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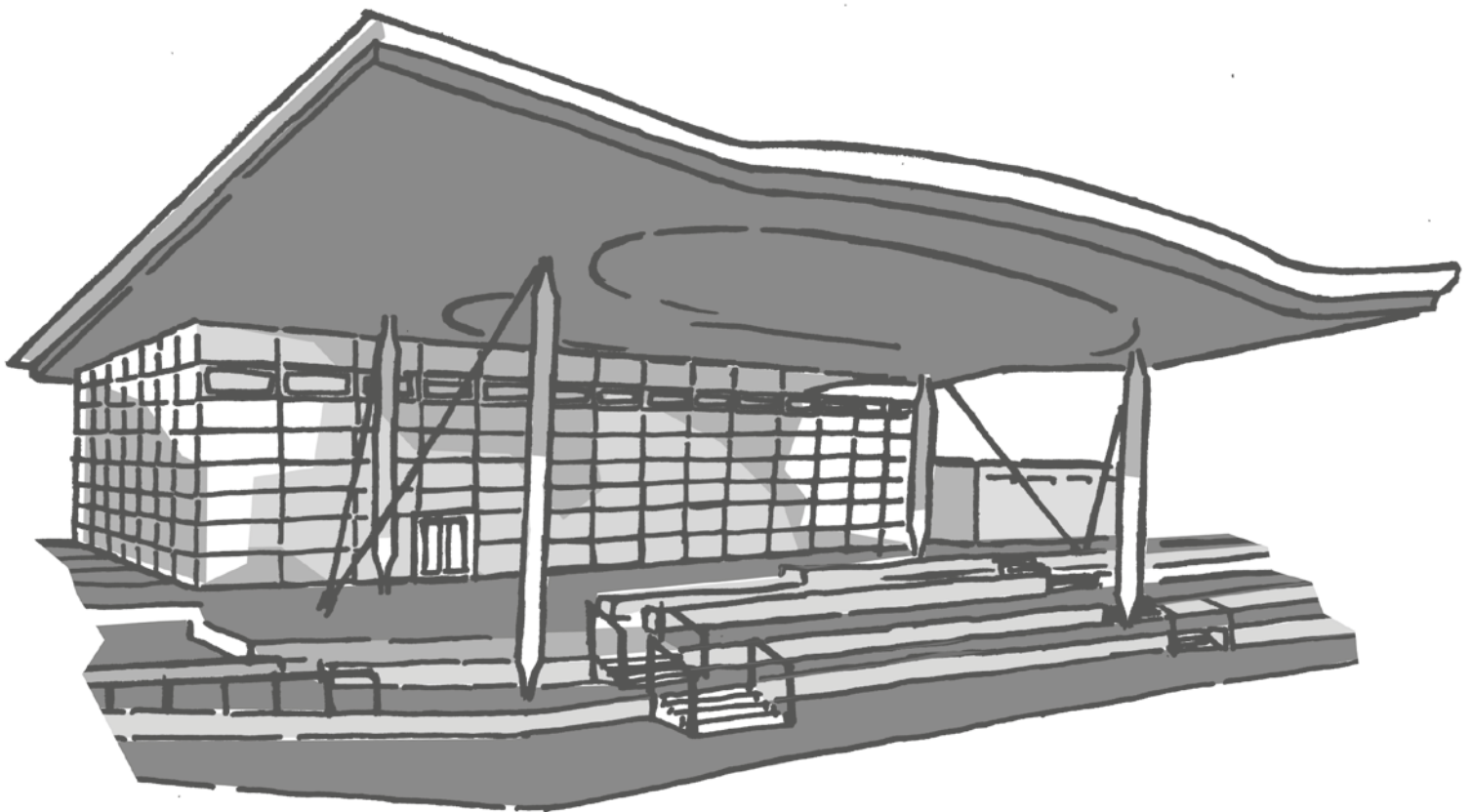


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Learner travel: Making a new Travel Behaviour Code

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The Travel Code

The Travel Code is the rules on how you must behave when you travel to school.

The Travel Code sets out what you must do when you travel.

The Travel Code is to encourage safe travelling.

The Travel Code tells you how you must behave when travelling on a school bus or a train or walking.

These rules cover all of Wales.



These are the rules you must follow and your rights when travelling:

Your responsibility	Your safety	Your rights
Always respect others, including other learners, drivers and the public	Always behave well when travelling	To be safe when you travel
Always respect vehicles and property	Always follow the driver's instructions when travelling	To be treated fairly and with respect
Always be polite	Always cross the road safely and responsibly	To tell someone if somebody is causing you problems
Never drop litter	Always travel by a safe route	Not to be bullied or picked on
Always obey the law		

Some people have told us the Travel Code is not working.

Schools and local authorities and the Welsh Government think the Travel Code is very important.

The Welsh Government talked to children and young people about how well they thought the Travel Code was working.

Some comments showed that the Travel Code does not work. These included the following.

- Bullies can make journeys more dangerous and make people unhappy.
- The punishment for bullying on the school bus is not tough enough.
- Ways of reporting problems on the journey between home and school should be better.
- Bus drivers need more training to know how to behave better towards children and young people.

People also said that:

- children and young people who behave well should get rewards
- parents/carers should tell their children how to behave well on the way to school
- some buses could be more comfortable and learners should be allowed to eat and drink on the bus.



We want to:

- put stronger rules in place to deal with bullies on school journeys
- make journeys more comfortable on the bus and allow learners to eat and drink
- put in place contracts for local authorities, schools, bus companies and learners to sign that tell them how they must behave during home-to-school journeys
- give older children and young people the job of looking after learners on the bus – they would be known as ‘bus monitors’. They would protect learners from being bullied
- develop ways for parents/carers and learners to report problems with how others behave
- put in place training for school bus drivers so they know how to behave with learners
- tell schools to reward learners who behave well on the way to and from school.

A contract is an agreement between different people who say they will do certain things.

- **We need to make a new Travel Code.**



- We want you to have a say in this.

