

Travel Plan

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Perth Grammar School

With Pride ◦ We Respect ◦ With Ambition ◦ We Strive



Introduction

Perth Grammar School currently has a roll of approximately 700 young people and is one of the four comprehensive non-denominational schools that serve Perth City and neighbouring areas. The organisation of secondary education in this area is based on the transfer of all pupils from Riverside Primary School, Tulloch Primary School, St Ninian's Primary School, Luncarty Primary School, Stanley Primary School and Murthly Primary School.

At Perth Grammar, through our core values of 'Pride, Respect, Ambition' we aim to encourage and support our young people to flourish as young global citizens with the skills, knowledge, values and attitudes that will enable them to adapt and thrive in life, learning and work. This is in the context of our overarching vision of becoming an outstanding learning community with the highest expectation of and aspirations of all learners. Our motto is With Pride, We Respect, With Ambition, We Strive.

What is a School Travel Plan?

A travel plan is a document which encourages people to travel to our school in a sustainable, healthy and safe way. The travel plan adopts the hierarchy approach as shown in the chart below. This supports walking and cycling as the most sustainable forms of transport.



Although walking and cycling are a good choice for the environment, and improves air quality at the school gates, there are lots of other benefits too;

Fitness - Leaving the car at home and walking or cycling to school will provide great health benefits for all family members.

Road safety skills - Being able to make the journey on foot or bike will provide ideal opportunities to learn essential road safety skills that many young people who are driven by car are lacking.

Social skills - Walking to or from school, provides a great opportunity to talk, either pupils to talking to their friends or their families, discuss what they have been up to, possible any problems they have.

Safety - More people walking, and cycling means less cars on the road and at the school gate making a much safer environment for everyone.

Overall Aim – to create a safe journey for those travelling to Perth Grammar School.

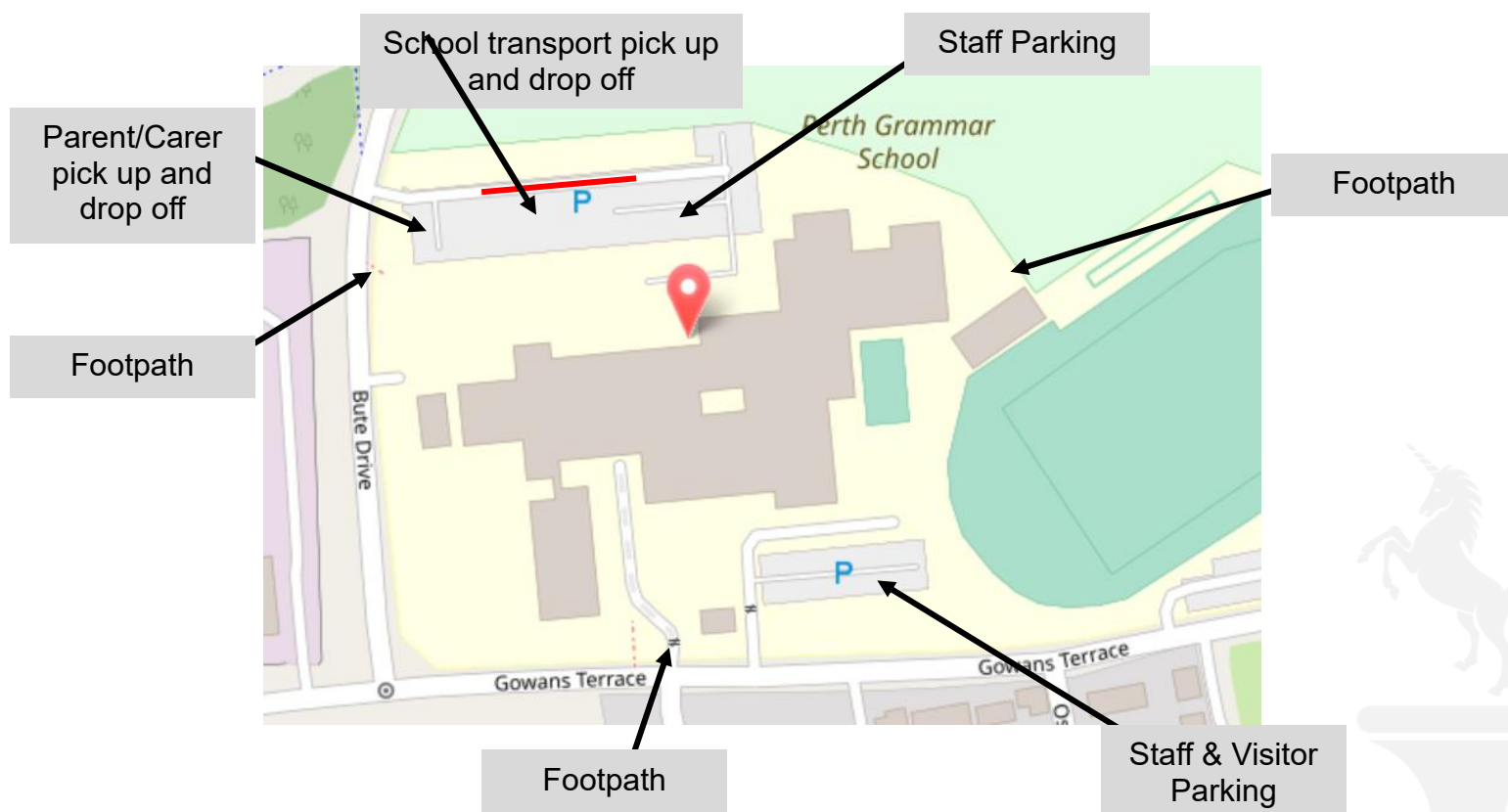
Free School Transport

Free school transport is available to young people attending their catchment school and living more than three miles (secondary) from the school measured by the shortest available walking route.

The Perth & Kinross Council [Travel Policy for Schools](#) and [Travelling to School Information Booklet](#) can be viewed on the Council's website.

During session 2024/25, 185 pupils attended school by free school transport methods. During this period the transport was provided by 3 taxis and 4 buses. To apply for free school transport, visit the Perth & Kinross Council [website](#).

Site Plan



Please note that the area in **red** will be closed between 1535-1545hrs daily to allow the safe departure of school transport. This is a no parking zone.

How to travel to Perth Grammar School?

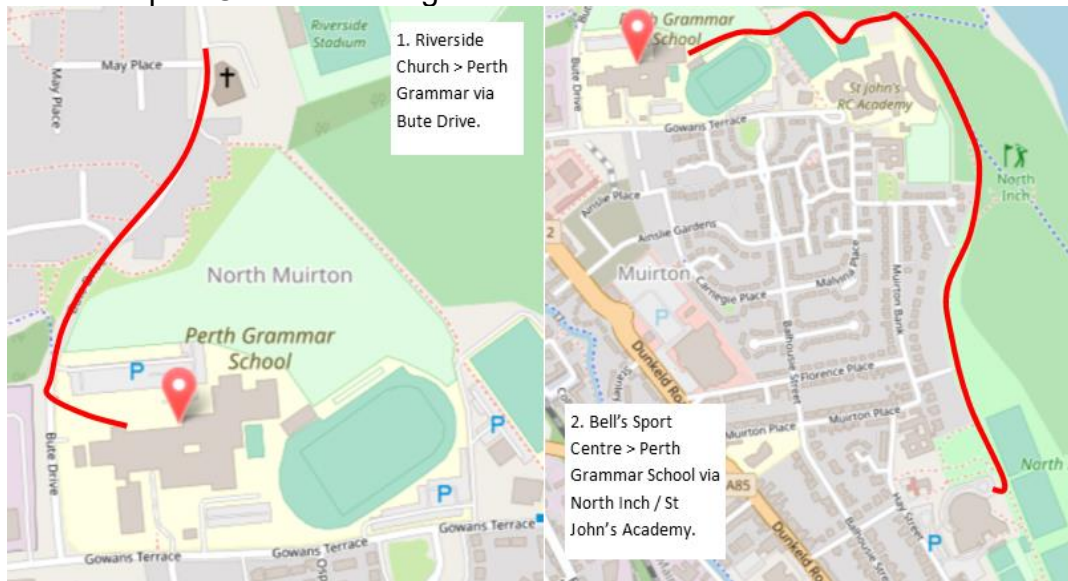
Public Transport

The local bus operator is Stagecoach. You can use their [online journey planner](#) to plan public transport routes to school. For example, service 615 operates from Tulloch to Muirton and service 9 operates from Atholl Street to Muirton and from North Muirton to Muirton. More information about the young persons' free bus travel can be found on the [Young Scot website](#).

Car & Car Sharing

There is a designated pick up and drop off car park on the Bute Drive side of the school. We would also recommend that those young people travelling to school by car,

park and stride. We would recommend two locations for this, 1. Riverside Church and 2. Bell's Sport Centre. Walking routes are outlined overleaf.



Drivers are reminded that the road network surrounding the school is 20mph. Gowans Terrace can be very busy with traffic at the beginning and end of the school day as the road is shared between Perth Grammar School and St. John's Academy. Where possible we would discourage young people being driven to and from school.

The Sustrans national travel to school [survey](#) outlined that in 2023, primary school pupils reported the highest level of active travel to school out of all school types, at 54.3%, followed by secondary school pupils at 42.1%. 42.6% of primary school pupils reported normally walking to school compared to 40.6% of secondary and 2.4% of SEN school pupils. 6.6% of primary school pupils reported normally cycling to school compared to 1.4% of secondary school pupils. 5.1% of primary school pupils reported normally scootering or skating to school compared to 0.1% of secondary school pupils.

Free school transport

If your young person is entitled to free school transport to Perth Grammar School, you will be sent additional information from the Public Transport Unit detailing the specific arrangements for collection and return each day. Your young person will be issued with a bus pass each academic year, if they lose this you can order a replacement on [MyPKC](#).

The school buses will drop off young people in the bus bays which leads directly onto a pedestrian zone. Taxis will drop off young people in the staff and visitor car park where they will have to cross an access road leading to a pedestrian zone.

Cycle

There is no designated cycle path to the school or on the roads surrounding the school. We would actively encourage young people to cycle to school following the highway code and utilising safe routes. Before you cycle to school we recommend reading the [Bikeability Scotland - Cyclist's Guide Level 2](#).

On arrival at Perth Grammar School bikes can be stored in the bike shelter (Bute Drive) or in a bike locker (Gowans Terrace & Bute Drive). For access to a bike locker please contact the Business Support Team by emailing PerthGrammar@pkc.gov.uk. If storing bikes in the bike shelter, please remember to bring your own bike lock. Plan and know your cycle route before you travel. CycleStreets.net provides a free cycle route planning service and we have created some examples below.

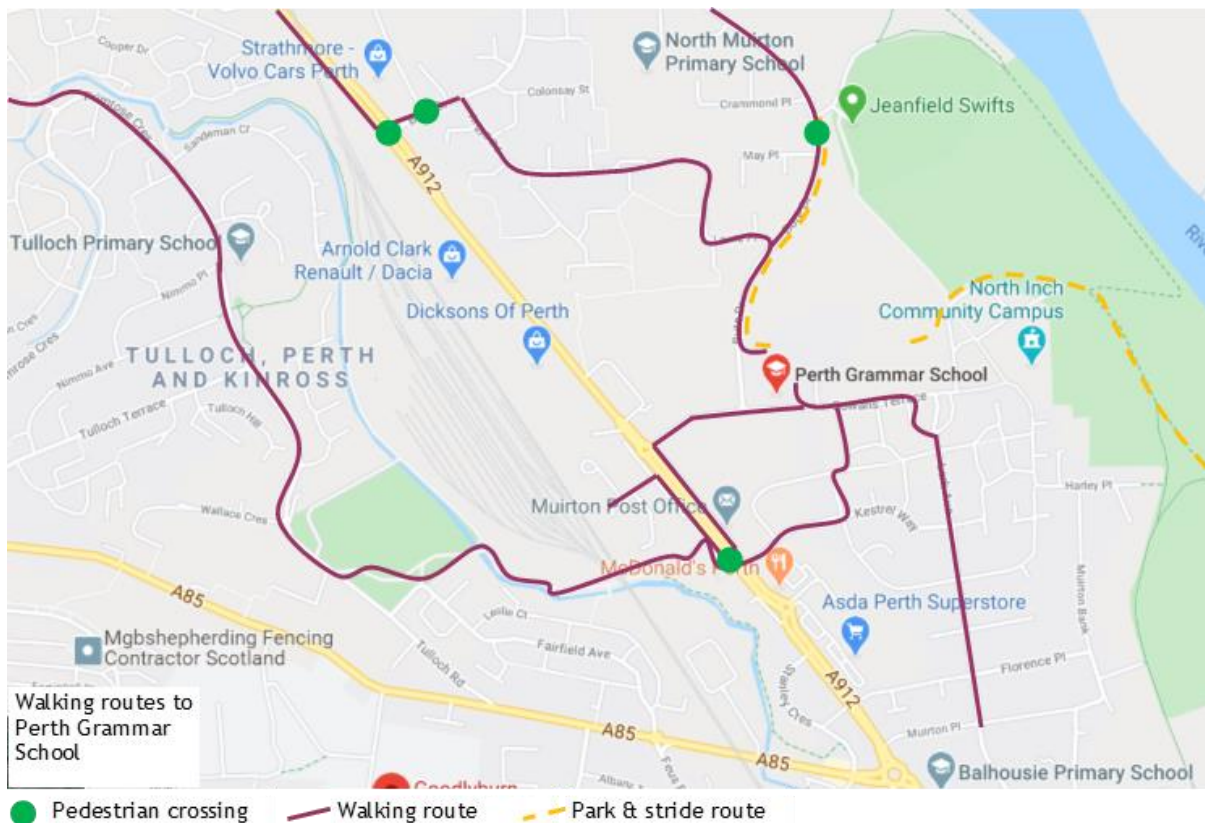
[Tulloch to Perth Grammar](#) [Muirton to Perth Grammar School](#) [North Muirton to Perth Grammar School](#)

Please consider pedestrians when cycling to school and wear appropriate safety equipment.

Walking

The below map shows safe walking routes to Perth Grammar School. When walking, young people should make sure that they follow the walking rules:

- Always walk on the pavement or footpath if there is one
- Walk as far away from the kerb as possible.
- Always look when crossing cycle lanes on the road, cyclists can travel very quickly, and you don't always hear them.
- When walking near roads make sure that you're not doing anything that will distract you, such as texting on a mobile phone.
- To be safe on the road you need to use the [Green Cross Code](#).



Arriving at school

Young people should not arrive at school before 0830hrs. On arrival there are outdoor and indoor social spaces on both sides of the building. There is a breakfast club which runs from 0830 – 0845hrs in GF061 every day.

Action Plan

Action	How to achieve this?	By whom	Date
Provide safe routes to travel to and from Perth Grammar School.	Continuous consultation with the Perth Grammar School learning community.	Senior Leadership Team	Ongoing
Encourage safe, sustainable and active travel to school	Use of existing resources and events such as Walk to School Week, bike week, road safety week, etc. Assess the facilities available locally and within the school estate to support this.	Learning Community/ Climate Action Group Business Manager	Ongoing
Monitor travel methods	Take part in annual Hands Up Survey and review travel patterns during the course of the year	Learning Community (Business Manager)	Sept25 / Ongoing

Useful Resources

Stagecoach Journey Planner	Bus Journey Planner Find Bus Routes Stagecoach
Road Safety Scotland	www.roadsafety.scot
Living Streets – Transition to Secondary School	https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/secondary-schools/transitions
CycleStreets.net	www.cyclestreets.net
Transport Scotland	www.transport.gov.scot
Perth & Kinross Council – School Transport	https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17284/Schools-transport-and-trips
Bikeability Scotland	www.cycling.scot/bikeability-scotland

Rights Respecting & Sustainable Development Goals

Article 3 - Best interests of the child

Article 12 – Respect for the views of the child

SDG 3 – Good health and well-being

SDG 11 – Sustainable cities and communities

