

CHALLENGE INSTRUCTIONS

- The Translink Travel Challenge is a **2 week** challenge running **ALL YEAR** to allow your school more flexibility on when to take part.
- You can complete your Challenge in any 2 week period you chose as long as you submit the results by the deadline of Tuesday 19th May 2020 which means your latest start date must be by Monday 4th May 2020 (May Bank Holiday 8th May).
- Please feel free to run the challenge for as long and as often as you like you can do more than two weeks if you wish. Two weeks is *the minimum* time required to enter the competition.
- The Challenge can be done by one class, lots of classes, the whole school, a group of enthusiasts whichever works best for your school obviously the more the merrier.
- The Challenge will help your school, pupils and parents to consider more environmentally friendly and healthy ways to travel to school sustainably walk, bike, bus, train, scoot it's all good!
- The Challenge will help you work towards your Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.
- The Challenge is a great numeracy task in a real world setting.

Pupils should keep track of their transport methods over the 2 week challenge, either in the wall chart or individual tally charts, and then compile their class results and submit them via the Eco-Schools online Data Zone – details below.

1 large paper copy of the Travel Challenge Chart will be sent to you upon registration and/or you can use the individual pupil tally charts in the toolkit. If you require more than 1 wall chart (1 chart = 1 class of 30) please contact us.

RECORDING YOUR TRANSLINK TRAVEL CHALLENGE RESULTS

In order to make a good before and after comparison of your pupils' efforts in the Travel Challenge you will need to provide 2 surveys –

- Before 'My Old Travel' an estimate by the pupils of how they have travelled in the 2 weeks prior to the challenge and
- After 'My New Travel' a tally and total of their journeys during the challenge which will hopefully show an increase in sustainable journeys.

There are 2 possible ways of keeping track of which modes of transport your pupils are using – the paper wall chart or individual pupil tally charts found in the toolkit.

Each pupil should be recording 20 journeys before the challenge and 20 journeys during the challenge. 1 journey = a trip to or from school. So total journeys over a 2 week/10 day period should be 20 journeys i.e. in and out each day.

A guide for your wall chart was mailed with the chart. Below is an example of how a completed individual pupil tally chart might look.

Transport Tally Sheet								Eco-Schools Travel Challenge
Name:	A . '	Pup	16					
	Му	Old Tr	avel - Pr	evious 2	week's	Travel		
Date:	Start 2	L3 AP	RIL	Finish	41	MAG		
Walk	Cycle	Scoot	Combo	Car	Bus	Train	Other	
9				18				Enter the number for each mode you used for journeys over the previous 2 weeks
		1			11 20			
1 journey =	a trip to or fro	m school. So	total journeys o	over 10 days sh	ould = 20			
٨	Ay New 7	Fravel -	Travel d	uring 2 v	veek Tra	vel Challe	enge	
	Ay New T	Fravel -	Travel d		veek Tra	vel Challe	e nge Other	
A Date:	Ay New 7	Travel - 7 Ma	Travel d	uring 2 v	veek Tra 18 r	MAY		Make a tally mark each day for each journey during your 2 week challenge

COMPILING YOUR CLASS TRAVEL CHALLENGE RESULTS

Once your pupils have completed their Travel Challenge you will need to compile their results to reflect the class as a whole. You will want the totals for the modes of transport for the 2 surveys, before and after the challenge, across the class.

On the wall chart this will mean totalling the modes of transport in the red and purple columns – 'My Old Travel' and 'Challenge Results.'

If you are using the tally sheets each pupil can call out, or write on the board, their totals for each mode of transport for the before and after surveys. These totals can then be added up. There is a Class Total sheet in the toolkit for you record the total figures on.

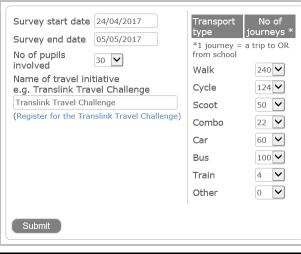
Remember each pupil should have accounted for 20 journeys in each survey, before and after, so you can do a quick calculation to check you have the right amount for the number of pupils i.e. 30 pupils should have done 600 journeys. Of course you may have had some absent pupils in which case there may be a slight difference.

SUBMITTING YOUR RESULTS

Submitting your results not only enters you into the running for some great Translink Travel Challenge prizes, it also completes an important step of your Eco-Schools journey, "Monitoring and Evaluation" and will be a great help for your future Green Flag applications.

Now that you have compiled your result into a class total submitting the results of your 2 surveys, before and after, in the Eco-Schools online Data Zone should be simple and fast.

- 1. Go to <u>www.eco-schoolsni.org</u> and log in (if you have forgotten your password click on the Forgotten Password option; this will direct you to a reset link)
- 2. In the School Zone go to the Data Zone and click on Transport
- 3. Now simply complete the requested information, start finish dates, number of pupils, name of the initiative "Translink Travel Challenge" and then your totals for each mode of transport and hit submit – here is an example:



Viewing the survey you have submitted will allow you to see what percentage of your journeys were sustainable. Hopefully you will see an improvement from your before survey and your after survey. This is the time for you and the pupils to evaluate/discuss the results and celebrate success with the whole school and wider community.

Once these results are in your Data Zone they will be automatically attached to future Green Flag applications.

Remember to submit your results via the Data Zone by Tuesday 19th May 2020.

BEST PUPIL CATEGORY

As we won't see your individual pupils' results with this submission system we are relying on you to nominate your school's Transport Hero. One pupil from Northern Ireland will be chosen based on the information you submit for a prize and recognition at the June Translink Celebration Event.

We know every pupil will literally be going the extra mile for the challenge but sometimes there is a stand out pupil who deserves a little pat on the back. So if you have such a pupil please nominate them for the Best Pupil prize by emailing us a short description of why they are so fantastic and perhaps some photos too. Send this by email to Francesca.DiPalo@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org by Tuesday 19th May 2020 for consideration.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND TEACHING RESOURCES

Don't forget to check out the complementary teaching resources for the Travel Challenge available on the Translink website <u>www.translink.co.uk/ecoschools</u> KS1-KS3.

If you require further information or guidance on taking part in the Translink Eco-Schools Travel Challenge, please contact Eco-Schools staff on 028 9073 6920 or Ursula Henderson at Translink on 028 9066 6630.

The Translink Eco-Schools Travel Challenge is open to all schools across Northern Ireland.

We hope you enjoy participating in the Translink Eco-Schools Travel Challenge!