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Dear Head (Letter to all primary schools)

RE: ACTIVE TRAVEL CONSULTATION

As an important consultee, Monmouthshire County Council would be very grateful if your school would contribute to a consultation exercise on Active Travel. Some of the requirements of the Active Travel Act are similar to the Learner Travel Measure in assessing the road and path network for individuals to travel to key destinations, such as schools. I believe the results of any survey would be of significant beneficial to the schools.

This consultation is a legal requirement on all local authorities and will help in determining priorities for investment in the physical infrastructure of roads/paths suitable for cycling and walking and associated facilities.

Active Travel is a term used to describe walking and cycle when they replace car travel in order to get to a destination (also called “purposeful journeys”). It does not cover walking and cycling done purely for pleasure although it has the potential for significantly enhancing the leisure network. It is where a person, will, for instance, walk or cycle a **short distance** (typically under 2.5 miles or 10-15 minutes) to get to their jobs, shops, school or to the station to catch a train.

Monmouthshire County Council has set up a number of consultation mechanisms to ask organisations and the general public their views, we would be very grateful if you would assist us in obtaining the views of the young people in your school. Due to the coronavirus our initial ideas to possibly utilise the playmaker conference have now had to be shelved and we are considering new ways of engagement.

If you feel it would be beneficial for young people to have a voice on this topic I would be delighted to hear from you. You can either respond to ActiveTravel@monmouthshire.gov.uk or if you would like to discuss any queries please feel free to contact either myself Sue Hughes (Active Travel Officer) on 07980 749778 or Paul Sullivan (Youth, Sport and Active Travel Manager) on 07825853882.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to your contribution. The consultation period ends 31st October 2020

Yours faithfully