

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANS



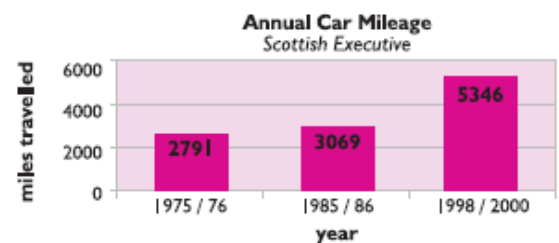
Why do we need a School Travel Plan?

- ✦ Are you concerned about the **environment** around the school or globally?
- ✦ Do you feel that you have inadequate facilities for parking or drop-off zones?
- ✦ Does your school have **congestion** or **road safety** problems?
- ✦ Do you feel that your children's routes could be **safer**?

If your answer to ANY of these is YES, a School Travel Plan can help!

Facts and figures

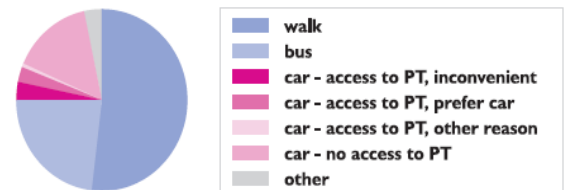
✦ UK Road traffic volumes have **nearly doubled** over the last 20 years. Over the next 20 years, this could **increase again** by over one third¹.



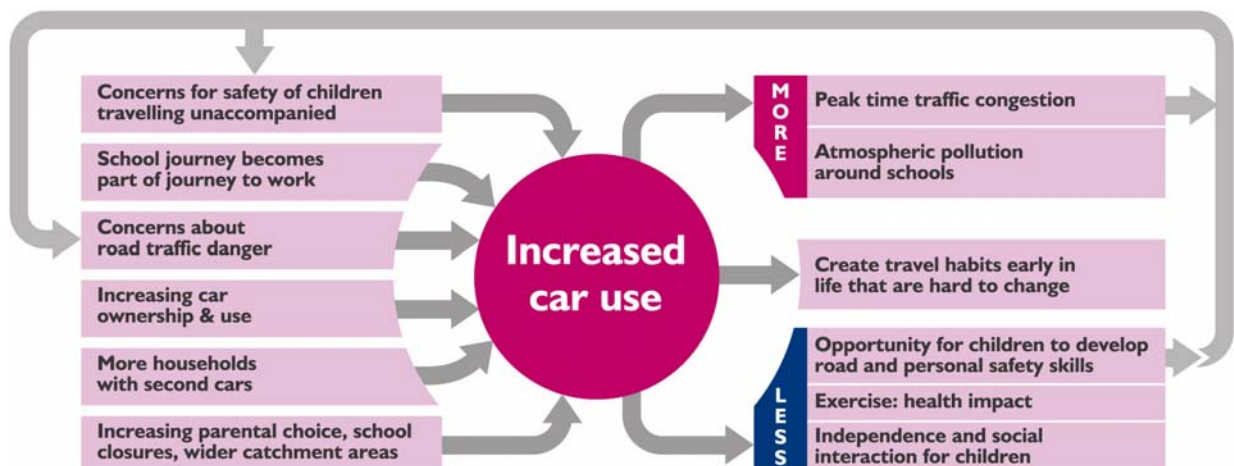
✦ At 8:50 am, **1 in 5** cars on the road is taking a child to school²

Travel to School
Scottish Household Survey (2001)

✦ In 2001, nearly **1 in 4** children – and nearly 1 in 6 children living within 1 mile of school – were being **driven** to school.



✦ Safety concerns are often the reason for driving to school. Yet statistics show that cars are one of the **least** safe modes of transport: a child travelling by car is almost **twice** as likely to be a casualty than a child travelling by bus³.



¹ Department for Transport

² National Travel Survey, 1997/99

³ The Scottish Executive Road Accident Statistics (2000)

The School Travel Plan

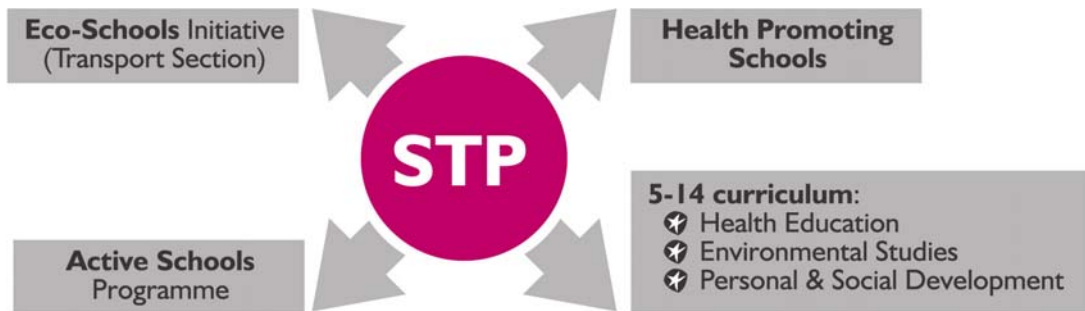
What is it?

A document that:

- ✦ Summarises current travel patterns and traffic problems
- ✦ Identifies solutions
- ✦ Sets targets for improvement
- ✦ Addresses all aspects of the journey to school and encourages
 - ✦ Walking
 - ✦ Cycling
 - ✦ Use of public transport
 - ✦ Better management of remaining 'school run' vehicles

Links to other activities

All schools in Aberdeenshire must have a STP by 2008. Schools will be able to tie in their STP to a number of other activities, such as:



How will travel plans benefit our schools?

Everyone – pupils, parents, staff, and the community – will benefit from opportunities to:

- ✦ **Reduce traffic congestion** around schools, **increasing personal safety**
- ✦ Develop **road safety skills**, increasing **independence** and **self-esteem**
- ✦ Increase travel awareness and widen choices
- ✦ **Improve health and fitness**
- ✦ **Improve behaviour** in school and on the school journey
- ✦ Establish **safer walking and cycling routes**
- ✦ **Reduce pollution** and increase environmental awareness
- ✦ Improve community awareness, promoting **good relationships** between pupils and the community
- ✦ Build links between parents and **strengthen home-school links**
- ✦ **Reduce driving stress** and **improve journey quality**

Need more information?

Wish to help? Contact your school or visit

http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/travel_plan.asp