

ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AND WIRRAL COUNCIL HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO TRIAL A 'SCHOOL STREET' OUTSIDE THE LOWER SITE ON ST GEORGE'S ROAD.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL STREET?

A School Street is a stretch of road outside a school that is temporarily closed to traffic during school drop off and pick-up times. This then limits traffic in the road outside the school at key times and creates a predominantly car free zone resulting in a safer and more pleasant environment for everyone around the school. The scheme encourages travelling to school by walking and cycling or scooting.

WILL I STILL BE ABLE TO DRIVE ON THE SCHOOL STREET?

Vehicles will not be allowed to enter the School Street when it is in operation (during school drop-off and pick up times) unless exempt.

People who are exempt, include:

- Residents with a valid School Streets permit
- Visitors of residents with a valid School Street visitor permit
- Blue badge holders residing at, visiting properties within the restricted roads or dropping off or picking children up from school
- School buses and school transport services serving St George's Primary School
- Public transport
- Taxis serving properties within the restricted roads
- Emergency services, doctors on call, district nurses, carers and support workers working at the properties on the restricted roads

- Statutory public services/utilities (gas, electricity, water, telecoms companies) working at the properties on the restricted roads
- Tradespeople serving properties within the restricted roads
- Delivery and postal services accessing properties within the restricted roads

Motorists are required to drive carefully during the School Street operation times.

Residents who live on the School Street (or require access to their property) will be exempt but will need to apply for a permit. All residents will receive a letter from the council to explain this and how to apply. Residents can also apply for visitor permits but access should, where possible be arranged outside of the School Street operation times.

WHEN WILL THE SCHOOL STREET BE IN OPERATION?

St George's Road between St John's Road and Perrin Road outside the school and Walkers Croft will be closed to general traffic Monday to Friday between 8.30am–9.00am and 2.50pm–3.30pm. Only pedestrians, cyclists or motorists with an exemption will be able to access the School Street during these times.

It is important that parents/carers and children no longer stand outside the school on St George's Road. We will be working with the school community to remind them in advance of the scheme going live!

THIS LEAFLET INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS FOR RESIDENTS, PARENTS AND CHILDREN AND HOW YOU CAN HAVE YOUR SAY.



WHY ARE YOU INTRODUCING A SCHOOL STREET?

St George's Primary School is one of the largest primary schools in Wirral with over 700 children arriving and leaving on a short stretch of St George's Road. This scheme also encourages families to walk, cycle, scoot or park further away from the school and walk the last part of the journey. Many children and families are already doing this, and it would be great to see even more people joining them.

We ran a temporary road closure outside St George's Primary School during the COVID-19 pandemic, owing to the size of the school roll and the available space for social distancing.

A School Street Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) will now enable communities to have their say on these arrangements.

WHAT IF I CAN'T WALK OR CYCLE TO SCHOOL?

St George's Primary School and Wirral Council understand that it is not always possible for everyone to walk, cycle or scoot to and/or from school. The council will work with St George's Primary School and the school community to make sure that alternative suggestions are considered.

WHERE CAN I PARK TO DROP MY CHILD/CHILDREN OFF?

The map included in this leaflet shows the roads around St George's Primary School and where the School Street will operate. During operational hours of the School Street, the section of St George's Road between St John's Road and Perrin Road outside the school and the whole of Walkers Croft will be closed to non-permit holders.

HOW WILL YOU RUN THE SCHEME?

A dedicated Active Travel Officer will help introduce and support the School Street. Signs will be introduced to show where the School Street zone is and to tell motorists of the hours of operation. Vehicles entering the School Street zone, without a valid exemption, may incur a fine.

WHAT ABOUT THE WEEKENDS AND DURING THE HOLIDAYS?

The scheme will only operate during the week, Monday to Friday, during school drop-off and pick-up times. The restrictions will operate during term time only but please note that these dates may vary year on year.



HOW IS THE SCHEME BEING INTRODUCED?

The School Street scheme will be delivered through an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). We are inviting comments, questions, support for the scheme or objections (setting out your reasoning) to decide if the scheme is to be made permanent. To contact us, use the details within this leaflet. Comments must be made within 6 months from the date the scheme is first introduced. The School Street at St George's Primary School will be trialled for a maximum of 18 months.

During the 18 months, the council will closely monitor the School Street and listen to feedback and ideas shared to help us decide if it is working for the school and the local community.

HOW LONG WILL THE RULES BE IN PLACE?

St George's Primary School and Wirral Council are introducing the School Street scheme for a trial period up to 18 months.

As it is a trial, the scheme will be reviewed throughout this time and if the trial is considered successful Wirral Council will look to make it permanent.

WHAT ELSE ARE YOU DOING IN THIS AREA?

We are making some amendments to a number of junctions, as shown on the map to restrict parking and improve safety for those travelling on foot or on wheels. We are introducing a School Crossing Patrol on Claremount Road to support more people to travel actively.

**MAKING SMALL CHANGES
TO HOW WE TRAVEL TO
SCHOOL CAN HAVE
A BIG IMPACT ON THE
WELL-BEING OF THE
WHOLE COMMUNITY**





**THE NEARER WE ALL
PARK TO SCHOOL
THE MORE WE POLLUTE
THE AIR FOR
OUR CHILDREN**



10
MINUTES
walk to
St George's
Primary School
from here






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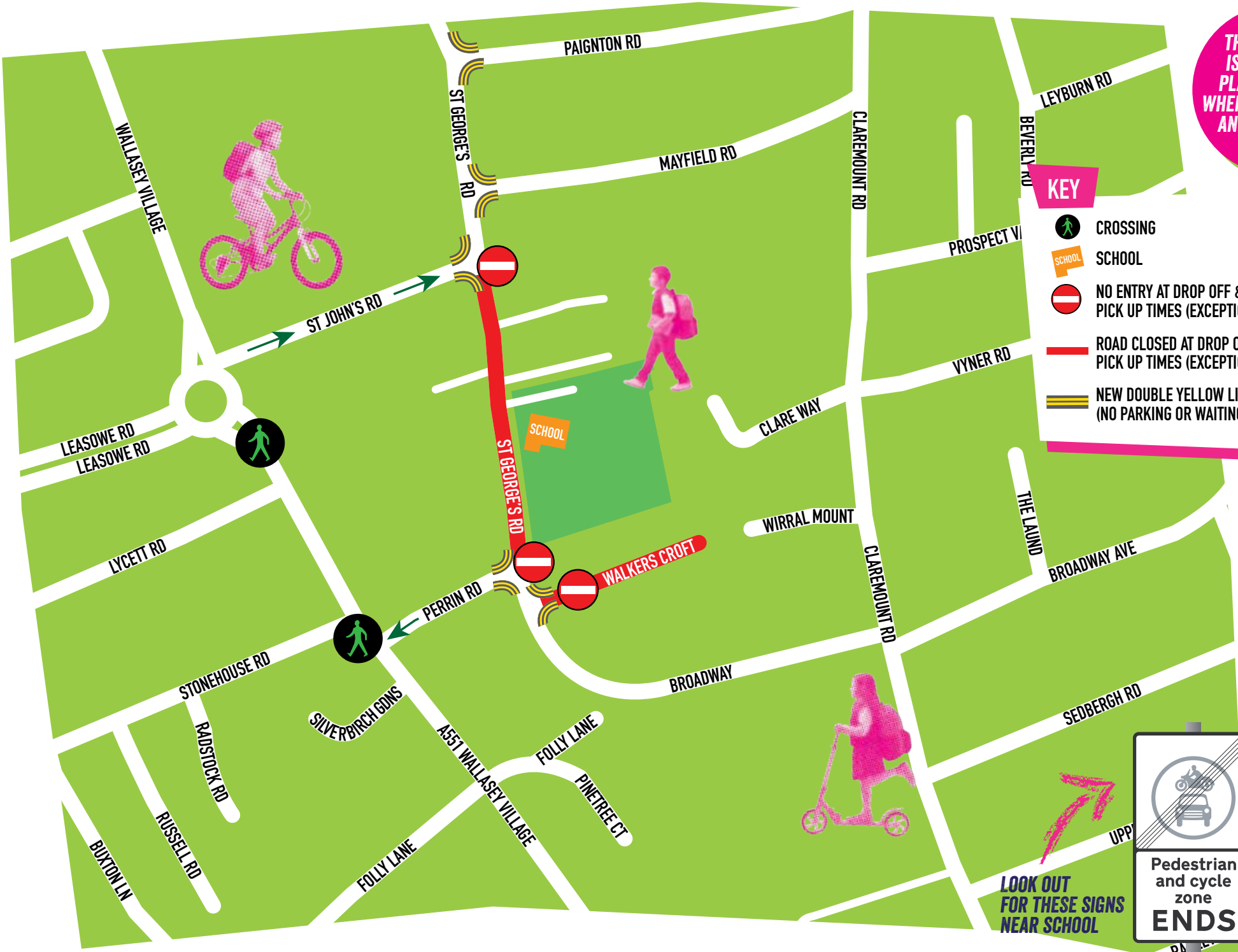
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**WALKING AND CYCLING IS ENCOURAGED ON A SCHOOL STREET
AND CAN HELP LIMIT TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND REDUCE AIR
POLLUTION. IF YOU WANT TO BRUSH UP ON YOUR CYCLING
SKILLS WE OFFER FREE CYCLE SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES IN
MERSEYSIDE. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO BOOK
A SESSION VISIT: WWW.BIKERIGHT.CO.UK**

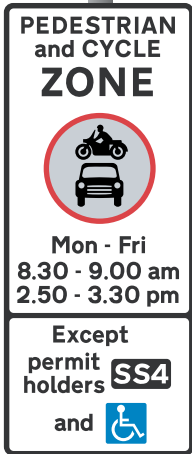
THE PAVEMENT IS THE SAFEST PLACE TO STAND WHEN DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING CHILDREN

KEY

-  CROSSING
-  SCHOOL
-  NO ENTRY AT DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES (EXCEPTIONS APPLY)
-  ROAD CLOSED AT DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES (EXCEPTIONS APPLY)
-  NEW DOUBLE YELLOW LINES (NO PARKING OR WAITING AT ANY TIME)



LOOK OUT FOR THESE SIGNS NEAR SCHOOL



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK?

Wirral Council would like to know what you think about the School Streets scheme. You can find out more about the trial and share your ideas, comments and suggestions by visiting the council's Have Your Say website:

www.haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk

To comment on the scheme in a different way, you can contact the council by using the details below.

By Email:

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