TRANSPORT AND ROAD ASSESSMENT CENTRE (TRAC)

UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER AT JORDANSTOWN

YOUR RIGHT TO HAVE A SAY ABOUT SAFER JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

The aim of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY) is to promote and safeguard the rights and best interests of children and young people. School transport is a priority issue for NICCY. We are keen to hear what children and young people have to say about this.

In partnership with the General Consumer Council (GCCNI) and the Department for Regional Development (DRDNI), NICCY has commissioned research into children and young people's views on the key issues affecting their journeys to school and how, if necessary, their journeys might be improved.

SEC	TION A	– ABO	UT YOU	J
What school do you go	o to?			
How old are you?	7	8	9	10
Are you a girl or boy?	Girl		Воу	, 🗆
Do you get free school	l transport (l	bus pass et	c)?	Yes No
Do you have any disab	oilities?			Yes No
If <u>YES</u> in Q5, please te	II us more			
Does this affect your j	ourney to ar	nd from sch	ool? Yes	
If yes, how?				

	SECTION B – USING A CAR	
•	When do you go to and/or from school by car? Tick one box	_
	TO school only	Ц
	FROM school only	Ц
	TO and FROM school	\sqcup
	I never travel to/from school by car	Ш
	If you never go to/from school by car, why is this? Tick the k	ooxes that ap
	I don't want to	
	I don't like it	
	I feel unsafe	
	My parents don't want me to	
	Other	
	Other – please state:	
	4 days a week	
	Every school day	
	2 or 3 days a week	
	Once a week	
	Less than once a week	
. I	go to and/or from school by car because Tick the boxes the	at apply
	I want to	
	It is fast	
	Bad weather	
	My parents want me to	
	It is the safest way	
	It is the most comfortable way	
	There is no alternative	
	Public transport services are not suitable	
	Other	

á	How do you feel abo and/or from school?		ount of traf	fic on the roads, on your	way to
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6. \ -	Why do you feel this	way?			
7. I	How do you feel abo		g by car or	your way to and/or from	m school?
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8. \	Why do you feel this	way?			
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	SEC	TION C	– USI	NG THE <u>BUS</u>	
1.	When do you go to	and/or from	n school b	y bus? Tick one box	
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	FROM		ool		
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3. F	low often do you use the bus to go to and/or from school? Tick one box
	Every school day
	4 days a week
	2 or 3 days a week
	Once a week
	Less than once a week
4. I go	to and/or from school by bus because Tick the boxes that apply
	I want to
	My parents want me to
	It is affordable
	It is free
	It is the safest way
	It is the most comfortable way
	There is a bus stop close to our house
	It is reliable
	There is no other option
Ot	her – please state:
5. Ho	ow do you feel about travelling by bus on your way to and from school?
	😊 happy 😊 ok 😊 unhappy
6. W	hy do you feel this way?
	hen you travel by bus to and/or from school, what service do you use? Tick e boxes that apply
	Ulsterbus (public service)
	Metro – Belfast (public service)
	Ulsterbus (school service)
	Metro – Belfast (school service)
	Yellow ELB bus
	Other operator
	A mix of these

. When you	are travelling to and from school by bus do	you usually Tick one b
	Get a seat on your own	
	Have to share a seat	
	Have to stand	Ш
. Where do	you usually sit on the bus? Tick one box	
	At the front on my own	H
	Near the front with friends	
	On my own near the back	
	Near the back with friends	
	Wherever I can get a seat	
	I don't know	
0. Why do	you sit here?	
1. What, if a that appl	anything, would you like to see to make bus y	ses safer? Tick the boxes
	Supervision (adults)	H
	More buses	\vdash
	More seats	H
	Better seats	片
	No standing	님
	Seatbelts for everyone	님
	One child per seat	片
	Newer buses	H
	No changes needed	H
	Other (write below)	Ш
Other –	please state:	
2. What ar	e your reasons for your answers in question	n 11?

SECTION D – USING THE <u>TRAIN</u>
1. When do you go to and/or from school by train? Tick one box
TO school only
FROM school only
TO and FROM school
I never travel to/from school by train
2. If you never go to school by train, why is this? Tick the boxes that apply
I don't want to
I don't like it
It is not reliable
It is too expensive
Behaviour of other pupils
It is overcrowded
It is slow
There is no train station near where I live
Other – please state
If you never travel to school by train, go straight to section E
3. How often do you use the train to go to and/or from school? Tick one box
Every school day
4 days a week
2 or 3 days a week
Once a week
Less than once a week
4. I go to and/or from school by train because Tick the boxes that apply
I want to
My parents want me to
It is affordable
It is free
It is the safest way
It is the most comfortable way
There is a train station close to home/school
It is reliable

	There is no other option	
Other –	please state:	
5. How do	you feel about travelling by train on your voice happy ok Sunh	
6. Why do y	you feel this way?	
7. When you	ı are travelling to and from school by train	do you usually Tick one
box	Get a seat on your own	片
	Have to share a seat	片
	Have to stand	
8. What, if a	nything, would you like to see to make tra	ins safer? Tick the boxes th
apply	Supervision (adults)	<u> </u>
	More trains	
	More seats	
	Better seats	
	No standing	\sqcup
	Seatbelts for everyone	
	One child per seat	\sqcup
	Newer trains	
	No changes needed	
	Other (write below)	
Other -	– please state:	
9. What a	are your reasons for your answers in quest	tion 8?

	SECTION E - USIN	IG A <u>TAXI</u>
1. When	do you go to and/or from school by ta	axi? Tick one box
	TO school only	
	FROM school only	
	TO and FROM school	
	I never travel to/from school by	y taxi
2. If you	never go to school by taxi, why is thi	s? Tick the boxes that apply
	I don't want to	
	I don't like it	닏
	It is not reliable	닏
	It is too expensive	H
	It is slow	H
	There is no service near where	I live
3. How ofte	en do you use a taxi to go to and/or fr	rom school? Tick one box
	Every school day	
	4 days a week	
	2 or 3 days a week	╛
	Once a week	╛
	Less than once a week	_
4. I go to a	nd/or from school by taxi because	. Tick the boxes that apply
	I want to	닏
	My parents want me to	님
	It is affordable	片
	It is free	片
	It is the safest way	片
	It is the most comfortable way	닏
	There is a service close to our h	nouse \square

	It is reliable
	There is no other option
	Other – please state:
5.	How do you feel about travelling by taxi on your way to and from school?
	😊 happy 😐 ok 😕 unhappy
6.	Why do you feel this way?
7. W	What, if anything, would you like to see to make taxis safer? Tick the boxes that
а	pply Supervision (adults)
	Newer taxis
	No changes needed
	Other (write below)
	Other – please state:
	
8.	What are your reasons for your answers in question 7?
	SECTIONIE MANUELNIC
	SECTION F – WALKING
1.	When do you walk to and/or from school? Tick one box
	TO SCHOOL only
	FROM SCHOOL only
	TO and FROM school
	I never walk to/from school
2.	If you never walk to school, why is this? Tick the boxes that apply
<u>-</u>	I have to cross busy roads
	I don't like it

	It takes too long				닏
	Other				Ш
	Other – please state				
	If you never walk to school, go stra	aight to	o secti	ion G	
3.	How often do you walk to and/or fi	rom scl	nool?	Tick one bo	Х
	Every school day		닏		
	4 days a week		<u></u>		
	2 or 3 days a week		Ш		
	Once a week		Ш		
	Less than once a week				
4.	Why do you walk to and/or from sch	nool? T	ick all	the boxes	that apply
	I want to				
	My parents want me to	\			
	I feel safe				
	I have no choice			\Box	
	To be healthy			同	
	My friends walk with m	10		同	
	Other	ic		Ħ	
	Other				
	Other – please state:				
5.	How do you feel about the follo		_	_	_
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	Parked cars Crossing roads				
	Busy traffic				
	Number of footpaths				
	Traffic noise				
	Traffic speeds				
	Trucks loading/unloading Behaviour of other school pupils				
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6.	How do you feel about walking on you		_		1001 ?
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Why do you feel this way?

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	t, if anything, would you like to see to make walking safer? Tick all the that apply Guard rails on kerbs Extra crossings Slower traffic Less traffic and parking Wider footpaths Nothing Other
Other –	- please state:
	SECTION G – CYCLING
1. Wh	TO SCHOOL only FROM SCHOOL only TO and FROM school I never cycle to/from school
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	never cycle to school, go straight to section H
3. How o	often do you cycle to and/or from school? Tick one box Every school day 4 days a week

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Why do you feel this way?	

Cycle lanes	
Nothing	
Other	
Other – please state:	
9. Are there cycle lanes to and from your school? YES NO DON'T KNOW	
10. Are there bike sheds or secure stands for bikes at your school? YES NO DON'T KNOW	
SECTION H – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Do you have any other ideas or thoughts about your journey to and from school? ——————————————————————————————————	_
Please use extra pages if necessary	
2. If you have worries about your journey to and from school, what are they?. Tick all the boxes that apply	
Road Safety	
Behaviour of other young people	
Fear of strangers	
Safety in some areas	
The time it takes	
The distance I have to go	
Safety on public transport	
Other L	

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire

If you need to talk to anyone or are worried about anything in your school

You can talk to your class teacher or your Head teacher privately

You can also phone the following numbers:

Childline - 0800 1111

Or text someone at www.textsomeone.com

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact; Dr. Scott Mackey,

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