

# Guidance for your Active Travel School Plan

Active Travel School Planning supports your school on behalf of Welsh Government to develop a concise active travel plan document. These straightforward plans will guide you on your way to increasing active school journeys whilst creating happier, healthier places for your school community.

## What is Active Travel?

Active travel means walking, cycling, and wheeling for daily short trips, including school and work commutes and accessing nearby amenities. Active travel may also incorporate public transportation and park-and-ride services.



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## Why develop an Active Travel School Plan?

Welsh Government aims for all schools in Wales to develop active travel school plans soon. These benefits include:

- **Enhance Safety:** Tackle road safety concerns during drop-off and pick-up.
- **Healthy, Confident Individuals:** Boost physical activity, promoting independence and well-being, combating child obesity in Wales.
- **Improve Classroom Focus:** Enhance student attention and engagement via the recommended 30-minute daily exercise routine.
- **Diversify Transportation:** Expand school commuting options.
- **Access Funding:** Secure Welsh Government funding. Starting 2024/2025, schools with active travel school plans can bid for Safe Routes in Communities (SRiC) funding through Local Authorities.



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## How to start developing your Active Travel School Plan:

**Step 1:** Complete the 'Active Travel School Plan Template Form' available here with help from the 'Activity Examples' PDF.

Further explore our free and accessible resources provided on our website.

**Step 2:** Share your completed 'Plan Template' with Senior Leadership Team for approval.

Begin building relationships with members of your school community (PTA, school staff, parents/carers), your local authority and local councillors to facilitate change.

Check on our website who's able to help you.

**Step 3:** Seek support for further assistance.

Reach out to your regional Active Travel School Plan officer by emailing [activetravelschoolplanning@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:activetravelschoolplanning@sustrans.org.uk) for extra guidance.

**Step 4:** Generate evidence over time by utilising surveys, mapping exercises, and photographs to build your case for funding.

Building a persuasive case for change is crucial. It enhances the likelihood of securing funding opportunities for your school, future infrastructure upgrades and showcases commitment to sustainable development to Welsh Government and school inspectors.

**Step 5:** Periodically review your plan to track progress and identify unresolved issues.

### Share Your Success:

Disseminate your achievements in developing and executing your school travel plan. By sharing your experiences, you inspire and offer insights to other schools.

To contribute your story, complete the case study template and forward it to [activetravelschoolplanning@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:activetravelschoolplanning@sustrans.org.uk). Your journey can inspire others!



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