



What is a School Street?

A School Street is where a road outside a school is temporarily closed to become a **pedestrian** and **cycle** zone during the school's **drop-off** and **pick-up** times.

Benefits of a School Street include:

- Creating a safer environment for school children
- Encouraging exercise via active forms of travel (walking, cycling or scooting)
- Decreasing traffic and congestion
- Reducing air pollution



How does a School Street work?

A School Street closes off sections of road outside or near to schools, where there are issues with parents parking when dropping children off at school. By temporarily closing roads outside schools this will help to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates as well as making it easier and safer for children to get to and from school.

Why are these changes being proposed?

The Council is working with businesses, schools and the wider community on a number of projects to improve air quality and travel across Reading. The School Streets scheme aims to reduce through-traffic directly outside schools which will create a safer and more pleasant environment for everyone.

What time are the restrictions enforceable?

The timings are dependent on the school and location of the School Street. They are generally around 8:15-9:15 in the morning and 2:30-3:30 in the afternoon for at least 45 minutes but can change depending on the school's requirements.

What if I am already within the School Street parking zone?

Vehicles already within the zone are free to leave during the restriction.

I am a parent or carer, can I enter the School Street zone?

No. Parents or carers dropping children at school will not be able to enter the School Street zone. You can only enter if you or your child are a blue badge holder or by special arrangements made with the school. You will still be able to walk, cycle or scoot to school in a more friendly and safe environment.

What will happen with deliveries to the school/my property?

Deliveries and access to properties by trades persons will still be able to take

place during the School Streets closure.

Won't the scheme push parking issues elsewhere?

Part of the aim of the scheme is to encourage more people to travel sustainably. We will be assessing the local roads during the trial to see whether there is displacement of vehicles. If this occurs, we will look to address these issues by encouraging schools to consider complementary initiatives such as Park and Stride, Walking Buses, ensuring adequate cycling/scooter parking is available, additional Bikeability courses, and taking part in Modeshift STARS (a national sustainable travel scheme).

How will visitors know about the School Street?

Advanced Warning Signage will be installed on surrounding roads, informing road users of the timed closure outside the school, where necessary. The school will be producing letters and a survey to notify residents, parents, school staff and local businesses. The Council will provide banners, posters and leaflets.

Can the trial be stopped if the school/residents are not happy with the School Street?

Yes, the order can be revoked and removed if there are major issues, however this should be a last resort and amendments, changes to the scheme should be trialled before removal.

Is there a penalty charge for entering the School Street?

No, we do not intend to issue penalty charges for entering a School Street.

How will parents, carers and children with limited mobility be effected?

School Streets will make it easier for those with limited mobility to access the school by reducing the traffic outside school gates. Those that require access due to lack of mobility will still be able to do so by vehicle.

Find out more at: www.reading.gov.uk/schoolstreets