



Investigating Our Local Area

Unit 2 – My route to school

To do these tasks you need to use the Internet website called **MapsDirect**.

- 1 Find your school on the map.
 - a. Click on *Floodfill*
 - b. Click on the school.
- 2 Find your house on the map. If you live so far from school that your house is not on the map, choose a feature such as a swimming pool, recreation ground or shop.
 - a. You may need to *zoom out* to a smaller scale.
 - b. If necessary click on *Pan* and drag the map so that you can see your house and the school.
 - c. Colour your house
- 3 You are going to measure the distance from your house to school and mark your route to school on the map.
 - a. Click on *Measure*.
 - b. Click on the road outside your house and on every point where you change direction (turn) until you reach the school.
- 4 Write 'The distance from my house to school is metres.'
- 5 You are going to print out your map.
 - a. Click on *Print Map*.
 - b. In the option box click *Cancel*.
 - c. Another option box will pop up. Click *OK*.
 - d. Click where it says {you can print your title here}.
 - e. Delete the text. Type in the title: My Route to School by (your name).
- 6 To make sure your map fits the paper
 - a. Click on *File* (Top left on your computer screen)
 - b. Click on *Page set up*
 - c. Click the dot by *Landscape* then click *OK*.
- 7 To print
 - a. Click on *File*
 - b. Click on *Print*
 - c. When the option box appears click *Print*.
 - d. Close the print window by clicking on X in the top right of the window.



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