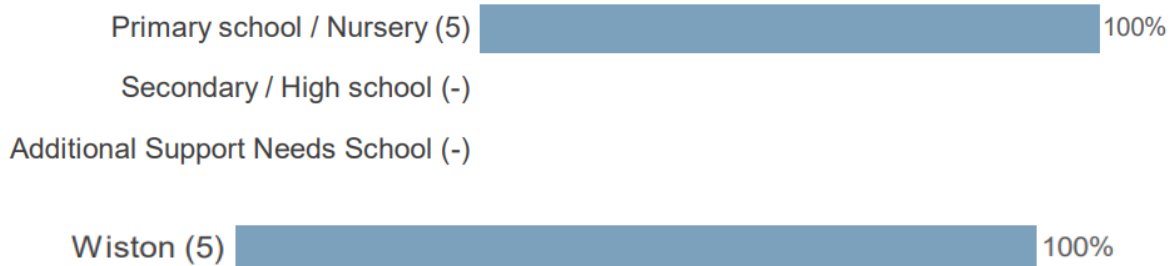
Pavements

# Parent Questionnaire Report

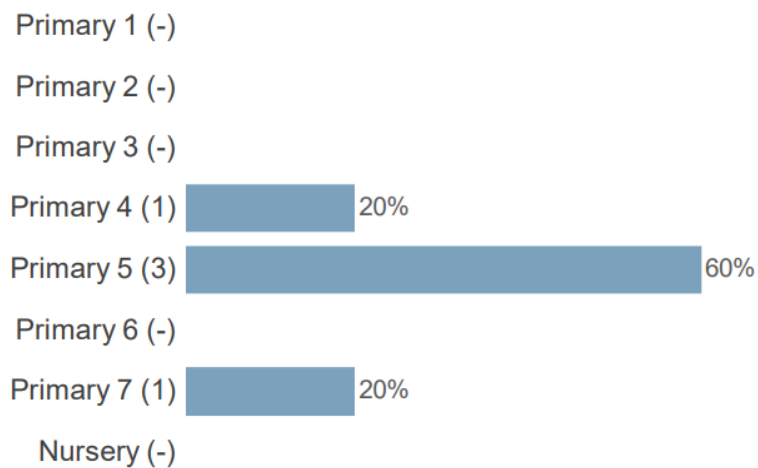
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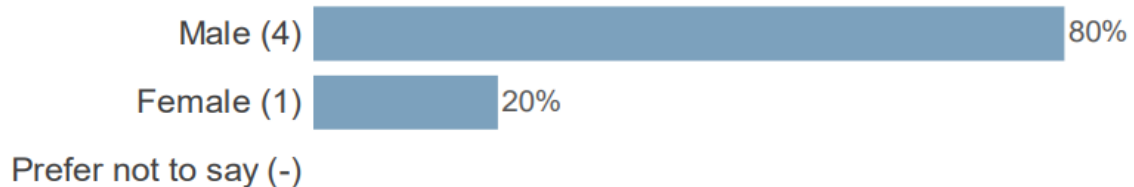
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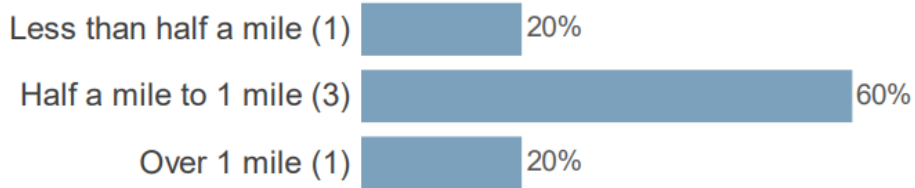
## If you are responding for a child at Primary School, please specify your child's class:



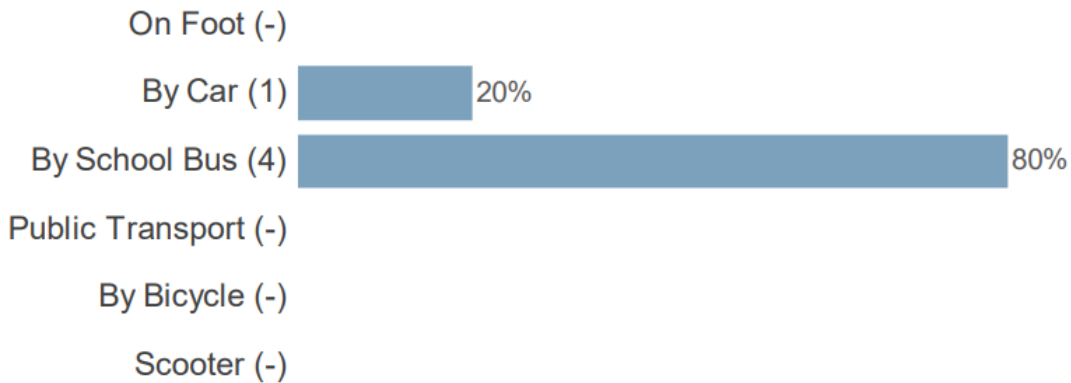
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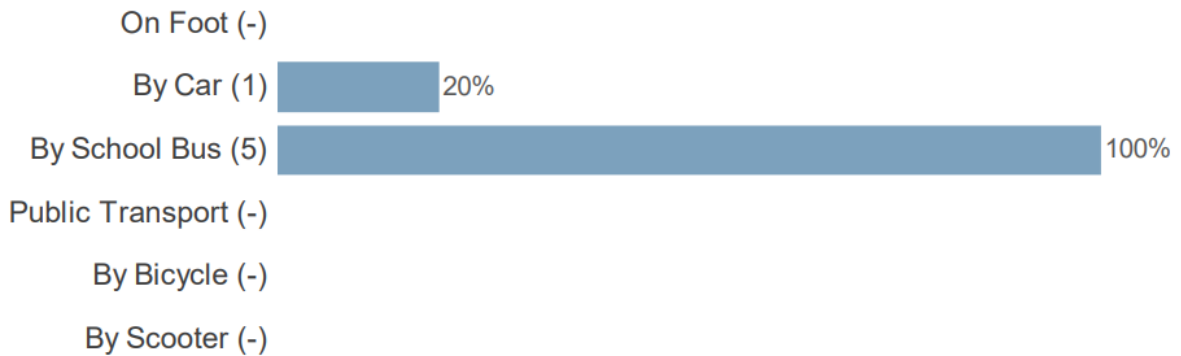
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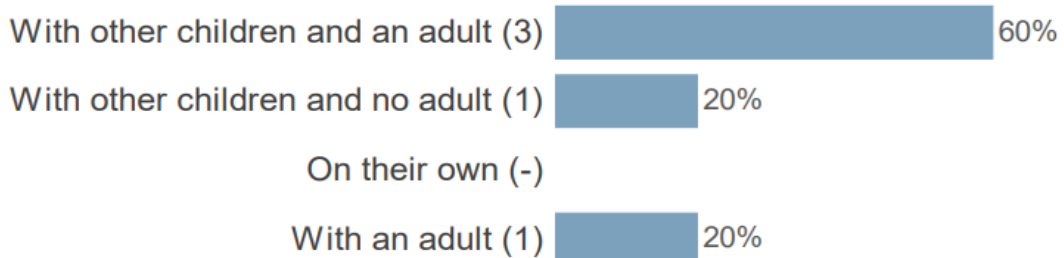
**How does your child normally travel to and from school? (select all that apply)**



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



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



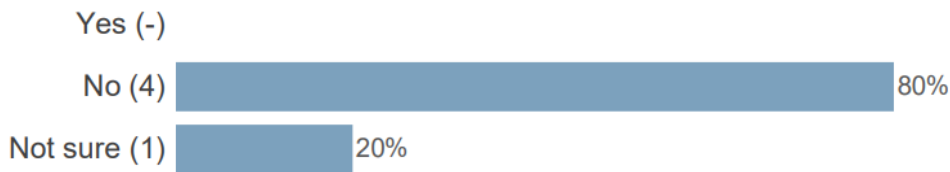
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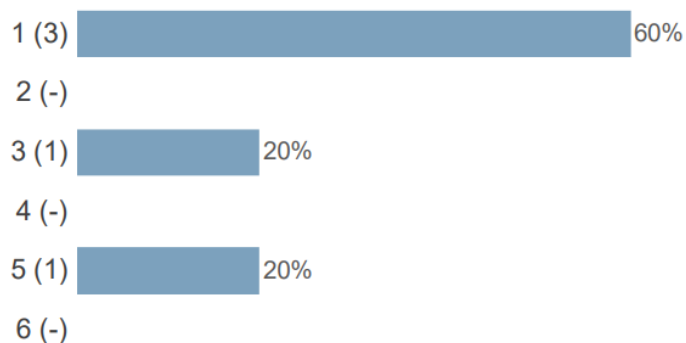
**Would you be available as a parent volunteer to supervise a small group of children walking to school (walking bus)? (Would you be available as a parent volunteer to supervise a small group of children walking to school?)**



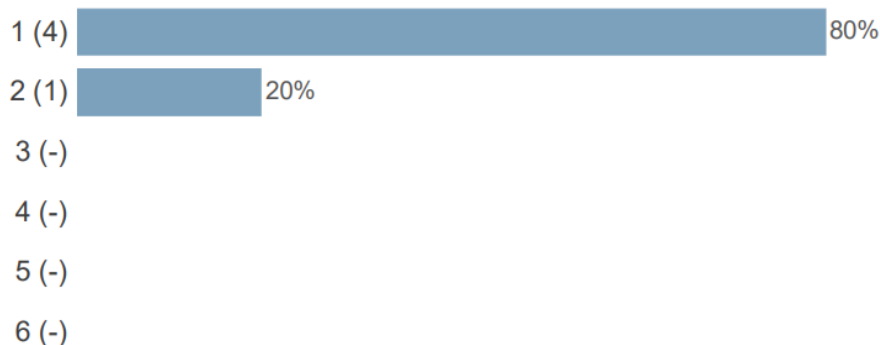
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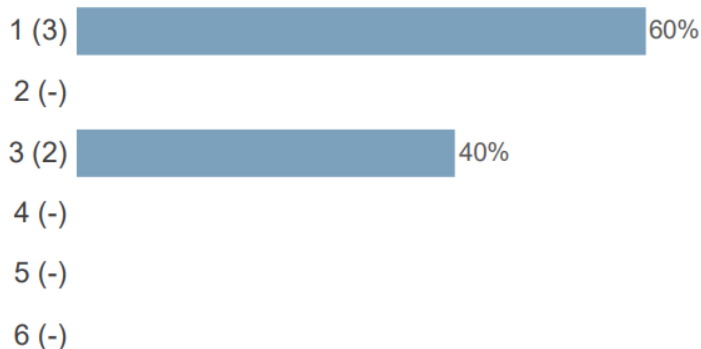
**What would encourage or enable your child to walk or cycle to school? (Please rank the following aspects in order of importance to you from 1 to 6, with 1 being most important and 6 least important) Please ensure you choose a separate ranking level for each aspect. (Safer crossing places)**



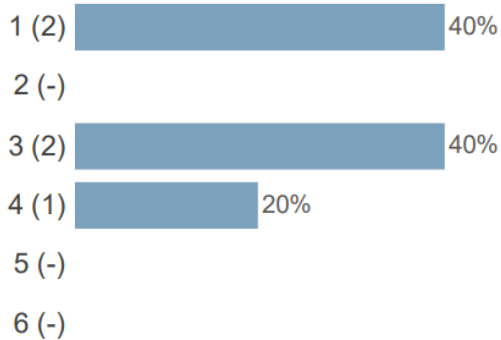
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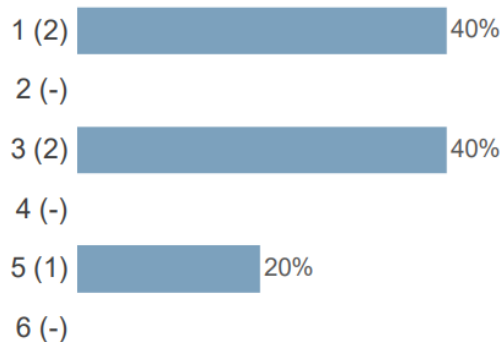
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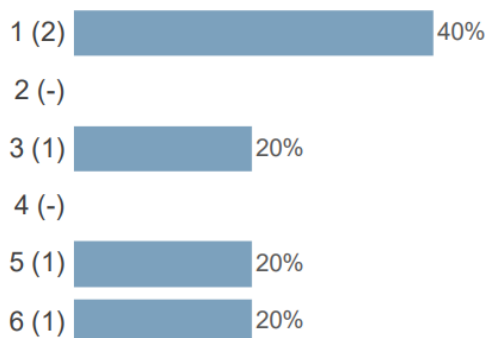
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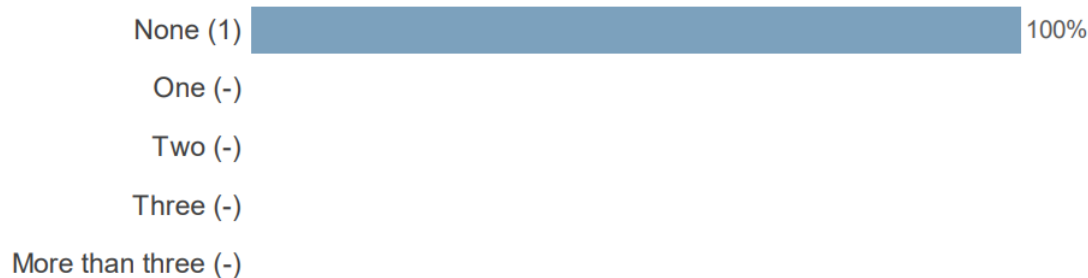
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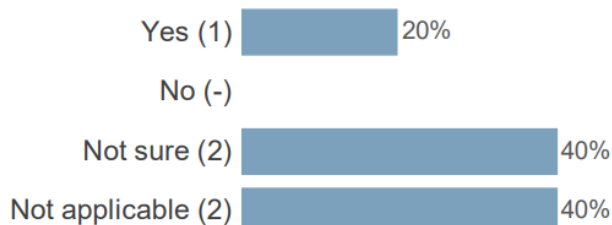
**If your child travels to or from school by car, how many additional pupils normally travel with them?**



**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?**



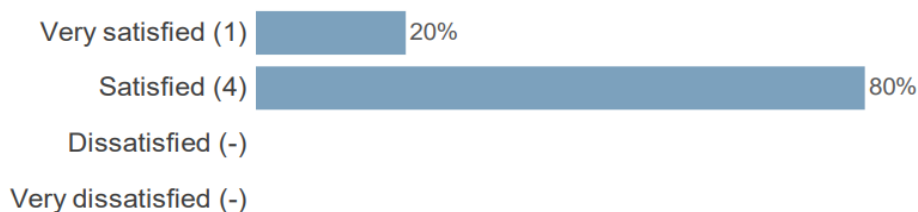
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**Whether or not you would use a Park and Stride scheme, can you give details of suitable locations that could be used as a pick up / drop off area or to be used as a 'Park & Stride' site?. Please give as much detail as possible.**

Wiston hall

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



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

Our Child lives on a stretch of very rural road with no other children nearby or pavements which often has lorries, tractors and cars travelling at speed, I would be concerned for her walking alone along this stretch of road. in the summer I do on occasion pick her up on foot. Extra road safety education from School is always helpful for rural children who have limited traffic experience.

Measures to slow the traffic down in the village

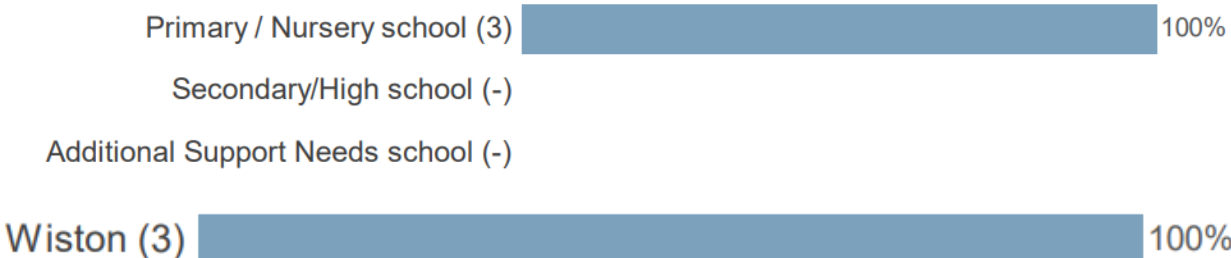
We have no pavements in our village. This, coupled with the ridiculous speed driven by some locals (including those using heavy farm machinery), means that I feel it us unsafe for my child to travel to school on foot or cycling, unaccompanied. Not once in my two decades of living here have I been aware of the police or others monitoring the speed of vehicles through the village. That is a real pity.

## 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?

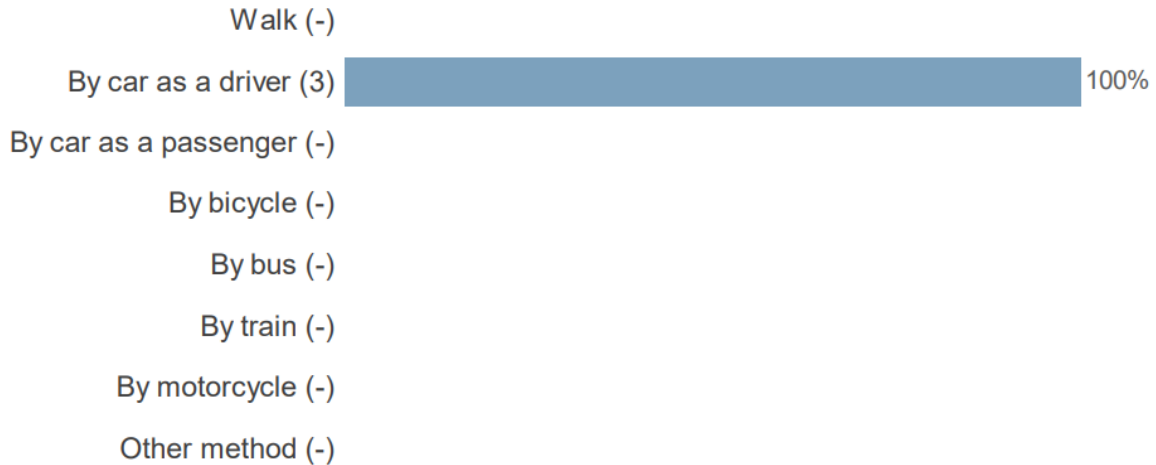




**How do you normally travel to / from school (Car as a driver)**



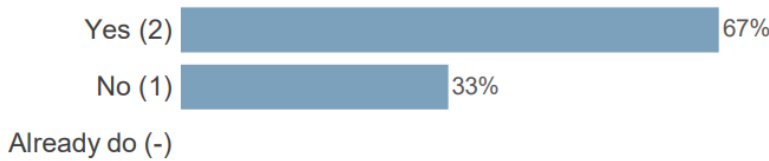
**Ideally, how would you prefer to travel to school? (select all that apply)**



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

Ease when carrying resources and ability to collect young child if need be  
I live over 10 miles away from the school.  
Where I live is quite isolated with no public transport and too far to walk also it's country road with no lights leading to a busy fast road with no walkways.

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



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

No one from work lives near me.

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

Nothing

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

Nothing

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

None in my area

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

No walkway for pupils

The road leading from the school into the village has a large drop either side. This make it unsafe for cars to pass pedestrians while they are on this part of the road.

No

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

No

*- End of School Travel Plan -*