

# Walking School Bus: Follow up Survey

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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 <<merge>>

- 1 If your address is not printed or is incorrect, please write your house number and street address in the space provided here:

<<merge address>>


- 2 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

- 3 How did your child/ren **usually** travel to and from school each day (for the **main** part of the journey) before Term 3?

Walking school bus .....	1,
Walking with an adult .....	2,
Walking by themselves .....	3,
Walking with siblings or friends .....	4,
By bicycle.....	5,
By bus.....	6,
Driven in a car pool .....	7,
Driven by a parent.....	8,
Other (please specify below).....	9,

4 Were you using a walking school bus (WSB) regularly before Term 3?

Yes ..... 1

No ..... 2 **→ Go to Section 2**

Not sure ..... 3 **→**

5 Are your children using a WSB more now or less now?

More ..... 1

Less ..... 2

About the same ..... 3 **→ Go to Section 2**

6 What is the main reason for your child/ren's change in use of the WSB?

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## Section 2: The Walking School Bus

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1 Is your child using the walking school bus (WSB) this term?

Yes ..... 1 →Go to Q4  
No ..... 2

2 Has your child/ren ever used the WSB since September 2000?

Yes ..... 1 →Go to Q4  
No ..... 2

3 For what particular reasons is your child/ren not using the WSB?

(Circle up to 3 important factors)

- Lack of footpaths / Footpaths are unsafe ..... 1,
- Too much traffic ..... 2,
- Traffic moves too fast ..... 3,
- No safe places to cross the road/s ..... 4,
- It's too far for children to walk..... 5,
- We live too close to the school ..... 6,
- Prefer to take children myself/ourselves ..... 7,
- Taking the car out then, anyway ..... 8,
- Weather (cold, rain, etc) ..... 9,
- Want a smaller number of children per adult in the WSB.....10,
- Other parents don't take the same care as me .....11,
- Too difficult to organise child/ren to be at WSB "stop" in time.....12,
- Wanted an earlier departure time .....13,
- Wanted a later departure time .....14,
- Days of WSB operation didn't suit our family .....15,
- Child/ren prefer to walk on their own or with others not using WSB.....16,
- Took too long for children to walk to school.....17,
- Other (please specify below).....18,

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**→ Now go to Section 4, Question 15**

4 In a typical week, what days do your child/ren use the walking school bus (WSB)? If you have more than one child using the WSB, 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		

5 Are there any times your child/ren did not use the WSB in the last 4 weeks?

Yes ..... 1  
 No ..... 2 → **GO TO Q7**

6 How many times?

times

7 What was the main reason for your child/ren not using the WSB?

Rain ..... 1,  
 Child was ill ..... 2,  
 Child was late for WSB..... 3,  
 Family on holiday ..... 4,  
 WSB driver not available ..... 5,  
 Other (please specify below)

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 7, \_\_\_\_\_  
 8, \_\_\_\_\_  
 9, \_\_\_\_\_

8 How does your child/ren usually travel to and from school on days they don't use the WSB?

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,

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### ***Section 3: Walking School Bus "Drivers"***

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- 1 Are you or another adult living in your home currently a walking school bus (WSB) driver?  
Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2 → **Go to Q6**

- 2 What do you **like** about being a WSB driver?

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- 3 What do you **dislike** about being a WSB driver?

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- 4 Will you continue to be a driver after the summer holidays (in 2001)?

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2

- 5 If not, why not?

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**→ Now go to Section 4**

- 6 What are the main reasons for not being a WSB driver?

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## Section 4: Impact

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- 1 Is your child/ren's overall level of physical activity higher or lower because of using the walking school bus?

Higher ..... 1  
 Lower ..... 2  
 About the same ..... 3

2. How would you describe your child's level of activity now and before Term 3? (If more than one child, please describe your oldest child's level of activity).  
 Please circle the appropriate number in the table below.

	Now	Before Term 3
<b>Sedentary</b> - Gets very little exercise For example: walks or runs less than 1 km per day; spends most of his/her free time sitting, watching TV, using the computer or reading.	1	1
<b>Moderately active</b> – Gets some exercise For example: walks or runs 1 – 2 ½km per day; when not in school he/she spends more of his/her time in active play than he/she does reading or watching TV.	2	2
<b>Active</b> – Is involved with programmed exercise 2 or 3 times per week For example: soccer, basketball, athletics or walks/runs 2 ½km or more per day.	3	3

3. What does your child/ren **like** about the walking school bus?

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4. What does your child/ren **dislike** about the walking school bus?

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5. What do you, as a parent **like** about the WSB?

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6. What do you as a parent **dislike** about the WSB?

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7. Are you spending more or less time getting your child/ren to and from school since using the WSB?

- More time ..... 1
- Less time ..... 2
- About the same ..... 3 → **Go to Q9**

8. How much time per week more time or less time are you spending?

- Up to 10 minutes more/less ..... 1
- 10-30 minutes more/less ..... 2
- 30-60 minutes more/less ..... 3
- More than 60 minutes more/less ..... 4
- Not sure ..... 5

9. Were your child/ren driven to or from school before Term 3?

- Yes, once a week or more ..... 1
- Yes, less than once a week ..... 2
- No ..... 3 → **Go to Q13**

10. Is the car that was used to drive to school, been driven more or less before 9am because of the WSB?

- More driving ..... 1
- Less driving ..... 2
- About the same ..... 3 → **Go to Q12**

11. How much more time or less time per week is the car driven before 9am because of the WSB?

- Up to 10 minutes more/less ..... 1
- 10-30 minutes more/less ..... 2
- 30-60 minutes more/less ..... 3
- More than 60 minutes more/less ..... 4
- Not sure ..... 5

12. How many **less times** each week does a vehicle from your household stop at school (to drop off or pick up children) because of the WSB?

times

No change.....99

13. Would your child/ren use the WSB after the summer holidays?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2
- Not sure..... 3

14. If No or Not sure, could you please explain why?

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15. What improvements would you like to see in the operation of the WSB in your area?

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***Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.  
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