

Get involved in research exploring disabled children's school travel



We are looking to speak to Disabled children and their parents about how they experience travelling to and from school.

The research:

The Scottish Government wants to get more children walking, wheeling and cycling to school to improve health, wellbeing and the environment. However, Disabled children's voices and experiences have often been left out of this conversation.

Therefore, Transport Scotland has funded Sustrans to carry out research to understand how Disabled children experience the journey to and from school and what more can be done to support them to walk, wheel and cycle.

Who can take part:

We are interested in speaking to families with a child in years P4, P5, P6 or P7, who attend a mainstream primary school and have disability or additional support needs stemming from a long-term physical, mental or sensory impairment or condition.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Conditions or impairments affecting mobility or balance
- Hearing impairments
- Blindness or visual impairments
- Autism, ADHD or dyspraxia
- Conditions affecting stamina, breathing or fatigue
- Chronic health conditions such as diabetes, Crohn's disease or epilepsy
- Conditions or impairments affecting learning, understanding or concentrating

How can you take part:

Parents will be invited to take part in an online interview, lasting around one hour.

Children will be given the option of different ways to take part. It's up to them what they would enjoy and feel most comfortable with. We will work with each family to decide what works best for you and your child's capabilities and interests. Options include:

- Completing an activity book with drawing / writing activities about their views and thoughts on travelling to school.
- Taking pictures of their journey to school and then talking to the researcher about the pictures they've taken.
- The researcher accompanying a journey back from school to see what their journey is like and ask questions about what it's like to travel to school.



Get in touch!

If you are interested in taking part, or would like more information please contact:

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