

Information Sheet for School Contacts

The Children's Road Safety Around School Study (CROSS)

Summary

We're thrilled you are interested in taking part in our study!

This sheet provides information about what is involved. In short, we want to learn more about **your experiences of a traffic restriction scheme implemented outside your school**. This will involve taking part in a short **~30-minute interview**.

Taking part in this study is completely voluntary. Please read the following leaflet for further details.

Feel free to contact us if you need any further information or clarification. We are happy to hear from you!

How to contact us

If you have any questions about this study please contact the CROSS team:

Website: <https://www.mrc-epid.cam.ac.uk/research/studies/cross/>

Email: cross.study@mrc-epid.cam.ac.uk


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1. Why are we doing these interviews?

- We are interested in learning about **traffic restrictions schemes outside schools**.
- We are interested in learning more about one in place outside your school.
- In the CROSS study we are looking at **how these schemes may influence the school journey and levels of active travel to school**.

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2. What will we be asked to do?

- A researcher from the University of Cambridge will arrange a time at your convenience, either in person or online, for a ~30 (up to 60) minute interview.
- The researcher will **ask questions about the environment outside the school**, the school's **policies and procedures about the journey to school** and **if and how these might have changed** in recent times.
- The researcher will be fully trained and DBS checked.

3. Who can take part?

- We would like to **interview a senior member of staff or someone who is the lead for the school's travel policy.**

4. What will happen if I decide to take part?

- If you decide to take part, we will ask you to complete an online or paper consent form (**inc. link**).
- A research will then be in touch via your preferred communication method to arrange an interview place and time.
- With your permission, the researcher will make an audio recording of the interview. The recording will be sent to a specialist company to be transcribed (typed up). The person transcribing your interview won't know who you are and won't be able to identify you from the recording. The recording and the transcript will be stored at the University of Cambridge in the MRC Epidemiology Unit in a secure data storage platform.

5. What are the possible benefits and disadvantages of taking part?

What are the possible risks and disadvantages of taking part?


- There is no disadvantage to you except that you will need to give up your time for the interview(s).

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

- The information collected during this study will give us a better understanding of the health impacts of travel, how people make decisions about travel and the potential effectiveness of traffic restriction schemes. We hope that this will help make sure that future transport policy takes account of people's views and needs.
- **You will receive a £10 Amazon voucher to thank you for taking part.**

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6. More information about taking part

Do I have to take part?

No, **it is up to you whether or not to take part**. If you do decide to take part, you are free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason.

What will happen to information collected during the study?

The University of Cambridge is the sponsor for this study. We will be using your information in order to undertake this study and will act as the data controller for this study. This means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. The information we collect will not be labelled with your name, only a number. The information will be stored securely and will only be accessible to members of the CROSS team or approved collaborators. The University of Cambridge will keep identifiable information for 15 years after the study has finished.

What if there is a problem?

If you have any concerns you can ask to speak to a member of the research team who will do their best to answer your questions. **Contact details are listed on page 1.**

What will the research team do with the information collected?

The results of the study will be reported in a scientific journal, presented at conferences and used to communicate with colleagues working in the local authority and health policy. It will not be possible to identify any individual participants (or schools) in any reports. **You and your school will receive feedback on the results of our study.**

7. I am interested in taking part, what do I do next?

If you are happy to take part then **please complete our online form [***link***](#)** or your school will provide you with a **paper consent form and a free post envelope.**

Thank you for taking the time to consider taking part!

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