

Walking School Bus: Survey

You can answer most of the questions quickly by simply circling a number or by writing down an answer.

Any questions? You're welcome to ring Paul Cottam, Safe Routes to School Co-ordinator, Christchurch City Council on 3711299.

Section 1: Your local primary school

1. First of all, please write in the name of your child/children's primary school in the space provided here:

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2. Please provide the following details about your children who attend this school:

Child's First name	Child's Surname	Age	Gender (M/F)

3. Please write your house number and street address in the space provided here:

4. How far is it from home to school by the route you usually use?

Up to 0.5 kilometres.....	1
Between 0.5 km, but less than 1 km.....	2
Between 1 km, but less than 2 km.....	3
Between 2 km, but less than 3 km.....	4
Between 3 km, but less than 5 km.....	5
5 km or more	6
Don't know	7

5. How does your child/children **usually** travel to and from school each day (for the **main** part of the journey)?

- Walking with an adult..... 1,
- Walking by themselves..... 2,
- Walking with siblings or friends 3,
- By bicycle 4,
- By bus..... 5,
- Driven in a car pool..... 6,
- Driven by a parent 7,
- Other (please specify below)..... 8,

If your child/children are not driven to school, please go to Section 2

6a If your child/children is driven in a car most days, how many children are **usually** travelling in the car? Please write number in the box

6b Which of these following statements best describes the journey made in the morning?

- From home to school/kindy back to home..... 1 →Go to Question 6d
- From home to school/kindy to work..... 2
- From home to school/kindy to somewhere else
(please specify where below) 3

6c If the vehicle is being driven to work/somewhere else, how much **extra** driving time does it take to drop your children at school?

- No extra time (going that way anyway) 1
- Less than 5 minutes 2
- Between 5 - 10 minutes..... 3
- More than 10 minutes..... 4
- Vehicle not driven to work/somewhere else 5
- Don't know 6

6d What is the main reason that your child/children is driven to school?

Section 2: The Walking School Bus

This section asks questions about the proposed Walking School Bus.

1. A Walking School Bus usually has a least two adult “drivers” who walk along an agreed route, collecting all children waiting at designated “bus stops” and walking them to school. After school, they walk back along the same route. There will be a maximum of 8 children per adult.

If a Walking School Bus is organised from your street to your child/children’s school, would any of your children use it some of the time?

Yes 1 **→ Go to Question 3**
 No 2

2. For what particular reasons wouldn’t your family use the Walking School Bus? (Circle up to 3 important factors)

- Lack of footpaths 1,
 - Footpaths are unsafe..... 2,
 - Too much traffic..... 3,
 - Traffic moves too fast 4,
 - Entrance to school grounds is unsafe because of cars 5,
 - No safe places to cross the road/s 6,
 - It’s too far for children to walk..... 7,
 - We live too close to the school 8,
 - Prefer to take children myself/ourselves..... 9,
 - Taking the car out then, anyway..... 10,
 - Weather (cold etc..) 11,
 - Want a smaller number of children per adult in the walking school bus 12,
 - Not convinced that other parents take the same care as me 13,
 - Other (please specify below)..... 14,
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→ Now go to Section 4

3. In a typical week, when would your child/children use the Walking School Bus? If the use would be different for any child, please indicate using each child’s name.

Day	To school (write child’s name)	From School (write child’s name)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

4. If your child/children would not be using the Walking School Bus **to go to school most days**, please explain the reasons for this here:

5. If your child/children would not be using the Walking School Bus **to walk home from school most days**, please explain the reasons for this here:

6. Would you allow your child/children to use the Walking School Bus if it was...

	Yes	No	Don't know
Raining	1	2	3
Cold/Frosty	1	2	3
Windy	1	2	3

7. Can you think of any other reasons why your child/children would not use the Walking School Bus?

8. Please answer these questions if your child/children is generally driven to school at present.

On the days your child/children are using the Walking School Bus, will the car that is usually driven to school still be used before 9am?

Yes..... 1
 No 2
 Don't know 3

If **yes**, please give the main reason for the car trip:

9. What times would be too early or too late for your child to be “picked up” by the Walking School Bus in the morning? Please circle the appropriate codes in the table below.

Time	Too early	Too late
Before 8:10 am	1,	1,
8:10 am	2,	2,
8:15 am	3,	3,
8:20 am	4,	4,
8:25 am	5,	5,
8:30 am	6,	6,
8:35 am	7,	7,
8:40 am	8,	8,
8:45 am	9,	9,
8:50 am	10,	10,
Other (please specify below)	11,	11,
(Too early): _____		

(Too late): _____		

Section 3: Walking School Bus “Drivers”

1. The success of this scheme is dependent on having adult volunteers to act as drivers of the Walking School Bus.

Would you or another adult living in your home be willing to volunteer to “drive” the bus (with another parent) on a rostered basis?

Yes.....1

No2 →Go to Section 4

If yes, please write down the name or names of the volunteer/s and contact phone numbers below:

	Name	Contact Phone Number
1st		
2nd		
3rd		

2. Could you please indicate how often per 10 week term you or this adult would be willing to “drive” the bus? If more than one volunteer from this household, circle in separate columns.

	1 st Adult	2 nd Adult	3 rd Adult
Up to 5 times per term (maybe one morning or afternoon per fortnight)	1	1	1
Up to 10 times per term (maybe one morning or afternoon per week)	2	2	2
Up to 20 times per term (maybe two mornings or afternoons per week)	3	3	3
Up to 30 times per term (maybe three mornings or afternoons per week)	4	4	4
Up to 40 times per term (maybe four mornings or afternoons per week)	5	5	5
Up to 50 times per term (maybe five mornings or afternoons per week)	6	6	6
Don't know	7	7	7

3. Would you or this adult prefer to drive the bus...

	1 st Adult	2 nd Adult	3 rd Adult
In the morning	1	1	1
In the afternoon	2	2	2
No preference	3	3	3

4. Are there any days when you or this adult could **not** drive the bus?

	1 st Adult	2 nd Adult	3 rd Adult
Monday	1,	1,	1,
Tuesday	2,	2,	2,
Wednesday	3,	3,	3,
Thursday	4,	4,	4,
Friday	5,	5,	5,

Section 4: Background

1. Does your child/children own or have access to a bicycle?

- Yes..... 1
 No 2
 Some do, some don't..... 3

2. Would you allow your child/children to ride their bicycle/s to school?

- Yes..... 1
 No 2
 Depends on which child 3

If No, could you please explain why?

3. How often does your child/children play sport or do other physical activities for at least 30 minutes outside school hours (including weekends)? If you have more than one child, please indicate for each child:

Child's Name	Most days	3-4 times a week	Twice a week	Once a week	Less than Once a week	Never
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
 Please return it to your child's school soon.**

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