

School Street survey

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My Journey, Southampton City Council's sustainable travel team, is working with Sustrans to monitor the effects of school street traffic restrictions on the local area.

School Streets closures are timed traffic restrictions at school drop-off and pick-up times on the road outside the school gate. They aim to make social distancing easier, ease congestion, reduce air pollution and improve road safety during the peak period of school travel. We would like to hear from you about how you feel about your local School Streets initiative.

Those who complete the adults' survey will be entered into a **£10 shopping voucher prize draw** (one voucher available per school).

A prize is also on offer for the school that achieves the highest percentage of completed pupil surveys.

Adult survey link:
bit.ly/schoolstreetadult

Pupil survey link:
bit.ly/schoolstreetpupil

Email: School.Streets@southampton.gov.uk

transport.southampton.gov.uk/activeschoolrun




School Street survey

- Open to all- residents, parents, pupils, staff
- Posted to 2.6k local properties. Schools shared with school community
- 521 responses as of 10 May
- 82% of adults say they support the School Street (13% no, 5% don't know)
- Mode shift towards active travel
 - 27% walk more
 - 7% cycle more
 - 14% scoot/skate more
 - 17% drive less

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Pupil survey

- **85%** feel safer or a lot **safer on their school street** when they walk/cycle/scoot
- **78%** say it's easier or a lot **easier to walk/cycle/scoot to school**
- **83%** are quite happy or very **happy with their school street**

[I like most] that everyone is able [to] walk without worrying about cars

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Adult survey – all responses

- **80%** agree or strongly agree that the **street is safer**
- **62%** agree or strongly agree that the street is now a **more sociable space** (13% disagree or strongly disagree)
- **50%** agree or strongly agree that the street is now a **more inclusive place** (12% disagree or strongly disagree)
- **46%** agree or strongly agree that the street is now a **more attractive place** (13% disagree or strongly disagree)



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Adult survey – all responses

- **53%** agree or strongly agree that the **air quality has improved** (11% disagree or strongly disagree)
- **52%** agree the **surrounding streets are the same or less congested** with car traffic than before the school street (35% believe they are more congested)
- **76%** **would like the school street closures to continue** - same or with changes (16% would not)



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Adult survey – all responses

Overall **support for School Street closures: 82%** (13% against)

- Freemantle C of E Academy
- Mansion Road

Yes 78% no 14%

- Mansbridge Primary - Octavia Road

Yes 84% no 11%

- Shirley Infants - Wilton Road

Yes 88% no 7%

- Shirley Juniors - Bellemoor Road

Yes 83% no 13%

- Shirley Warren Primary
- Warren Crescent

Yes 80% no 20%

- Valentine Primary - Valentine Avenue

Yes 67% no 25%

- Wordsworth Primary - Victor Street

Yes 97% no 2%

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Adult survey – parents only

- 60% agree or strongly agree it is now easier to walk/cycle/scoot to school and back (12% disagree or strongly disagree)
- Impact of the school street on mode of travel to school
 - 27% walk more (3% walk less)
 - 7% cycle more (4% cycle less)
 - 14% scoot/skate more (4% scoot/skate less)
 - 17% drive less (4% drive more)



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Adult survey – parents only

[...] Feels more relaxed. Child feels more secure. No incidents [at] the zebra [crossing] with irate drivers stuck in a jam rushing dangerously across [...]. The queues, once the gate opens, disperse orderly and quickly

It is so much safer for our children and the air quality is better. I am more relaxed waiting in the queue for school knowing there aren't as many cars. Illegal parking down the road has massively reduced too. It should definitely continue

It has improved the experience of dropping off a huge amount. [It's] now much safer and easier to socially distance. Thank you to all involved, especially the volunteers

No more cars sitting with engines running for parents collecting children. This was very inconsiderate for others walking past and bad for people with lung and chest conditions

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Adult survey – residents only

- **56%** of residents of school streets support the closure (37% do not). **51%** want the closures to continue (40% do not)
- **72%** of local residents or those who travel through support the closure (18% do not). **66%** want the closures to continue (25% do not)



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Adult survey – residents only

I haven't been blocked in or out since school streets started. People used to constantly park across my driveway and leave their car to collect their children. I am a working school Mum and need access to my drive at school hours

Much safer for the children as the queue is on the pavement, meaning that to socially distance people have to pass on the road (as well as the other pavement but if multiple people are walking down/up the street it is inevitable that the road will be used). Well done to the council for being brave enough to initiate this

[...] this makes the travelling by foot to school a lot safer. No cars!! It's brilliant. It also encourages kids to walk to school as parents cannot just pull in to drop the kids off

The narrow street was always heavily congested around school times before the closures and the closures have improved this situation regardless of the reason for introducing it

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