

Walkability Audit

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Davidstown Primary School

Davidstown,
Ballygillistown,
Enniscorthy
Co. Wexford

Roll Number: 18010C

School description

Davidstown Primary School is a co-educational primary school in a rural village in Co. Wexford approximately 7km from Enniscorthy. This has 58 pupils and 7 staff.



A **Walkability Audit** is a methodical examination of how pedestrian-friendly a route may or may not be.

The word **Walkability** means the “**ability to walk**”.

What did we do?

Members of the school population identified a possible walking route to school to audit.



Objectives:

1. To look at the barriers to promoting walking to school and propose possible solutions if any.
2. To raise awareness on road safety.
3. To see if there are any possible park and stride locations near the school.

What did we do?

We used a number of tools on the audit to record our findings:

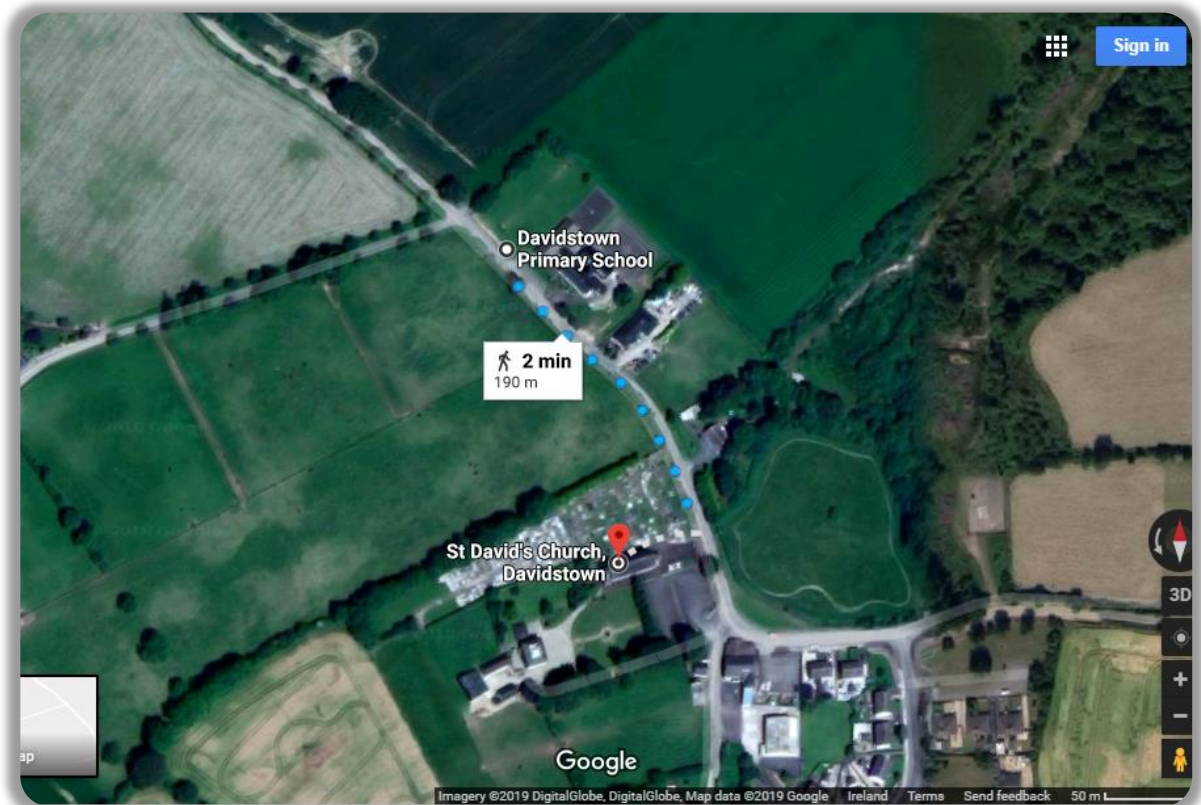
- Recording sheets
- Hi-visibility vests
- Camera
- Pencils/Clipboards
- Analysis sheets
- Stop watch



Where did we go?

Description of the route audited:

We walked from the school to the church carpark. The pupils had identified this as a possible a 'park and stride' route.



Details of our findings



There is signage on the approach road to the school



There is good safety gates outside the school



There is no footpath outside the school



There is a dangerous bend on the route so walking is only safe on one side of the road

Details of our findings



There is a wide grass verge on part of the route to the church



There is ample parking at the church



There was signage on approach to school from the church



Dog fouling present on the grass verge

Summary of our findings

We noted the following findings from our Walkability Audit:

1. There is a safe railing around the school
2. There is no footpath outside the school and the road appears too narrow for one to be installed
3. There is signage on both approaches to the school
4. There is ample parking in the church car park
5. It took just over 2 mins to walk from the school to the church carpark
6. There was dog fouling in the grass verge
7. There is a dangerous bend on the route so only one side of the road is suitable for walking on due to visibility
8. While we were on the route between 11:34 and 11:49 11 vehicles passed travelling quickly

More details and photos of these findings can be viewed in the pages following.

Details of our recommendations



The road markings on the approach to the school have faded

New road markings to be painted



No keep clear road markings outside the school gate

Keep Clear Road markings to be painted outside school gate

Details of our recommendations



There were no parking spaces marked in the church car park

Parking spaces to be painted in church car park



No pedestrian crossing outside church

Pedestrian crossing to be installed outside church

Details of our recommendations



Traffic travelling very quickly outside the school

Speed limit of 30km to be installed outside school and speed readers and the addition of speed bumps or rumble strips

Recommendations

A summary of our recommendations is below:

1. Speed limits to be installed both sides of the school with speed readers
2. New road markings and rumble strips/speed bumps to be installed on both approaches to the school
3. Keep clear road painting to be done outside school gates
4. Pedestrian crossing outside the church
5. Parking spaces to be painted in church carpark

Thank You

Thank you for reading our report.

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