

Active School Travel Programme

Summary Report 2024-25



The **Active School Travel Programme** is an exciting initiative that is supporting schools to enable more pupils to make active and healthy journeys to school.

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust has been delivering the programme across Northern Ireland since 2013, with funding from the **Department for Infrastructure** and the **Public Health Agency**.

In total, **526 schools participated** in the 2024-25 programme – 180 schools receiving direct support from a Project Officer and 346 schools receiving light-touch support in the Extended Support network.



Key findings



Pupils travelling actively to school up 35% to 45%



Pupils being driven to school down 58% to 49%



Increase from 25% to 35% of pupils getting 60 minutes of daily exercise



Over 1,600 activities delivered, reaching over 57,000 pupils, parents, siblings and teachers



It's great for the children and their families to experience the joys of an active journey to school. We find that this burst of energy in the morning enhances the children's concentration in class as well as improving their social and communication skills. It brings a lovely sense of community.



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We're the charity making it possible for everyone to walk, wheel and cycle.

We work directly with communities to make change happen. Then we evidence the impact to influence policies to push those changes further.

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