

Policy Background

Moray Council promotes the Safer Routes to School initiative and School Travel Plans to encourage active travel to school and bring about modal shift on the school journey where possible.

SSTAG (Scottish School Travel Advisory Group)

A15 – “Further creating the circumstances that will encourage a modal shift on the school journey depends on local action in identifying and removing local barriers to walking, cycling and bus use and a large number of bodies and individuals will have to work together to achieve the desired changes.”

B 14,16 – For all those children for whom distance and safety makes these reasonable choices walking and cycling should be vigorously promoted. Improvements should continue to be made within school sites, in the vicinity of schools and in the management of schools to support these active travel modes

Children are encouraged to walk or cycle to school through promotions such as ‘walk to school week’ or cycle training schemes

Active travel as part of Active Schools –

Strategy for physical activity - Scottish Executive Para. 111 “We recommend that all children, including children with disabilities, should take part in at least one hour a day of physical activity. This physical activity should include physical education, play, sports, exercise, dance, outdoor activities, **active travel and support to live actively at school.**”

Para. 113 “55% of children walk to school. Although this figure is high, this is less than in previous decades. The Scottish Executive Transport Division wants to increase the number of pupils who walk and cycle to school”

Para. 116 “An active primary school provides opportunities for young people to be physically active **within the school day and beyond**. The main themes supported by active primary school co-ordinators are active play, physical education, after school sports and active travel”