



Trialling a School Street

You may have already experienced social distancing requirements at the school gate to cause children and parents to spill out into the road making vehicle restrictions on school streets an urgent safety need.

Enter school streets.

How to apply for a school street?

Write to your local authority to request a school street. You can copy and paste the text below adding in your details

Dear [inset councillors name here]

[Insert name of school here] are writing to apply for a school street to be implemented on [insert name of road at the school gates here] as soon as possible. This request is of critical importance now as social distancing requirements at the school gate cause children and parents to spill out into the road making vehicle restrictions on school streets an urgent safety need.

[insert name of school here] is an ideal candidate for a school street as we are located in a pollution hot spot. Limiting vehicle access will maintain current lower levels of air pollution and allow the growing numbers of students who want to walk and cycle to do so safely. This provides a double benefit to children's health.

In contrast if families do not feel it is safe enough for their children to walk or cycle to school, we may see a surge in car travel due to advice to avoid





public transport wherever possible. We see a school street as the solution and hope you will support our application.

I attach support for this scheme from our wider school community [if you have a petition or supporting letters from your school community attach them to the email]

[insert name of school here] believes this is the time to make a long lasting, positive change in our school and illustrate our commitment to cutting air pollution in [insert name of local area here] for everyone.

Additional things you can do to fast track your application:

Share a petition to evidence support from your wider school community

- Six out of ten parents are worried about increased levels of traffic when lockdown is lifted, gaining their written support will provide helpful support to your application.

Ask your school community to also write to your local authority

- Parents are keen to play their part, over half (53%) plan to walk or cycle more than they did before after lockdown, and the vast majority of those that plan to be more active (79%) say that restricting vehicle access at certain times of the day would be helpful. Ask them to tell your local authority this.

Share that you are applying for a school street on social media using #SchoolStreets

- Making your application public will encourage other schools to apply too. The more school streets the safer our neighbourhoods will become.



For more information and ideas Playing Out created a webinar dedicated to school streets that you can watch for free here:

<https://vimeo.com/416300794>

To get involved in Clean Air Day and learn more about the part you can play visit cleanairday.org.uk or search #CleanAirDay. Due covid-19, please ensure that any activities you undertake meet with your government's guidelines.

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