

# The Children's Walking and Cycling Index

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# The first ever Children's Walking and Cycling Index

Children want to walk, wheel and cycle more

Nearly half feel that the government isn't doing enough to help meet their needs

Their voices must be heard in transport policy



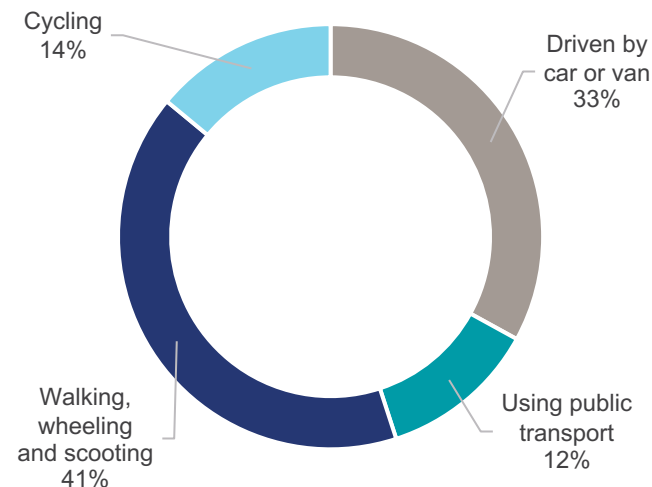
# How are children getting around?

Most children walk, wheel or scoot everyday

But **54%** of children are driven five or more days a week

Children have the highest modal share of any age group for active travel

Mode share for all trips made by children in the past week



# Children want to cycle more

Almost half of children (**48%**) cycle at least once a week

**30%** don't cycle at all, but most of them would like to

There's a clear gender divide: Only **17%** of girls cycle five or more times a week, compared to **28%** of boys



# Children want to walk and wheel more

**2 out of 5** journeys made by children are by walking, wheeling or scooting

**80%** of children support more crossings

**3 out of 4** children support stopping cars parking on pavements.





# Improving the school journey

**81%** support more traffic-free paths and clearer routes

**78%** support more physically separated cycle paths

**62%** of parents and guardians support the creation of more low-traffic neighbourhoods



# Designing for children benefits everyone

Only **36%** of children think that the government has done enough to help them be healthy

Children's needs should be prioritised in the next Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy

**Will you join us in writing to the Local Transport Minister?**



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