




Travel to
Widney Junior School



Solihull School Streets Project Phase 2

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. **Widney Junior School** has been identified as a school that would benefit from being part of this 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 increase in walking, scooting, cycling and active lifestyles for families, within a more pleasant environment.
- Improvements in levels of childhood obesity.



Why drive?
When you can
Walk!!!

We drive half way and then to be healthy and active we walk the other half. - Jack

How will it work?

The Council proposes to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order that will prohibit any motor vehicle without a permit or valid exemption (Blue badge holders or emergency services) from entering or driving along Clifton Crescent when the scheme is in operation. A full list of exemptions can be found on our website here: www.solihull.gov.uk/schoolstreets

In order to do this we will, from January 2020, undertake a consultation exercise with local residents, parents and the wider community on the proposal with the intention to be in a position to launch this next phase of the School Streets project to coincide with the start of the spring school term in April 2020.

The proposed scheme will be effective on weekdays only between **8:30 – 9:10am** and again between **2:45 – 3:45pm** and be indicated by gateway signage which will be put in place at the entrance of the restricted zone.

The scheme will also introduce a new 20mph speed limit and any existing parking restrictions (single and double yellow lines) will remain in place and enforceable as before.

How will it be enforced?

The Police will have powers to enforce the new School Streets restriction. 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. The Police have been consulted on these proposals and are actively engaged.

Parents

It is proposed that from Monday 20th April, **Clifton Crescent**, as shown on the enclosed map, will be restricted to traffic in the mornings and at home time. This 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 or are unable to complete the journey to school solely on foot, we advise that they use the carpark at Solihull Municipal Club and use the entrance to the school adjoining the carpark.

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 exemption for emergency and service vehicles as well as blue badge holders.

Residents

Each residence within the streets affected by the restrictions will be issued with two permits. If additional permits are required then please contact: schoolstreets@solihull.gov.uk stating your reason for requesting additional 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 prominent and displayed at all times.

Further information on how the new restrictions may affect you can be found here: www.solihull.gov.uk/schoolstreets



'I scoot because my legs and feet get exercise and my heart beats fast.'
- Sophie

SCHOOL STREETS



'I like to bike to school, because when you pedal it warms up your legs.'
- Nicky



Map >>>



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'I think walking is best because your heart pumps the blood around your body and keeps you healthy!'
- Andrew



'I walk to school, to exercise and I get fresh air.'
- Rhys



KEY

- School Streets restrictions apply
- School crossing patrol
- School entrance
- Park & stride
- Footpath access

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