Appendix E

# SAFER, HEALTHIER STREETS



Cliffe Woods Primary School, Cliffe Woods Pre School & the City of Rochester School - School Street Proposals

Our proposals will make it safer and calmer for the school community at pick-up and drop-off times, to encourage families to walk, wheel or cycle to school.

Let us have your feedback on the proposals via our website at: **www.medway.gov.uk/SchoolStreets** 

Have your say by midnight on **Sunday, 27 October**.







## **Our Proposals**

#### What is a School Street?

School Streets prioritise public space for student pedestrians, and cyclists, rather than vehicles, and make streets near their schools feel safer and more welcoming.

School Streets operate on the streets around a school at drop-off and pick-up times during the school term.

Traffic restrictions don't impact vehicles with an exemption or emergency services.

Static cameras are installed to capture vehicles that enter the School Street zone without an exemption.

# Why are we proposing a School Street?

We are committed to making the streets outside our schools safer and healthier for our children. To help us do this, we are introducing School Streets across Medway.

The core objective of the programme is to reduce motor vehicle traffic outside schools to:



**Reduce congestion** 



Reduce parking problems for residents



Potential to improve air quality



Promote walking, wheeling and cycling



Create a safer environment for children and their parents or carers to travel to school

The programme helps us to reach some of our ambitious objectives to improve the lives of our young people and our environment.

#### What is proposed for View Road?

The proposal is to introduce a time-limited road closure (School Street) on View Road during school term time. The times of this closure will be subject to feedback from the school and the consultation.

Vehicles will not be able to enter the streets between these times unless they have been given an exemption. Residents and businesses who live and work on a School Street will be able to register for an exemption as well as Blue Badge holders. The scheme will not operate in the school holidays or at weekends.

# Creating a healthy school environment

Did you know that children are especially vulnerable to air pollution? By creating a School Street, we are hoping to reduce the particulate count and improve the air the children breathe.

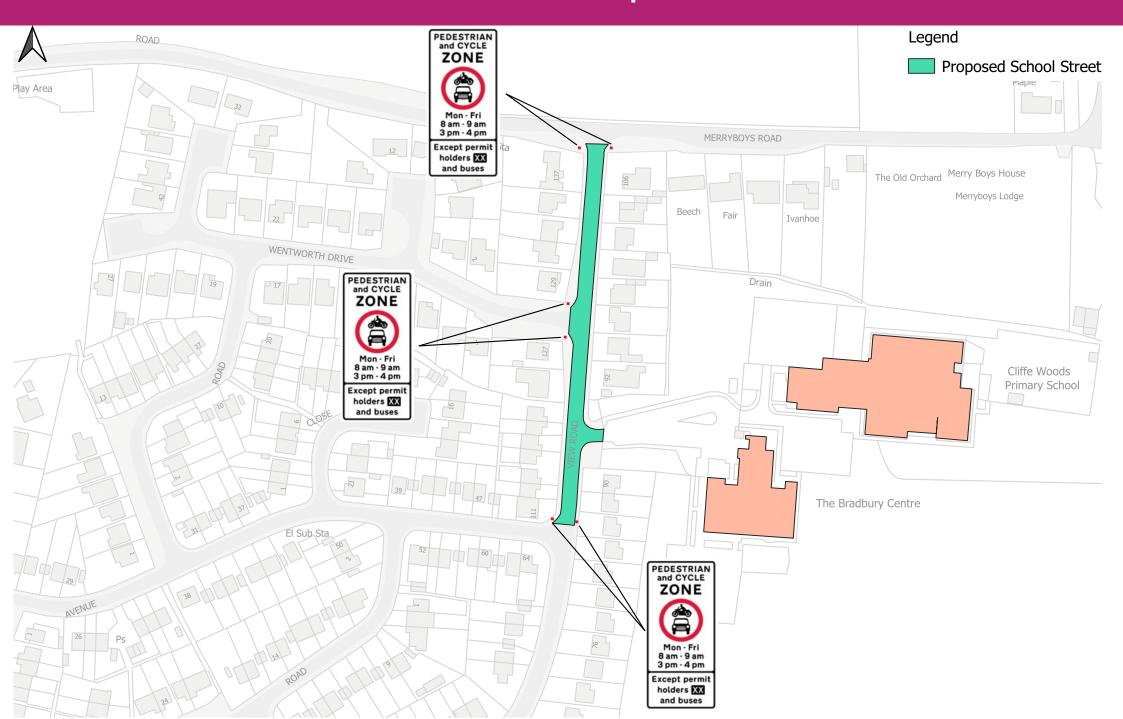
Improving air quality will reduce the likelihood of a child having an asthma attack while at school and may help with school attendance for children who are most at risk.

In addition to improving air quality around the school, by encouraging families to walk and wheel, we also hope to have a positive impact on physical and mental health within the school community.





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## **Have Your Say**

#### **FAQs**

#### If implemented, who can apply for an exemption permit?

You will be able to apply for an exemption if you:

- live in a restricted street
- work at a business in a restricted street
- work at a school in a restricted street
- are regularly dropping off a child who is a Blue Badge holder
- are a carer of vulnerable residents who live in a restricted street.

Emergency service vehicles, school buses, utility providers attending emergencies, postal services and waste vehicles are automatically exempt.

For more information on exemptions, please visit our website at:

#### www.medway.gov.uk/SchoolStreets

#### **How are School Streets enforced?**

Static cameras will be used to capture vehicles entering a School Street during operational hours.

There will be a six-month warning period when School Streets start so road users have time to get used to the new system.

The first time a driver enters a School Street without an exemption, they will get a warning notice.

After getting this notice or once the six-month warning period is over, drivers who do not follow the rules will receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

Our full FAQs can be found on our website. If you have any further questions, please get in touch.

#### Have your say

We want your local insights to refine the proposals, so they meet the needs of the community.

Please scan the OR code or visit our website to complete our survey:

#### www.medway.gov.uk/SchoolStreets



#### What happens next?

Should we proceed with these proposals, residents will receive a letter to inform them about the start date of the scheme with details of how to register a vehicle or vehicles for exemption. Public notices advising of the changes will be displayed in the street.

#### **More information**

For more information, to request a hard copy of the survey, or to receive this document in a different format or language, please get in touch.



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