

Team provides road safety education and training services to schools, our school travel advisers support schools in writing and reviewing their travel plans and we organise regular events and campaigns to promote sustainable travel.

## Where to find out more information

We will be creating web pages for the strategy and regularly publish information in the forthcoming months. Suffolk County Council can be contacted by phone or email.

More information about road safety education and school travel plans can be found on the web at [www.suffolkroadsafe.net](http://www.suffolkroadsafe.net)

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## Sustainable Modes of Travel to School Strategy

## What is the Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy?

The Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (SMoTS) sets out how students who attend schools in Suffolk can be assisted to travel sustainably and safely to and from school as required by the Education & Inspections Act 2006. A full copy of the strategy can be found on the county council website. <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/TransportAndStreets/PublicTransport/>

The strategy has four key elements to it;

- assessing the travel & transport needs of students,
- auditing the sustainable travel & transport infrastructure,
- developing the sustainable travel & transport infrastructure,
- promoting sustainable travel & transport to, from and between places of learning.

## Why is this being done?

There are a number of reasons why we are doing this:

- over the past few years the number of children being taken to school by car has increased;
- the levels of obesity in children is rising and will have an adverse impact on long term health and lifestyle issues,
- CO2 levels are having a detrimental effect on global warming not only nationally but at a local level too.



Suffolk's Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement have identified carbon reductions and health inequalities as key issues in the county and this strategy will help to deliver solutions to this.

## What are our priorities?

We want to reduce the levels of unnecessary car use on the school journey and minimise the need to travel to access education, where it is possible to do so.

We want to ensure that there is a cohesive approach to school travel across the council and it's partners and raise the profile of sustainable travel within key projects that are being delivered by the council, such as Building Schools for the Future, Primary Capital Programme, the 14-19 Programme and the Schools Organisation Review.

We need to make parents and schools aware of the various travel options that are available to students and actively promote sustainable travel options to them.

## How will it be delivered?

The School Travel Advisers are working with schools to write School Travel Plans (STPs) and to regularly review the plans that have already been written. The STPs will inform us of the existing key issues on routes to schools that have been identified through the travel plan consultation and continuing to review the travel plans in future years will feed into this process.

We will also ensure that the profile of sustainable travel is raised across the county through the planning process, the curriculum and by influencing behavioural change through active travel and smarter choices campaigns. This will dovetail into existing initiatives such as Healthy Ambitions Suffolk and Sustainable Schools.

## What are we already doing?

Discounts on public transport and other benefits for young people are available through the Explore card scheme, we publish cycle route maps for towns which are freely available on our website, and the Road Safety

