

School Street Scheme



Sutton Council is committed to making the streets outside our schools safer and healthier for our children. One way of doing this is to introduce School Streets.

What are School Streets?

A School Street is a road outside a school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. Access restrictions do not apply to residents (within the School Street boundary) and the schemes only operate during term time.

How many School Streets operate in Sutton?

In Sutton we have 13 School Streets in place.

Why do we need School Streets?

Our roads are congested with traffic during the school run. In London, as much as 25% of rush hour traffic is made up of vehicles travelling to school. Collisions, driving too fast, inconsiderate or unlawful parking and pollution from motorists idling their engines are well-known issues in the roads surrounding schools.



How do you decide on schools to be included in a School Street?

All participating schools expressed willingness to be part of the schemes.

Historically, many of the schools have reported severe congestion, road safety concerns and/or complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking, engine idling and sometimes verbal abuse from parents and carers.



How does a School Street scheme work?

Some vehicles are able to enter a School Street during its hours of operation.

Any vehicle that is already within the School Street area prior to the time that the restrictions begin will be allowed to leave without penalty.

Roads will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists and those with exemption.



Who can enter a School Street during hours of operation?

- ✓ emergency services
- ✓ residents who live within the School Street boundaries (limited to 3 exemption permits per household)
- ✓ businesses based within the School Street boundaries
- ✓ carers of vulnerable residents living within School Street boundaries (limited to 2 exemption permits per household)
- ✓ blue badge holders needing access to the school or properties in the School Street boundary
- ✓ parents or carers dropping off or collecting students with special educational needs or disabilities from a School Street school
- ✓ utility providers attending emergencies
- ✓ school buses
- ✓ school staff
- ✓ postal service
- ✓ refuse vehicles



Who cannot enter a School Street during hours of operation?

- X** parents and child carers
- X** delivery drivers
- X** tradespeople
- X** visitors
- X** businesses (outside of the School Streets boundary area)
- X** motorcycles or motor scooters
- X** medical deliveries
- X** taxis and private hire vehicles
- X** all other general traffic



Times of operation

School Street schemes operate Monday to Friday in term-time only and not at weekends or during school holidays. Schemes operate only during the morning drop-off and the afternoon pick-up. The exact times of your proposed School Street will be determined through the consultation process.



Costs of an exemption permit

Exemption permits are free of charge.



Deliveries

If you live or operate a business within the restricted area, any deliveries will need to adhere to the closure timings. Please schedule any large deliveries outside of the restricted hours.



Traffic displacement

We are aware there may be concerns from residents outside of the School Streets boundary about displacement of parking as a result of any proposal and will be carrying out traffic and parking monitoring surveys to assess any impacts.



Enforcement measures

It is proposed for most schemes to be enforced with a static ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) camera.

If you are not an exempt vehicle and enter the zone during the restricted times, you will receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

Have your say

We want to gather feedback from residents, schools, parents and guardians, community and stakeholder organisations and local businesses about our school streets proposals as part of our consultation process.

Once the consultation is closed we will review the feedback to understand if alterations to the proposals are needed. Further updates will be provided before any scheme is implemented.

Where can I find out more?

For more information about School Streets and to respond to the School Streets consultation go to sutton.gov.uk/schoolstreets



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