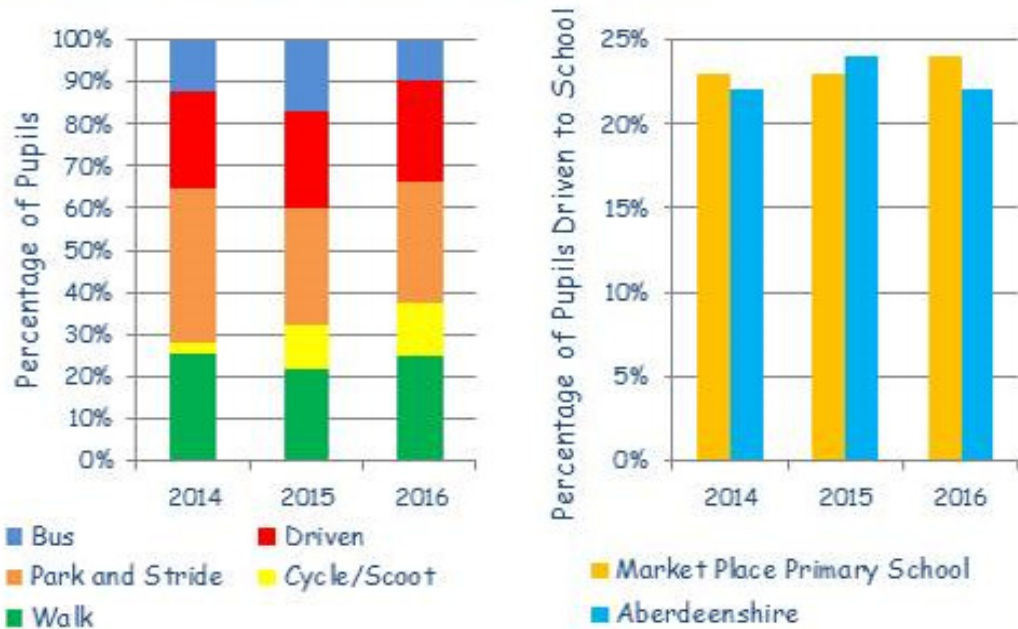


Hands Up Survey Results

The 'Hands Up Survey' is conducted every year which reveals how pupils travel to school. Children from schools across Scotland have been participating in the survey for over a decade, meaning it is now easier than ever to track trends in travel. Although survey data is not available for the new school yet we can use the survey results for the former Market Place Primary School as an estimate of travel trends.



The main conclusions of the survey are:

- 38% of pupils walk or cycle to school, 29% park and stride (where you are dropped-off 5-10 mins from the school and walk the remaining distance), 24% are driven, and 10% come by bus.
- There has been a big increase in pupils cycling to school in the last few years, up from just 3% in 2014 to 13% in 2016.
- Car travel has been higher at the school than the average at Aberdeenshire schools in two of the last three years. This is the least eco-friendly and least healthy way to travel!

What We Can Do To Improve

Action Plan

As this Travel Plan relates to a new school all users will be making new journeys, therefore it is hard to predict exact travel patterns. We have however set some initial targets using the surveys for Market Place Primary School as a base line. We have set these targets to be achieved by June 2018:

- Have 50% of people walking, using a scooter or cycling to the school.
 - Have fewer than 20% of pupils being driving to school.
 - Continue the I-bike project by developing and running the Bikeability program.
 - Provide maps to families to allow them to plan their route to school.
- Walking or cycling to school benefits children by making them more alert and ready to learn from the start of the day.



New Toucan Crossing on Oldmeldrum Road

One of the first big improvements that has been made is to provide a new Toucan Crossing on Oldmeldrum Road to help you cross this busy road safely. Suitable for those walking and cycling, it will replace the existing island crossing near Uryside Drive and Kingfisher Drive.

Flooding Information

The path from Oldmeldrum Road to the school has experienced flooding in the past, therefore an alternative route should be used if any sections of the path have ponding water. During very wet weather please remain vigilant and check local flood warnings issued by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.