

School Streets - Frequently Asked Questions

What is a School Street?

A School Street is a road or series of roads outside a school that is temporarily closed to motorised traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times. This limits the amount of traffic on the roads outside the school at key times and creates a predominantly car free zone.

Why are you introducing a School Street?

A School Street reduces the build-up of traffic outside school and creates a safer and more pleasant environment for children walking or wheeling to school and encourages parents to choose a more active way to travel to school with their children for all or part of their journey. Local residents benefit from a reduction in traffic and the associated dangerous and sometimes illegal parking that occurs during the school drop-off and pick-up times.

Can I still drive on a School Street?

Motorised vehicles will not be allowed to enter the School Street when it is in operation (during school drop-off and pick-up times) unless exempt.

Will the restrictions apply to everyone, or will there be any exemptions?

Yes, exemptions will include:

- Drivers of vehicles registered to the following properties.

Numbers 1-40 Marina Crescent, 1-45 Ruskin Way, 1-12 Cedar Crescent and number 66 Tarbock Road.

- School staff at St Anne's Catholic Primary School.
- Blue badge holders residing in or visiting properties within the restricted roads or accessing the school.
- School buses and school transport serving the school.
- Public transport.
- Taxis serving properties within the restricted roads.
- Emergency services, doctors on call, district nurses, carers and support workers working at properties on the restricted roads.
- Statutory public services / utilities (gas, electricity, water, telecoms companies working at the properties on the restricted roads.
- Tradespeople serving properties within the restricted roads.
- Delivery and postal services.

Those eligible will be provided with information on how to register their exemption and apply for a permit before September.



How will enforcement work during the week in March?

During the 5 day trial 24th to 28th March physical barriers will be in place to prevent access to the restricted roads during the advertised hours. These barriers will be manned and will be moved to allow school staff and residents through with proof of school ID badge or address.

Police will be able to issue £50 fines to any driver ignoring the restrictions.

When will the School Street be in operation?

For the trial the operating times will be between 8:00 and 9:00 and 14:15 to 15:30. The operating times will be indicated on the road signs.

These times are to coincide with the start and end of the school days at both Blacklow Brow and St Anne's Primary Schools.

What about the weekends and during the school holidays?

The scheme will only operate on weekdays, Monday to Friday during school drop-off and pick-up times. The restrictions will operate term-time only but please note that these dates may vary year on year.

Why are one-way systems being proposed on Cedar Crescent and Marina Crescent?

By introducing one-way systems on Marina Crescent and Cedar Crescent it will further discourage motorists from entering the school street area. In addition, it will make the school street restriction easier to enforce, as there will only be one entry point into the area.

The one-way system on Marina Crescent will allow vehicles to only travel from Acacia Avenue to Tarbock Road.

The one-way system on Cedar Crescent will allow vehicles to only travel from Ruskin Way to Charwood Avenue.

Will the new one-way system on Marina Crescent and Cedar Crescent only operate during restricted hours too?

No. The one-way system will be 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Are there any other School Streets?

This will be the first in Knowsley but there are hundreds across the country and many successful ones already in Merseyside. Liverpool City Council already has schemes in operation and has committed to support the introduction of 50 more schemes in the coming years. A study by Edinburgh Napier University reported that where a School Street is in place there is an increase in children and adults travelling to school in a more active way. (School street closures could improve amount of walking, cycling and wheeling to school, study shows)

What if I can't wheel, walk, cycle or scoot to school?

We understand that it is not always possible for everyone to walk, wheel or scoot to and from school. Certain people and vehicles will be exempt from the restrictions and the Council will work with the schools involved and the local community to make sure that alternative solutions are considered.

Where can I park to drop my child/children off?

The ambition is that the restrictions will encourage those who live within walking or wheeling distance to travel in this way and not continue to drive. If people are unable to walk or wheel the entire journey due to distance or work commitments, we would encourage people to park 10 minutes away and walk or wheel from there.

The creation of a path to the rear of St Anne's will ensure that active travel options are easier and quicker for those travelling from the Twickenham estate than it is if they currently drive from there to Marina Crescent. Even if parents / carers then have to go home to collect their car to travel to work it will still be quicker and more pleasant than it currently is trying to park in Marina Crescent and then negotiate all the congestion there.

The creation of a new path is subject to a planning application which has not yet been submitted. We are waiting to receive feedback from residents on the preferred location for this.

Family or friends sometimes drop off at school, or collect my child(ren) from school, what do I need to do?

Please share the details of the scheme with anyone who may drop off, or collect, a child/children from school on your behalf. It is essential that they are aware of the School Street area to avoid receiving a fine. It will also help to avoid any unnecessary stress or confusion on the day.

We want to encourage as many people as possible to walk, wheel or scoot to school to and will have a dedicated officer working in both schools to promote this. Where it is not possible to travel the entire journey in an active way please park safely and legally away from both schools and walk or wheel the remaining part of the journey.

How will you run the scheme?

The Council will introduce and support the scheme with the schools. Signs will be introduced to show where the School Street zone is and to inform motorists of the hours of operation.

How long will the rules be in place?

A specific 'Walk to School Week' will be taking place for pupils of both schools week commencing 24 March for 5 days. As part of this initiative Marina Crescent, Ruskin Way and Cedar Crescent will be closed at school opening and closing times to replicate the proposed scheme. By undertaking a 'Walk to School Week' it will give the Council an understanding of how the proposed ban of motor vehicles will operate and what may need to be considered in the project design. Parking surveys and traffic counts will be undertaken as part of this.

In September the 18-month trial period will start. During this time the Council will review the scheme, making changes where necessary. At the end of 18-months a decision will be made on whether to make the School Street scheme permanent.

How is the Experimental scheme being introduced?

After the trial the scheme will be delivered through an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) from September 2025. During the first six months Knowsley Council will be inviting comments, questions, support for the scheme or objections (setting out your reasoning) to help to inform the decision on whether the scheme should be made permanent.

During the 18-month trial the Council will closely monitor the scheme and listen to feedback and ideas shared to see if it is working for the schools and their local communities and if the goals of creating a safer and calmer environment and improved air quality are being achieved.

How will the scheme be enforced?

Traffic signs will be installed, and initial enforcement will be carried out by Police. Enforcement cameras will be introduced which will use Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR).

What will happen to drivers who ignore the restrictions during the hours of operation?

Failing to comply with the school street restrictions will result in a £50 fine.

I am a resident, can I have a visitor permit?

If it is essential that a visitor arrives or leaves during the restricted hours residents can apply for a visitor permit. Details of how to apply for a permit will be provided before September.

Will this scheme cause parking to be displaced onto nearby roads?

Parking and traffic surveys will be undertaken before the scheme is introduced to monitor the current situation, once the restrictions are implemented further surveys will be undertaken. It is anticipated that the scheme will encourage more people to walk, wheel or cycle which will reduce the amount of traffic near to the school. In addition those that continue to drive to school are likely to park across a number of roads rather than in one place, therefore any increase in parking should be minimal.

How are the schemes funded?

Any costs associated with the scheme will be drawn down from Knowsley's allocation of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement' (CRSTS), which is awarded by the Department for Transport.

For more information on School Streets please visit School Streets Initiative - [All the information you need](#)

To watch a video about real life examples please visit [Active Travel: The Art of the Possible](#)

To view any of the information about this scheme online please visit www.knowsley.gov.uk/schoolstreets

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