



Solihull Schools Streets Pilot

What is it?

Many schools across the Borough experience challenging traffic scenes at the beginning and end of each school day. 'School Streets' is a project led by Solihull Council which seeks to address such issues through the introduction of restrictions that will exclude traffic from entering, leaving, or travelling around the streets surrounding schools at key times of the day, the aim being to create a predominantly car-free zone. Valley Primary has been identified as a school that would benefit from being part of the project.

Why are we doing it?

We are aiming to create a safer, more pleasant environment and through the scheme, will be promoting active travel to school by walking, scooting and cycling. This in turn will reduce congestion and pollution in the area.

The anticipated benefits of the scheme include:

- A reduction in congestion, pollution and traffic speed around the school gates creating a safer environment for all our children.
- An improvement in air quality outside school.
- An increase in walking, scooting, cycling and active lifestyles for families within a more pleasant environment.
- Improvements in levels of childhood activity.



'Walking is good because it makes you strong' - Abbas

How will it work?

The Council will introduce a Traffic Regulation Order.

The Traffic Regulation Order will prohibit any motor vehicle without a permit or valid exemption (Blue badge holders, buses, or emergency services) from entering or driving through the restricted zone when the scheme is in operation.

The scheme will operate on weekdays only between **8.00am** and **8.50am** each morning and again between **2.35pm** and **3.35pm** Monday to Thursday, and between **1.05pm** and **2.05pm** on Friday only.

The restrictions will also introduce a new 20mph speed limit.

Gateway signage will be put in place at the entrance of the restricted zone.

How will it be enforced?

Anyone caught driving in the restricted zone whilst it is active without a valid permit or exemption, can be issued with a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice.

Parents

Once the scheme is introduced selected streets around Valley Primary, highlighted on the map, will be closed to traffic in the mornings and at home time which will create a safer, healthier, and more pleasant environment for those who walk, scoot or cycle to school, and will hopefully encourage more parents to leave the car at home.

For those who live further away, we ask that they park away from the school and walk the last five or ten minutes.

The streets around the school will not be completely traffic-free as residents will have permits to drive in the area during the restricted times and there will also be an exemption for emergency vehicles, buses and blue badge holders. There will also be a new 20mph speed limit.

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Residents

Each residence within the streets affected by the restrictions will be issued with permits for their vehicles. Please contact schoolstreets@solihull.gov.uk if you require further information regarding permits.

Blue Badge Holders

If you have a blue badge then the restriction does not apply however, a permit will be required if anyone else drives the car at other times. Remember, your badge should be prominently displayed at all times.

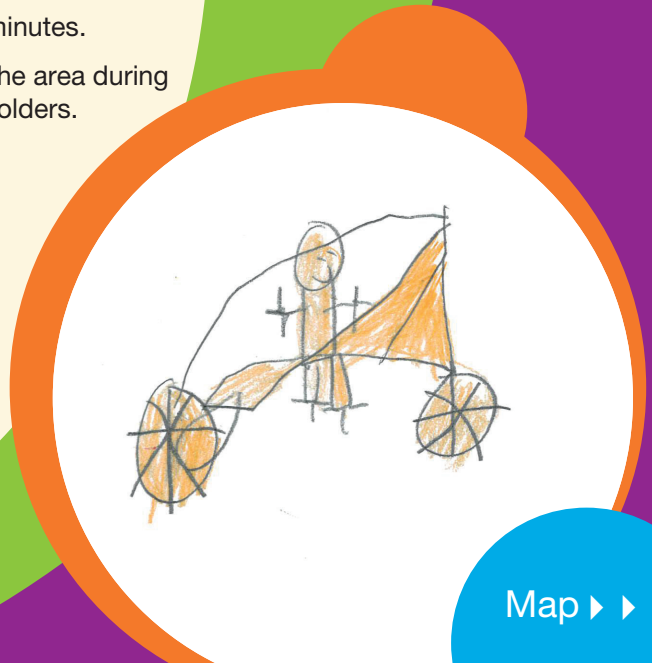


'Scooting is good exercise' - Pixie



'Scooting is good exercise and you get to school quicker than walking!' - Bella

'Biking is healthy because its helps you stay fit and strong' - Aariz



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