

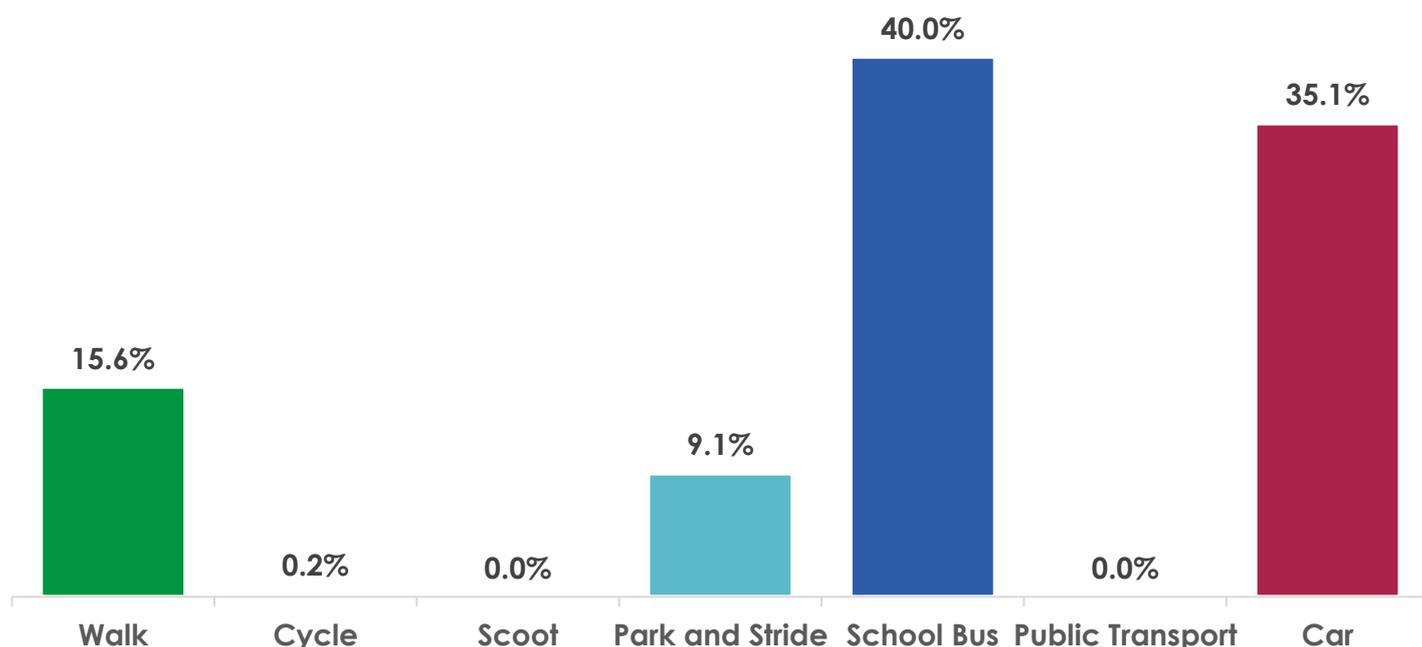
Safe Routes to School Update

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme is working with schools and local authorities across Ireland to support improvements to front of school environments as well as routes to school. Gort Community School is delighted to be participating in the SRTS programme.

As part of the Safe Routes to School process, we previously shared the SRTS travel survey with parents/guardians to capture information on how students travel to school and on road safety issues around the school. The survey showed that:

- **71%** of parents agree that **road safety is a problem** around the school,
- **94%** of parents would **support works at the front of school** that improve student safety, putting pedestrians and cyclists first, and
- **95%** of parents would **support works that improve the walking and cycling routes** to the school.

The survey also showed how students travelled to school:



For more information go to www.saferoutestoschool.ie

Have your Say!

Galway County Council is planning to undertake construction of measures at the front of school. The proposed works aim to alleviate congestion through modal shift and improve access at the front of school. The proposed scheme includes:

- **Ramped crossings and build outs** at the junctions adjacent to school entrance,
- Provision of a **new ramped zebra crossing** on the Ennis Road, between the school and the Lady Gregory Hotel,
- Introduction of a **school street and possibly wall art** on the road into the school, more information on school streets can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/4z44cpds>,
- Introduction of **pencil bollards** and Safe Routes to School signage.

As part of this, Galway County Council is hosting a public consultation to seek input on the scheme proposals. You can read more about the plans at <https://consult.galway.ie/>. Submissions can be made in writing to the Active Travel Team, Galway County Council, Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX or electronically via <https://consult.galway.ie/>. The deadline for submissions is 12pm on Friday 20th March 2026.

Show your support for making travelling actively to school safer!

Parents/guardians and students are encouraged to read more about the scheme and make a submission if you wish.

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