



**SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN**  
**ROSLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**2018**



# INTRODUCTION

## Purpose

Midlothian Council have prepared this School Travel Plan for the development of a new Roslin Primary School to replace the existing school. The school is located in Roslin park and the new building is on the site of the current playing fields; the new playing fields exist on old school site.

This document outlines the School Travel Plan to be adopted at the school detailing existing and proposed sustainable travel options designed to reduce the number of private cars arriving on site.

The School Travel Plan will be a standalone document for the new school, relating to site specific travel choices.

## Existing Conditions

### SITE LOCATION

The new school is located in the Roslin park area, exact location in plan below. The new school is in the same grounds as the former school but in the playing field area with the original school site location becoming the new playing fields.



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

The school will have a maximum pupil roll of 255 with a 40/40 nursery and a 11 class capacity. Teaching staff nos. are estimated at 26 – 30 with approximately another 11 auxiliary staff.

## NEW SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

As part of Midlothian Council's programme for new schools, a new school has been constructed to replace the existing building build in 1973 in Roslin, Midlothian. The location of the new school site relative to the local network and proposed detail is shown below.





- The layout of the new school is illustrated in detail below



## • PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

There will be four pedestrian access points located as follows:-

- From Roslin Park
- From Pentland View Place
- From rear of Lockhart Terrace and Nobel Place
- From footpath link from Penicuik Road

- Safer Routes to School measures are in existence for existing school and will all be applicable for the new build. These include 20mph speed limits, speed cushions, zebra crossing on Pentland View Place and a School Crossing Guide on Main Street.

- CYCLIST ACCESS

- Cyclist access will be via the proposed pedestrian accesses. Cycle parking facilities within the site are provided.

- VEHICULAR ACCESS

The vehicular access to the site will be taken from Pentland View Place.

- SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The surrounding area is relatively well served in terms of Safer Routes to School measures as routes will be similar as to the former building.

#### Facilities for Pedestrians

- All pedestrian gates will be used. There will be pedestrian footways provided on both sides of the carriageway, providing access to the surrounding residential areas.
- With regard to crossing facilities, a zebra crossing is located on Pentland View Place and a School Crossing Guide is located on Main Street, providing a convenient and safer location for pupils to cross.

#### Facilities for Cyclists

With regard to existing cycle routes, cyclists will use the same routes as pedestrians in traffic calmed 20mph conditions nearer the school, with good availability of secure cycle storage within the school grounds.

#### Public Transport Provision

Roslin is served by three bus services, all operated by Lothian Buses [LB].

- 37 Penicuik Deanburn – Roslin – Bilston - Loanhead – Straiton Retail Park – Liberton Brae - Cameron Toll – Bridges – Princes Street – Orchard Brae – Western General Hospital – Crewe Toll – Silverknowes

Seven days a week

- 140 Penicuik Town Centre – Roslin – Bilston - Loanhead – Lasswade – Bonnyrigg – Dalkeith – Musselburgh

Seven days a week

Timetable information is available via Traveline Scotland on 0871 200 2233 [24/7] or [www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com)

### Local Roads Network

- The vehicular access to the site will be taken from Pentland View Place with a 20mph speed limit in place. In addition, traffic calming measures will be in place along the site frontage and on a number of the surrounding residential streets.

## **SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN**

The purpose of a School Travel Plan is to reduce dependency on the private motor car and promote sustainable and safe access for pupils and staff alike.

The benefits of School Travel Plans are:-

- Demonstrate the schools commitment to environmental and community concerns.
- Reduced pollution.
- Reduced congestion.
- Healthier school population.
- Reduced on-site car parking problems.
- Financial savings through items such as parking costs, fuel savings, etc.
- Release land for more productive uses.
- Help to secure funds for Safer Routes to School initiatives and projects such as cycle parking or road safety improvements.

- Promote school travel issues with parents, pupils and staff.

## **TRAVEL SURVEY**

- To form the basis of the School Travel Plan, travel survey questionnaires will be sent out to all staff and parents of the school.
- Surveys and updated School Travel Plans will be issued/published every second year.
- Separate questionnaires are prepared for staff and parents/pupils, specifically tailored to the two distinct user groups. Samples attached.
- Staff surveys aim to gather details of the travel plan for staff members with a view to encouraging them to switch to sustainable modes of transport.
- Parent/pupil questionnaires examine current travel modes and ask what would encourage them to use more sustainable travel modes.

## **TRAVEL PLAN INITIATIVES**

This chapter outlines the key tasks and objectives of the Travel Plan, which the school lead will work closely with Midlothian Council Travel Plan Co-ordinator on. The proposed measures for implementation at the new school are described in detail in the following sections and are listed below:-

- Louise Brodie has been identified as in school Travel Plan lead.
- Public transport information on database at the school.
- On-site cycle facilities.
- Pedestrian measures.
- Car-sharing promotion.
- Miscellaneous measures.

## **TRAVEL PLAN LEAD**

- The key to any effective plan is to have an identified person, from the school staff, responsible for overseeing the School Travel Plan, its operation and keeping it updated. The post of the Travel Plan Lead is vital to the success or

otherwise of the whole plan. Louise Brodie has been identified by the Head Teacher as the Travel Plan Lead.

- Midlothian Council's Travel Plan Co-ordinator, responsible for all Midlothian schools, will provide the school lead with information and support to ensure all tasks are carried out effectively.
- The key tasks to be undertaken by the school Travel Plan lead include:-
  - . Develop, implement and promote the School Travel Plan.
  - . Maintaining the support and commitment of staff, parents and pupils.
  - . Design and implement travel awareness campaigns for the promotion of the plan.
  - . Chair, co-ordinate and attend relevant meetings/focus groups.
  - . Issue travel surveys as appropriate.
  - . Acting as a point of contact and reference for staff or parents with queries relating to transport issues.

As such, the role of the School Travel Plan Lead is vital and the backing of staff essential.

## PEDESTRIAN INITIATIVES

There are a number of initiatives, many successful at other Midlothian schools, which could be introduced at the new school, including:-

- Park & Stride locations identified.
- Introduction of a competition as a way to encourage pupils to walk to school. Examples include – Greening the Tree (different coloured leaves representing different travel choices; green for walking/cycling, yellow for bus and brown for car), Golden Boot (rewards the pupil who has made the greatest no. of walking journeys into school throughout the school term), Walk & Win (signatures collected on a card, when card full rewarded with a prize), Kerbcraft (infant road safety programme), WoW (Walk Once a Week with collectable badges), etc.
- Participation in Walk to School Week initiatives.

## CYCLING INITIATIVES



Measures to help foster a greater willingness to cycle to school, aimed at both staff and pupils, would include the following measures:-

- Secure cycle parking provided.
- Application for Cycle Friendly Schools Award
- Bikeability participation.
- Bike to School Week participation.
- Staff made aware of bike purchase scheme.
- Copy of cycle map for the area located on School Travel notice board.

## **CAR SHARING**

Staff should be made aware of Midlothian Trip Share via the intranet.

## **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

- Distribution of Recommended Route Leaflets
- Junior Road Safety Officers in school promoting road safety/active travel.
- Sustainable travel directions.
- Walk to School Days/Weeks.
- Cycle to School Days.
- Encourage children to take ownership of the School Travel Plan by designing front cover, etc.
- Travel plan on school website.
- Provide visitors with sustainable travel directions.

## **SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS**

- The School Travel Plan will be effective once agreed by Parent Council.
- The new school will be easily accessible by all modes of transport.
- Thereafter and on-going, the School Travel Plan will be updated every second year.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

- The STP measures and implementation plan outlined will help encourage sustainable travel to and from the school.