**Active SCHOOL TRAVEL Application Form**

The information provided in this application form will be used to help select schools for involvement in the Active School Travel (AST) Programme. Please read the AST FAQs and AST School Agreement when completing your application, which can be downloaded from our website –[www.sustrans.org.uk/NIschools](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/NIschools).

Due to funding and capacity, the number of schools selected will be limited. Priority will be given to schools who have not had any previous engagement with the programme and those with the most historical engagement. You should be aware that consideration must also be given to geographical clusters of schools and their proximity to where our Project Officers are based to maximise their time in schools and to minimise travel time.

Please complete all questions and submit your application by post or by email to schoolsNI@sustrans.org.uk before the deadline of **Friday, 2nd May 2025.** *We reserve the right to close the recruitment early if we receive sufficient applications. Therefore, if you are interested, please submit your application as early as possible.*

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| **School Name:** |  |
| **School**Address:Postcode:Tel: | **Principal**Name:Tel:Email: |
| Number of pupils on roll: |  | Percentage of pupils entitled to Free School Meals: | % |

**HISTORICAL OR CURRENT ENGAGEMENT**

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| 1. Identify any organisations or initiatives your school has engaged with relating to active/sustainable travel, health or environmental projects and highlight any awards achieved:
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| Sustrans |  | Eco-Schools |  | The Daily Mile |  |
| Cycle Proficiency Scheme |  | Translink Travel Challenge |  | Healthy Schools |  |
| List any other organisations/initiatives or awards achieved: |
| 1. Describe any actions, activities, and events that your school has taken to promote walking, cycling, and scooting to school in the last three years:
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**SCHOOL TRAVEL INFORMATION**

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| 1. What percentage of all pupils live 1 mile or less away from the school? (estimate is acceptable)
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| 1. Please estimate how pupils in P5, P6 & P7 (or Years 8 & 9 for post primary schools) usually (or most often) travel to school by:
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| Active Travel (walk, cycle, scoot, or park + stride) | % |
| Car/Taxi | % |
| Bus/Train | % |
| 1. The Active School Travel Programme aims to reduce car usage on the school run. Take a look at your current level of car usage from question above and estimate to what level this may realistically be reduced to:
 | % |
| 1. What are the main barriers that you think are stopping pupils travelling actively (cycling, scooting, walking) to your school?
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| No footpaths to school  |  |
| No cycle paths to school |  |
| No cycle/scooter parking |  |
| No cycle training available to pupils |  |
| Speed limit outside school is too fast |  |
| Roads to school are very busy with cars  |  |
| Not many children own a bicycle or scooter |  |
| Many children live further than 2 miles from school |  |
| There is a strong culture of car usage |  |
| Pupils’ lack of fitness or low physical activity levels |  |
| Resistance from parents/carers |  |
| Include any additional information about barriers here: |
| 1. What solutions do you think would help overcome these barriers?
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**PROJECT commitMENT**

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| 1. Please explain your school’s motives and reasons for applying to join the Active School Travel Programme. You may wish to highlight particular benefits, issues that you would like to address, or how the programme fits within your school development plans.
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| 1. Please read the Active School Travel School Agreement and acknowledge that you have understood and accepted the requirements that the school will need to commit to during the programme.
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|  **Place an ‘X’ in the box to give acknowledgement and acceptance:** |  |
| Please identify at least one staff member that may be the Active School Travel Champion (optional space for second):1.2. |
| 1. Please use this space to provide any additional information you wish to support your application:
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Thank you for completing this form. Please return by **Friday, 2nd May 2025.**

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or post to: Sustrans Northern Ireland

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