

Infrastructure and Climate Change Department,
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council,
County Hall,
Marine Road,
Dún Laoghaire,
Co. Dublin.

Thursday 22nd April 2021

Dear Principal,

RE: Active School Travel - Invitation to take part in School Classroom Travel Survey 2021

As part of our ongoing Active School Travel initiative, the Council is inviting all schools in the County to take part in a School Classroom Travel Survey, proposed to take place on the morning of Wednesday 19th May 2021.

The overall aim of Active School Travel is to support and promote various active means for children to get to school in a safe and active way, with a focus on walking and cycling. The goal is to reduce car congestion around schools by making it possible for more pupils to walk and cycle to school, alone or with adult supervision.

In order to monitor if the measures to be implemented in 2021 as part of the Active School Travel initiative have the desired effect, we need to understand the current travel baseline i.e. the number of children walking and cycling to school at present. As such, we are inviting you to take part in this School Classroom Travel Survey 2021.

On the morning of Wednesday 19th May 2021, we invite all teachers to ask their pupils, by a show of hands, how they travelled to school that morning. The teachers will then need to note the numbers in the table provided, and compile the results in the online database after class, or they can open the link in class, using a class computer or mobile phone / device, and input the survey results directly. It is anticipated that this exercise should take approximately five minutes to complete.

Further guidance for teachers and a copy of the School Classroom Travel Survey are enclosed with this letter, for distribution to your teaching staff.

To thank schools for participating in this survey, there will be a draw for three classes across the County to win passes to the <https://explorium.ie/groups/parties/> Blackglen, Sandyford. Classes can participate in this experience later in the year having regard to COVID-19 measures in place at that time.

I encourage you and your school to participate in this initiative and we look forward to receiving your School Classroom Travel Survey results.

Yours Sincerely,



Robert Burns
Director of Service
Infrastructure and Climate Change Department