

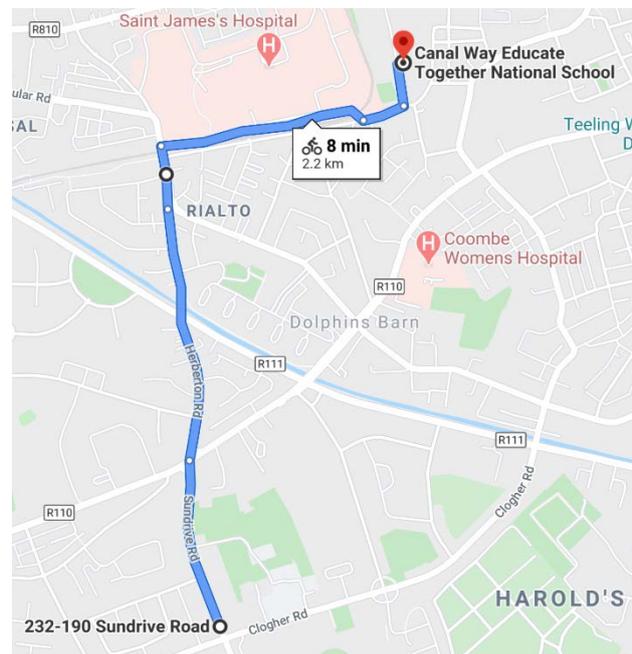
Crumlin Canalway Cycle Bus Pilot (3CB)

Background

As an urban primary school with short distances to the surrounding catchment areas Canalway ETNS is ideally situated for a cycle bus. Originating from the Netherlands, cycle busses aim to provide a safe cycle route for primary school children and promote active living. In light of Covid-19 it is suggested that cycling will gain further importance for commuting, since public transport faces limited capacity. In Ireland, the [Galway Cycle Bus](#) is regarded as a very successful parent initiative, but in recent months also Dublin City Council supports the foundation of cycle busses ([Irish Times](#)).

Proposed Route

Through personal contacts it is estimated that there could be sufficient demand for a safe and organised cycle bus for Canalway pupils living in Crumlin, Drimnagh and Rialto. The proposed route is subject to change and further revisions would consider demand, safety and feasibility. Bus stops are envisaged at key junctions and safe waiting areas (e.g. DID, Keeper Road, Herberton Drive, Canal Bridge, Rialto Roundabout, Rialto Bridge).



Estimating demand and seeking volunteers

In this first step, the aim is to estimate demand and seek parent volunteers. For the route planning we would require precise location data of pupils' addresses. For instances, the final route can include minor detours to meet high demand in certain streets and bus stops would be designed around areas of high demand. Moreover, it is recommended to have a pool of about 15 volunteers who act as cycle bus marshals, while the recommended minimum is 4 marshals at any one time. The following link to the google form asks for your name, contact details, address, number of children cycling and volunteering capacity. At this stage we only want to gather some basic information and you can opt-in or out at any time. While the initial pilot would serve the Crumlin, Drimnagh and Rialto area, please fill out the survey if you are interested in cycle busses along other routes and these could be considered when expanding the cycle bus service.

Canalway Cycle Bus Survey: <https://forms.gle/SHVdKyJYYJMKhHpn8>

Indicative Timeline

Survey deadline	16 October
Publish results	20 October
Parents meeting	20-30 October
First pilot	November

About us

We are a group of parents who walk, scoot or cycle most of the days for drop off and collection times at Canalway. With the cycle bus we want to give our kids and their peers regular and safe means to go to school.

Please get in touch if you have further questions via stephan.koepp@gmail.com.