

MAKE YOUR OWN MAP



 15-20 MINS



COMPUTER ACCESS



SOLO ACTIVITY FOR Y4, Y6, Y8

Independent travel planning: learn how to understand your new journey to a new school, so you can feel confident travelling how you want.

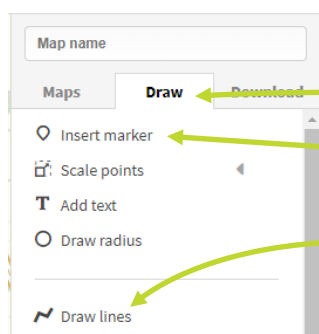
If you are walking, scooting or cycling to school next year, why not make a map of the route you are planning to take? Even if you are travelling by bus from September, or are getting a lift in a car, it is useful to understand the route you take to school.

Use www.mapz.com – you will need to ask a parent to register for you.

mapz.com is a website that offers city, regional and country maps of the entire world for immediate download. This makes it really useful for designing a map showing your journey to school.

Start the Map Editor.

In the search bar at the top of the screen, **type in the name of the school you are going to**.



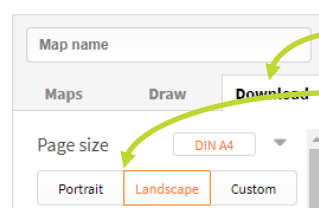
Zoom out until you can see both the road (or place) in which your house is and the school.

On the menu on the right of your screen, **click the 'Draw' tab**.

Insert markers for both your new school and your home. See if you can choose some symbols in the 'buildings' tab. 🏠

Then **draw a line between your school and your home** following roads and paths. Find a route that suits you, possibly avoiding busy roads and where you might meet friends (you can add in another marker here). Make it nice and thick (10pt). If you make a mistake, just click 'new map'

The line tells you how far it is. 1km would take 10 mins to walk and 3-4 mins to cycle. How long is it going to take you to do your journey?



Next **click on the 'Download' tab**.

Choose either portrait or landscape.

Then **drag the 'Zoom' frame** so it covers your route. This shows the 'scale' of the map. (In this instance, 1:21,262,

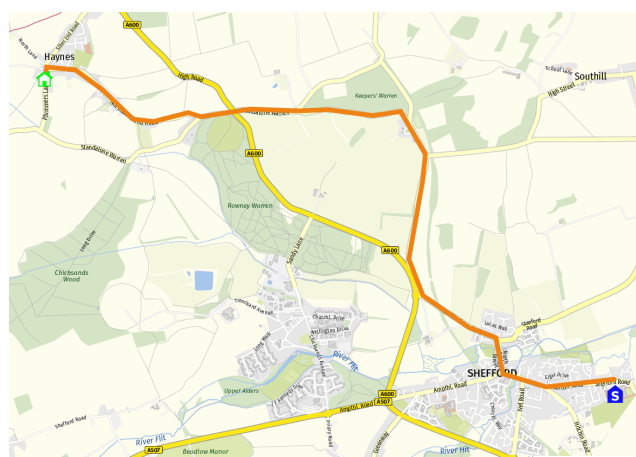
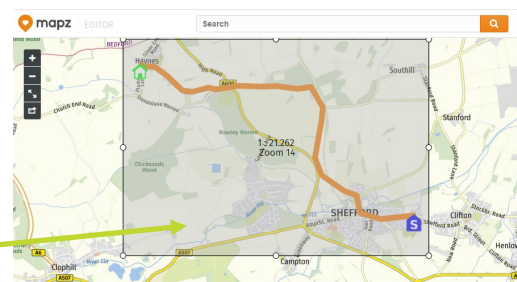
which means 1cm on the map is 21,262cm in real life (or 213 metres).

Once you are happy, **click 'Proceed Download Process'**.

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Once your map is made you can **save it and print it out**.

Why not give it a **try and follow your map?**



The Active School Travel Programme is an exciting initiative for schools who wish to see more of their pupils choosing an active and healthy journey to school. The programme provides schools with the skills and knowledge to get more children walking, cycling and scooting as their main mode of transport to school.

Find out more at www.sustrans.org.uk