

West Leigh Infants School Street

Thank you for your help so far



A big thank you goes to everyone for already finding ways to adjust your daily routine and support travelling more actively to school.

Over the past three years families, children and staff at West Leigh Infants have supported the temporary zone which is currently in place on Westfield Drive by walking, scooting, wheeling and cycling to school. Soon, the temporary zone will be made permanent and there is more information below to explain about this.

How School Streets make it easier for children to get to and from school

Westfield Drive will be a [School Street](#) which is a road that temporarily closes to become a pedestrian and cycle zone during a school's opening and closing times. School Streets can make it easier and safer for children to get to and from school as they can:

- Reduce congestion and vehicles travelling through the School Street.
- Reduce pollution around the school entrance with fewer [engines idling](#).
- Encourage more walking, cycling and [active journeys](#).
- Result in less inconsiderate parking and dangerous manoeuvres.
- Create a calmer, safer and cleaner environment.

The Council is implementing a number of School Street schemes across North Somerset. We really appreciate the support of everyone at West Leigh Infants as we work together to create a safer, healthier and more pleasant environment for everyone when they are travelling to school.

The pedestrian and cycle zone



Pedestrian and cycle zone signs (School Street)



People walking, scooting, using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and cycles (including adapted cycles) *are not* restricted when the School Street is operational.

There will be signs at the junction of Westfield Drive and Westfield Road to indicate the location of the School Street zone.

The School Street will be operational during school drop off and pick up times during term time 8.30-9.30 am and 3.00-4.00 pm.



Motor vehicles in the School Street

Motor vehicles *will be restricted* during the operating times displayed on the School Street signs. Though we encourage everyone to support the School Street when it is in operation, the following motor vehicles are allowed access:

- Residents and businesses within the School Street zone
- Blue badge holders (when their destination is within the School Street zone).
- Emergency vehicles.
- Carers and healthcare workers serving properties within the School Street zone.
- Local Authority workers serving properties within the School Street zone.
- Postal service vehicles serving post boxes within the School Street zone.
- Statutory undertakers (such as water and gas companies) attending emergency works within the School Street zone.

- School buses and school transport serving the school within the School Street zone.
- School staff who require access to the school.

Please keep doing these great things

Thank you for travelling actively to school and for parking and striding on busy days or when plans mean you have to take the car.

- ✓ Keep walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school on as many days as you can during the school week.
- ✓ When you have to bring the car, be mindful that the roads around the school are busy. Disperse the parking as much as you can to make drop off easier for everyone with less pressure on parking spaces. This is also helpful for residents too.
- ✓ Think about when you can travel actively, maybe one day is easier - it all helps.

1 in 5 cars in the morning rush are on the school run.
Leaving the car at home means no problems with parking.

Please do not do the following

It will be illegal to drive into Westfield Drive when the School Street is in operation. Drivers who do, will be putting both children and others at risk. When travelling by car to school please be mindful not to:

- ✗ Enter Westfield Drive to drop children to school.
- ✗ Park on pavements or double-yellow lines.
- ✗ Park and block entrances to properties.
- ✗ Allow children to egress from vehicles into the road rather than onto the pavement.
- ✗ Stop in the middle of the road to allow children out of a vehicle without parking.

Thank you for supporting the West Leigh Infants School Street