



Information Sheet for Parents and Carers

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 school journey. Either by **joining you and your child on two school journeys OR** by asking you to **take photos of your journey and talk about these in an interview.**

Taking part in this study is completely voluntary and which option you choose is up to you. Please read the following leaflet for further details and contact us if you need any 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:

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1. Why are we doing these interviews?

- We are interested in learning about **traffic restrictions schemes outside schools**. Traffic restriction schemes take many forms, but all aim to reduce motor traffic in the area surrounding a school at pick-up and drop-off times.
- In the CROSS study we are looking at **how these schemes may influence the school journey and levels of active travel to school**.

2. What will we be asked to do?

- A researcher from the University of Cambridge will arrange to accompany you and your child on at least one school journey or for you and your child to take pictures of your journey to talk about at a time of your convenience. You can use your own camera or we can provide you with one!
- The researcher will **ask questions about your journey, how the journey to school fits into your everyday lives, how decisions are made about mode of travel, and if the school journey has changed in recent times**.
- This researcher will be fully trained and DBS checked.

3. Who can take part?

- We are inviting **children and their families** from **Years 3 and 6**, or **P4 and P7** if you are based in Scotland.
- Sadly, not everyone who volunteers may be able to take part. However, as a thank you for volunteering you will be entered into a prize draw and given the opportunity to win a £30 amazon voucher.

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

- If you decide to take part, we will ask you to complete an online or paper consent form, as part of this we will ask which interview type you would like to take part in.
- If you choose for a researcher to join your school commute, we will be in touch to arrange a convenient time and hope to join at least one journey.
- If you choose a photo interview, the researcher will be in touch to arrange a time for you and your child to take photos and a subsequent time to talk about these. We will provide you with some basic instructions, these are also available on our study website.
- During each interview type the researcher will talk to you about how the school journey integrates into daily life, travel mode decision-making, and any changes in the school journey. We will also ask you about any traffic restrictions schemes implemented around your school.

- 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. Interview recordings, transcripts and photos 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 me and child taking part?

- There is no disadvantage to you except that you will need to give up your time for the interview(s).
- If something were to happen during an interview, we may contact the school to inform them.

What are the possible benefits of me and child 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.
- As part of the study, you will get the opportunity to learn about some of the research we do at the University of Cambridge.
- **You will receive a £30 Amazon voucher to thank you for taking part.**

6. More information about taking part

Do we have to take part?

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

What will happen to information about me and my child collected during the study?

The University of Cambridge is the sponsor for this study. If you choose to take part, we will use you and your child's 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 you or child's name, only a number. The information will be stored securely and will only be accessible to members

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of the CROSS team or approved collaborators. The University of Cambridge will keep identifiable information about you and your child 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. If you provide us with photos, we will ask your permission before including these in outputs of this study. **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 by scanning the QR code or clicking the link below.** Alternatively, we can provide you with a **paper consent form and screening questionnaire with a free post envelope.**



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Thank you for taking the time to consider taking part!