



# Carrbridge Primary School



## Travel Plan



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## **Introduction and Aims**

This school travel plan has been written by the children, staff and parents at Carrbridge School.

### **Aims**

- To reduce the number of vehicles involved in the taking and collection of children from School.
- To improve safety on the school run
- To encourage healthy and environmentally friendly travel choices for children at school.
- To encourage pupils to walk/cycle to school.

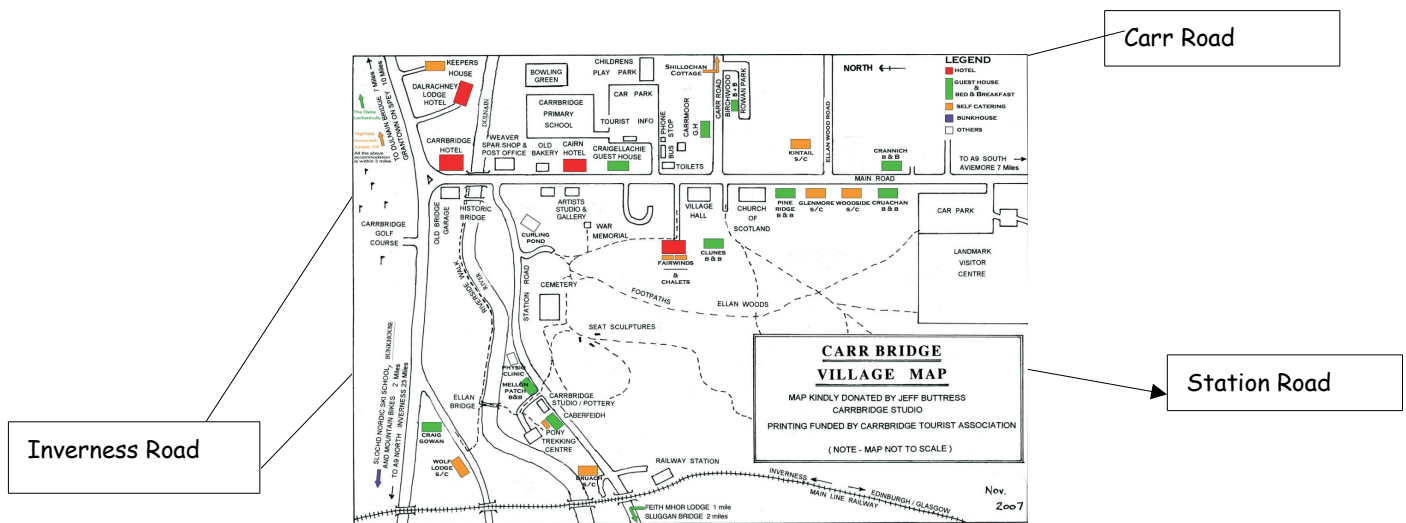
## Carrbridge school, village and community

Carrbridge is a small village in the Strathspey area of the Highlands of Scotland. It is situated within the Cairngorm National Park. The village is surrounded by pine forests in which there is a network of footpaths that are used by locals and tourists. There are about 700 people living in Carrbridge. In the village many of the houses are holiday homes. One of the main routes to Inverness is through Carrbridge with the main road being heavily used by commuters.

Carrbridge Primary School and Nursery is in the centre of the village adjacent to the public car park which is used for car parking at the beginning and end of the school working day (see attached map) It also has the bus stop with buses using the car park at different times of the day.



Carrbridge Primary school and Nursery has 74 children with the majority living in Carrbridge. Children also travel to school from Aviemore, Duthil and Dulnain Bridge. Most staff live outside Carrbridge and travel to school by car. 5 staff members live in the village and walk to school.

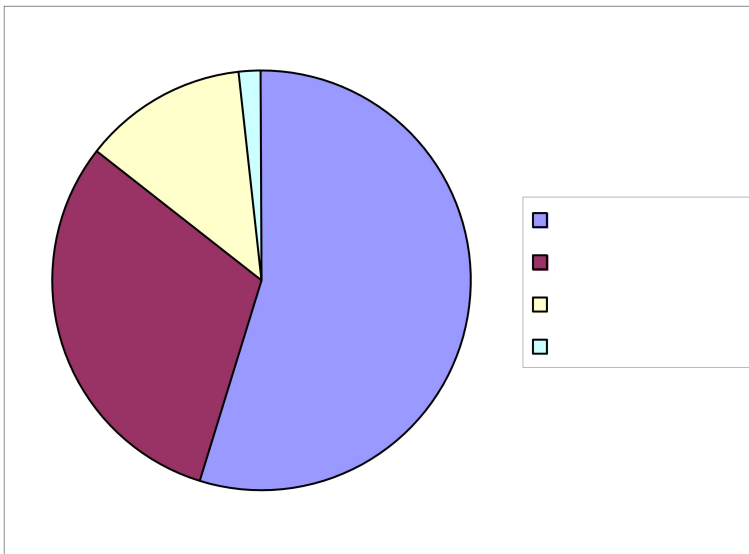


Children who live along Carr Road and Station Road (Both off the main Road) have to walk along the road with no footpath and at times the road narrows to only allow a single track road. Children who live along Inverness Road have to walk by a road that large vehicles and traffic use. It is a busy road. Children who live near Dalrachny travel past a big car park used by buses.

## How people travel to school

The eco committee surveyed the pupils and staff to find out how they travelled to school.

At present 60% walk to school, 25% cycle to school, 12% drive to school with 3% of the total parking away from school and walking the last bit.



## The results of our travel survey

A survey of all families with children at Carrbridge primary school and staff was carried out to identify the ways that they travel to school in December 2013. (A copy of the questionnaire can be found in the appendices)

- 24 responses to the survey were received which represents 34% of the families with children at the school.
- The children in all the families that responded own bikes.
- Some families needed to make multiple journeys to school because of different collection times for Nursery, P1-3 and P4-7
- 56% of families who responded to the survey never used the car for the school run.
- The majority of respondents said that they would like to cycle or walk to school more often.
- Respondents stated that they would be more likely to cycle if there was a secure, dry place to keep their bike.
- Respondents indicated that residential roads were also a problem as there was no path for the children to walk on and cars and lorries on Station Road didn't slow down enough.
- Families felt it was important for their child/ children to walk or cycle to school as it kept them fit and healthy.

### **Summary of traffic problems**

The entrance into school is by a large car park which can be very busy during the tourist season. There is a flashing sign warning cars to slow down but that doesn't always mean vehicles slow down. Some families have to cross the main road which is very busy and has no zebra crossing, pelican crossing or road crossing patroller.

At both end of the village an electronic sign advises drivers the speed they are doing.

There is a sign asking vehicles not to drive up to the school building during specific times but this is not always adhered to.

In the summer 2010 a large purpose built bicycle shelter was built which can accommodate up to 40 bikes. The school was gifted bicycle locks to use if needed.

### **School travel Plan targets.**

Action	Who	When
To continue cycle training for P6/7 with the possibility of P6 being included.	School Cycle leaders	November 2013
Do cycling proficiency training in Spring for P5.	School Cycle leaders	April 2014
To encourage more families to walk or cycle to school	Staff Eco Committee	Ongoing
Survey parents to see the best place to have a crossing	School and CPSPC to investigate with council.	October 2013
Promoting walk to school week.	School Eco committee	October/ May
Possibility of 20mph speed limit on Station and Carr Roads	School and CPSPC to investigate with Highland Council	
Have a Big Pedal event to encourage cycling and scootering to school.	School, children, parents	March 2014

### What we are doing already



- The eco committee is encouraging children to walk or cycle to school and carrying out survey every term.
- P6/7 receive cycling proficiency training in the October/November.
- The staff regularly teaches Road safety to all pupils as part of their health Education.
- The school encourages healthy, safe ways of travelling to school through posters and assemblies
- The school playground has been marked with road markings to help with cycle proficiency training.
- We regularly survey how children travel to school.

### **Monitoring and Evaluating**

- The eco committee will continue to survey pupils and encourage them to walk or cycle to school.
- The actions in this travel plan will be reviewed each term by the eco committee.
- The school travel Plan will be reviewed at the beginning of each school year.