

Step 4: Monitoring & Evaluation

In order to monitor and evaluate the school's progress, we regularly observe and ensure that all drivers and children are following the 'No Idling' and Road Safety rules at our school grounds. In addition to this, the school is encouraging the idea of carpooling. The Principal has also emailed parents to make more use of the school bus and also the Committee is encouraging children who are within walking distance of the school to walk or cycle to school where possible. Most children expressed a desire to travel to school by foot or by bicycle but unfortunately conditions are unsafe to do so. These initiatives will be ongoing post Covid-19 times also. The carpooling unfortunately, could not be achieved due to Government Covid-19 Guidelines.

Along with the Active School Committee, we set up a Walkway around the school and the 'Run around Ireland Campaign' and Daily Mile Walk initiatives were set up. Each Week each classroom set a target to reach a certain destination e.g. The Cliffs of Moher. This increases the children's awareness of both distance and sustainable modes of transport.

To avoid congestion at the school gate and to adhere to Covid-19 Guidelines we allow entry to classrooms at an earlier time in the mornings. This helps aid a phased approach of entry to our school. Similarly, finishing times are now staggered to alleviate congestion and has resulted in a more gentle flow of traffic. It is less congested, resulting in a safer environment for everybody. This will continue to be monitored and evaluated going forward.

We have been successful in achieving our CLÁR Funding which will go towards a Pedestrian Crossing and various other supports and safety measures for outside our school grounds. We are very excited with this program and are working closely with Monaghan County Council on this. This work is due to commence in the coming months and will be closely monitored.

We hold Green School's meetings regularly to ensure that a progressive approach is taken to achieve our Action Plan. We give and get feedback from children at whole school assemblies/or within classrooms. We regularly revise the Action Plan. Everything is up to date on our Green School's Notice Board, our social media pages and on our school website. We're confident that we are an active Green-School maintaining previous themes (Waste, Energy and Water) while pursuing our Green School on Travel.