

Highfield School

Hands-Up Survey

Analysis

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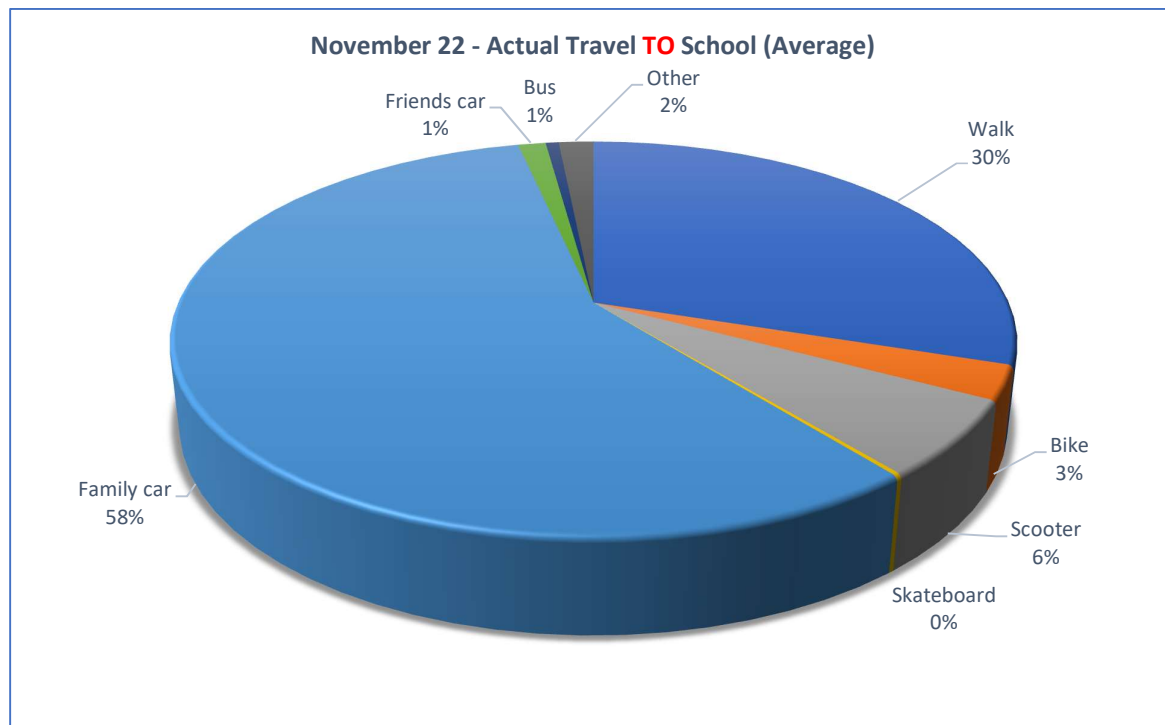
ANALYSIS OF CLASSROOM ‘HANDS UP’ SURVEY

Each classroom was given a ‘Hands-Up’ survey to complete for five days from Wednesday 2nd November to Tuesday 8th November. Each day teachers asked the students various questions on how they travelled to and from school, along with one question on how they would prefer to travel to and from school. Thirteen classroom surveys were completed. The following are results from these surveys.

1. Actual modes of transport

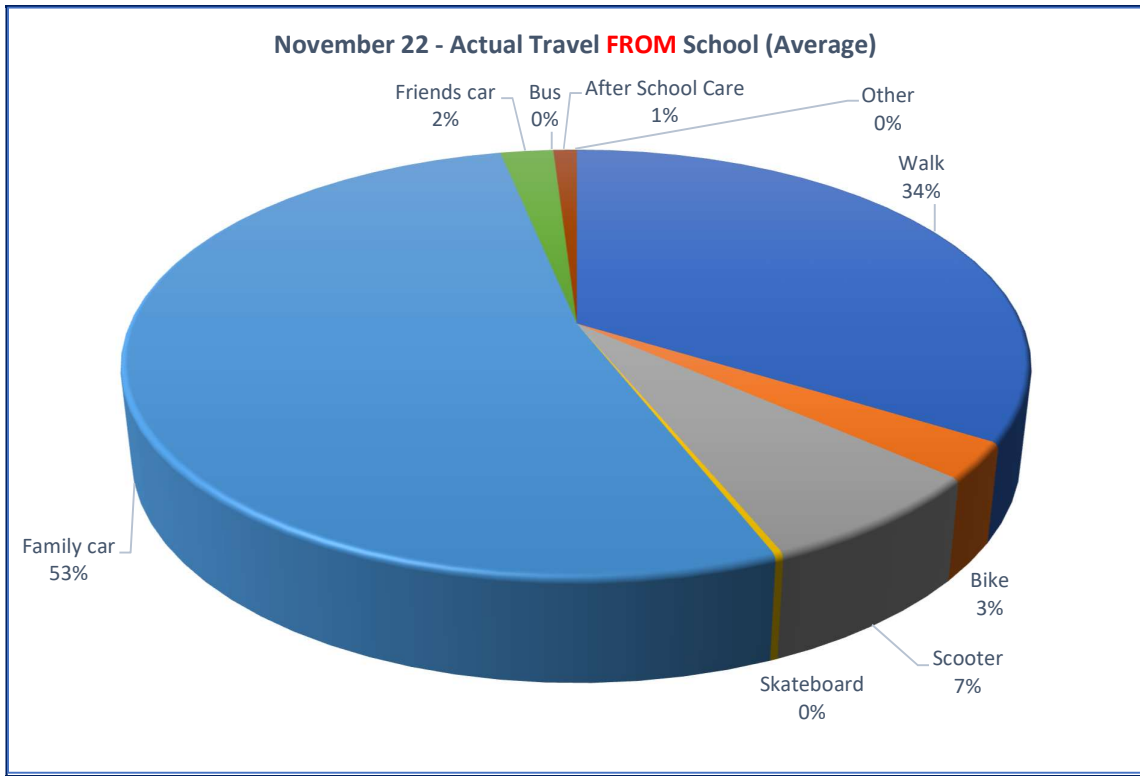
1.1. How did you travel to school today? (weekly average)

Over half the students (59%) stated they travelled to school either in the family car or a friend’s car. However, close to 40% of students travelled to school via active transport modes (e.g. walk, scooter or bike etc.).



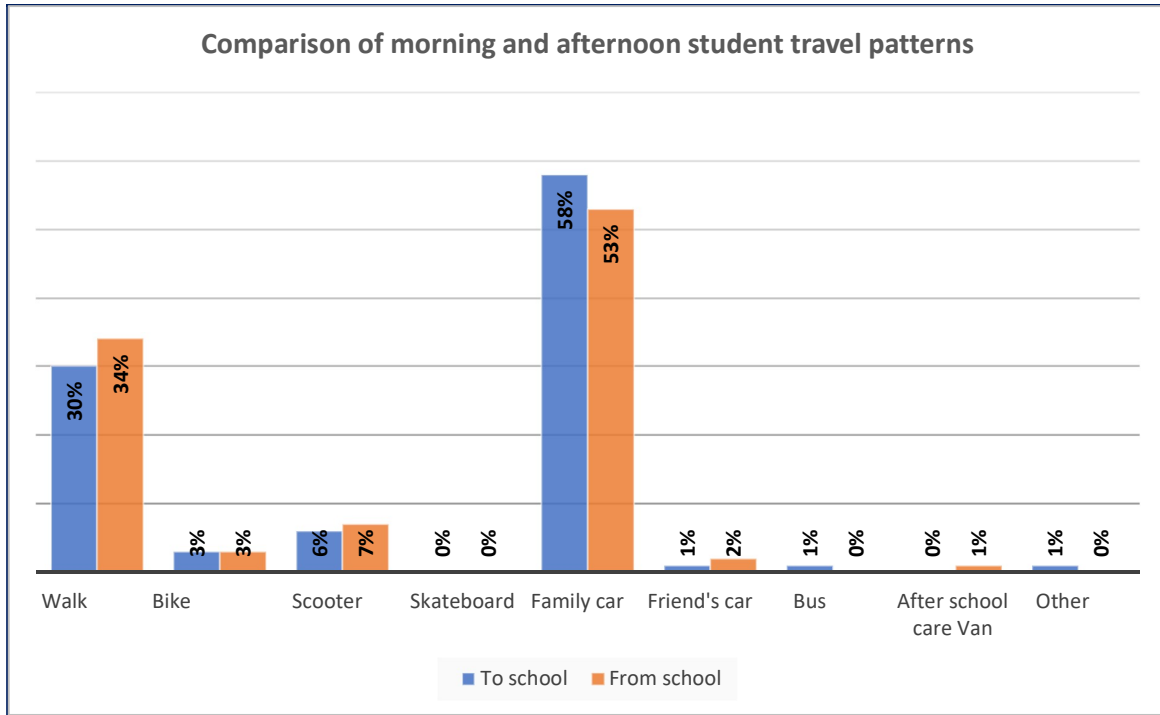
1.2. How will you travel home from school today? (weekly average)

A similar number of students, although slightly lower (55%) stated they travelled from school in either the family car or a friend’s car, and for students travelling home from school using active transport modes, this number was slightly higher (44%). This increase was primarily due to a higher number of students walking home from (34%) than walking to (30%) school.



1.3. Comparison of before and after school travel patterns

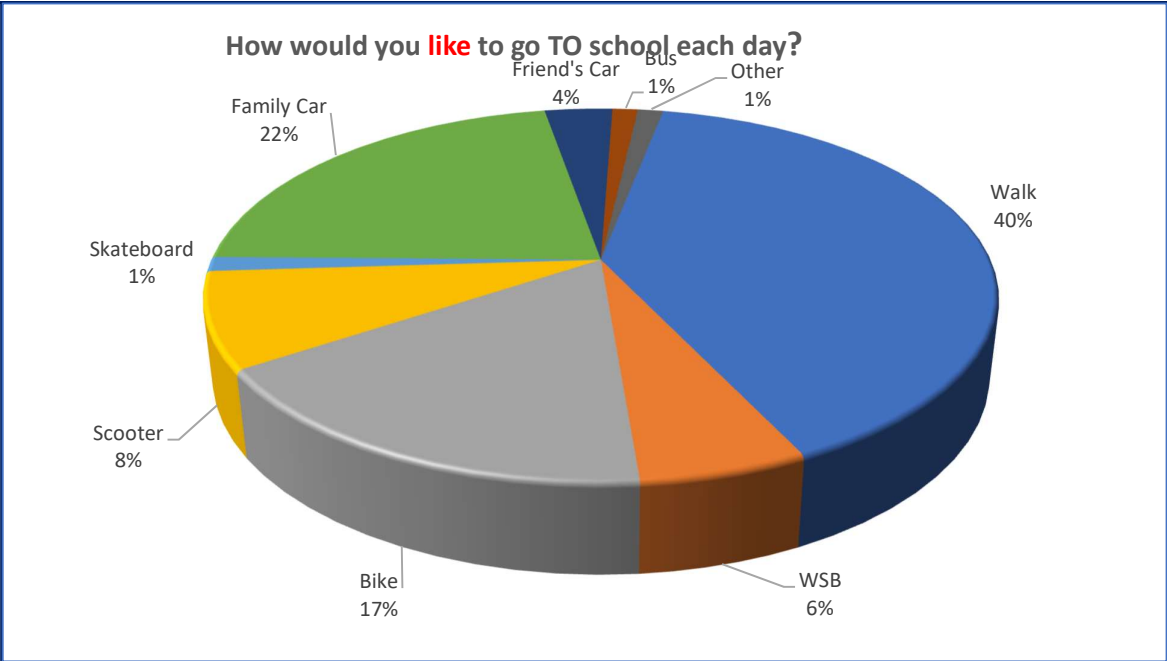
In summary, there is little difference between before school transport modes and after school transport modes, apart from a small increase numbers of students walking home (as per above), and correspondingly a decrease in the number of students being driven home.



2. Preferred modes of transport

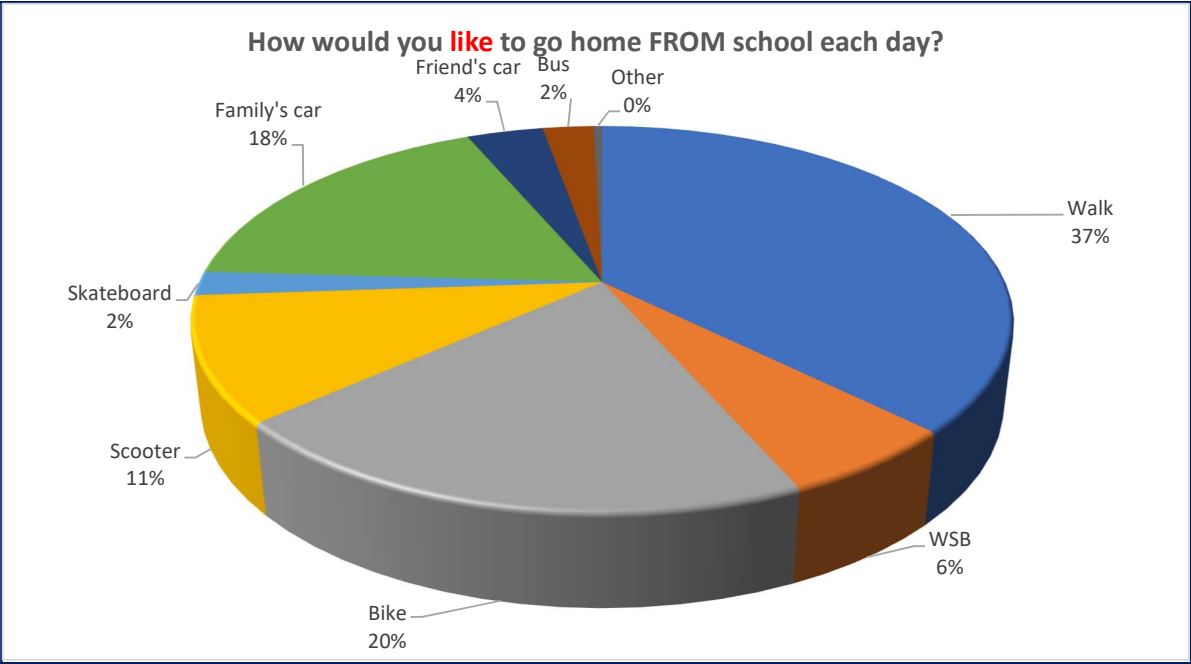
2.1 How would you like to go TO school each day?

73% of students would *prefer* to use a form of active transport to get to school, compared to the 26% who would prefer to travel by car. Notably, a strong preference is clearly demonstrated for biking in addition to walking.



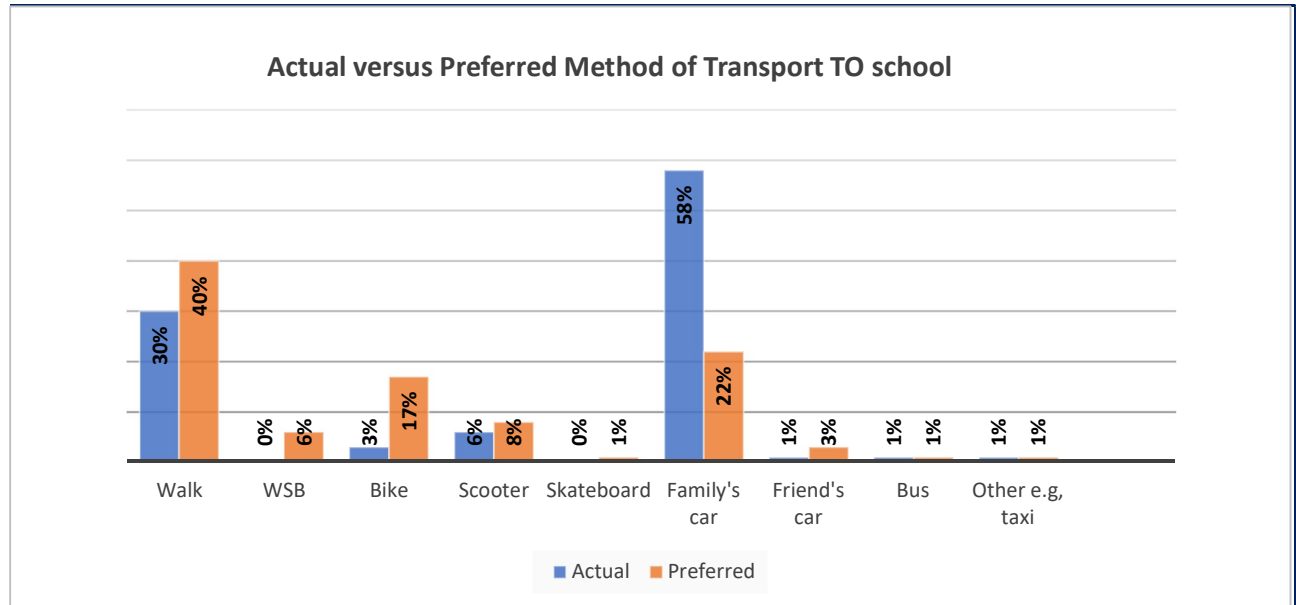
2.2 How would you like to go home FROM school each day?

78% would prefer to use active transport (up slightly from 73%) after school. There is a small drop of 3% in students wanting to walk back home, either independently or using a Walking School Bus option, but a corresponding small increase in the number preferring to bike back home (up from 17% to 20%).

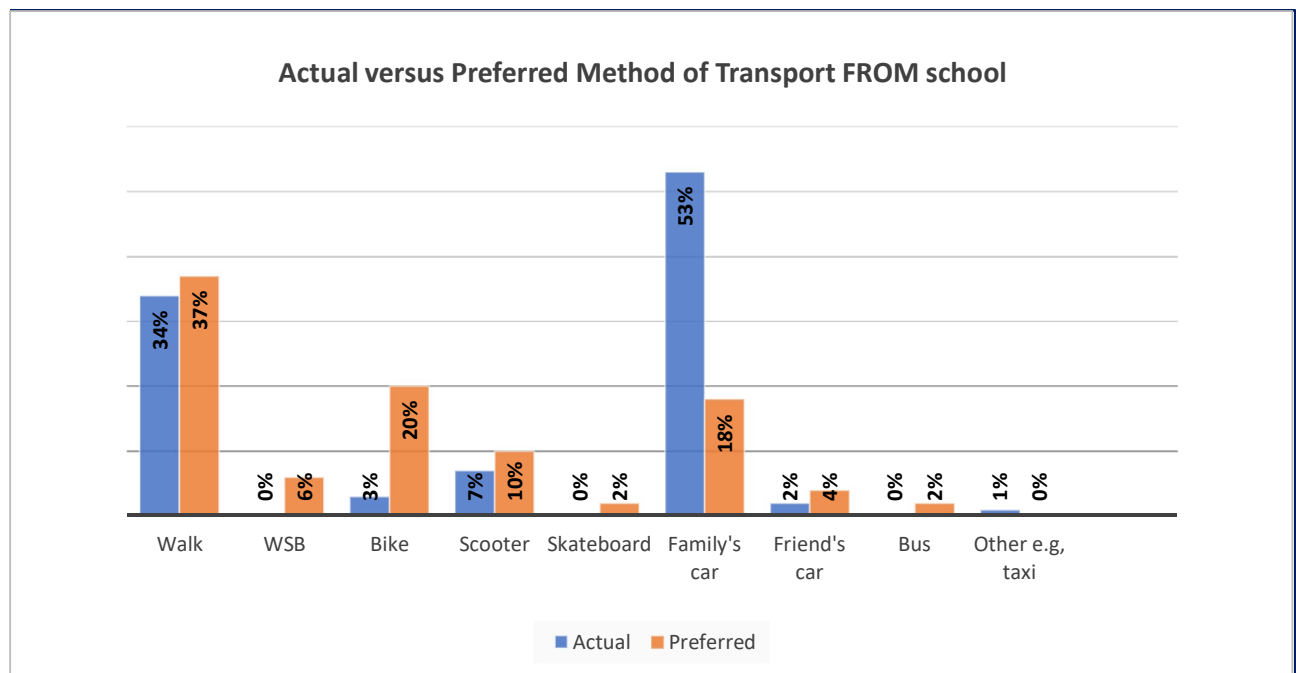


4.1 Actual versus Preferred Method of Transport

As shown in the above graphs, 73% of students would **prefer** to use a form of active transport to get to school, compared to the current 40% who **actually** travel to school by active transport. The discrepancy between those who are travelling to school by car compared to those would prefer to be travelling by car is significant (59% compared to 26%).



With regard to travelling from school, the results are similar. Most notably, biking has the highest discrepancy: 20% of students would prefer to bike home from school (with 17% having a preference to bike to school), compared to the current 3% who actually do. Again, the discrepancy between the percentage of students travelling home by car (55%) and the percentage who would prefer to travel home by car is significant.



5 HANDS-UP SURVEY SUMMARY

The key findings from this Hands-Up survey is that the majority of students are being driven to and from school. Students have indicated that their preference is to use modes of active travel on their journey to and from school, predominantly walking or biking. It should also be noted though, that a number of students still prefer to travel by car to and from school (26% and 22%). This may be due to distance involved, or the ages of the student., which is not covered by the scope of this survey.