



Northfield Academy Travel Plan 2024-2025

Opened in 1956, Northfield Academy is a six-year, comprehensive secondary school that services the Northfield area of Aberdeen. Located on Granitehill Place, off Provost Fraser Drive, the school works in close partnership with our seven associated school group (ASG) primaries: Bramble Brae, Heathryburn, Holy Family, Manor Park, Muirfield, Quarryhill and Westpark. The school roll is approximately 725 pupils.

There is one entrance to the car park for vehicles and several gates around the campus to enable pupils and staff to access the campus. Pupils enter the school via the main reception at the front of the main block, D-block, B-block or C-block entrances.

There is a 5mph limit in the car park. There are adequate spaces for staff and visitors. A one way system operates on entry to the car park.

Aims and Objectives

The primary aims of the Northfield Academy Travel Plan are:

- To reduce the number of car journeys made to and from the school;
- To promote active travel modes such as walking, cycling, and public transport;
- To improve safety on routes to and from the school;
- To enhance the health and wellbeing of our students and staff through increased physical activity; and
- To reduce the school's carbon footprint by minimizing vehicle emissions.

The data from our most recent Hands-up Survey indicated that the majority of pupils walk to school. Very low numbers (less than 10%) are dropped off in cars. Those who cycle can access bike sheds, which are located at various points around the campus.

The majority of our staff drive to school. A small number walk as they live in the local area. At the time of the most recent survey, only two staff used public transport.

Initiatives

- We have a selection of bikes, which we have donated to some families already. But we are currently looking into Cycling Proficiency courses to increase the number of young people who are able to cycle safely. Overall, this seeks to improve young people's knowledge of road safety.
- The car park is being resurfaced in Spring 2025, which will see increased signage, including arrows painted on the surfaces to reduce speed and help the flow of traffic during busier times.
- Deliveries and refuse collections are prohibited during break and lunch.

Monitoring and Review

- We will analyse the Hands-up Survey Data each year.
- More bikes are available as we progress with the Cycling Proficiency.
- Those who have bikes will be surveyed each new term so we can analyse the usage and anticipated increase.

Northfield Academy is dedicated to creating a safer, healthier, and more sustainable environment for our students and the wider community. By implementing this travel plan, we aim to foster a culture of active and responsible travel, contributing to the overall well-being of our school community.