Sheen Mount School Street FAQ's

1. What is a School Street?

A School Street is a timed road closure which reduces vehicular traffic into the restricted area, supporting active travel, reducing vehicle movement and creating a safer and more pleasant start and end to the day. School Streets operate Monday to Friday during term-time using signs to denote their presence. The School Street proposed for Sheen Mount School is proposed to operate Monday to Friday between **8.15** to **9.15am** and **3.00** to **3.45pm**, term time only. For School Street term times please visit our Locations webpage where you can find a timetable for all School Street operating hours.

2. What does it look like?

For an experimental trial School Street, there are not a lot of changes on site except that yellow backed School Street signs (shown below) are installed and where necessary we also install advance warning signs ahead of the School Street entrance.

Following the informal consultation feedback and monitoring data, this proposal is being implemented with complimentary engineering measures to enhance its impact and address resident and parent concerns and is therefore subject to potential road layout amendments which include a trial School Street on West Temple Sheen between Temple Sheen Road and Christchurch Road (and including Westhay Gardens). Enhanced school safety measures on Christchurch Road will fall under a separate consultation and are to consider a proposed crossing, speed reduction measures, review of lining restrictions and improved school warning and 20mph signage and buildouts to aid crossing at junctions which addresses the concerns raised by the school. This will be enforced by CCTV ANPR cameras.

If the trial scheme is approved to be made permanent, it will be enhanced with our new entry treatment that is being rolled out at permanent School Streets in the borough (an

example shown below, but each location is designed with it particular road layout in mind).

3. How is it managed?

The proposal is to manage the Sheen Mount School Street with CCTV Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras and residents should have received a letter explaining how to register their vehicles. More information on who is eligible for exemption and the process to apply can be found on our School Street Exemptions webpage.

4. Will I be inconvenienced?

The following drivers may apply for exemption from the restrictions:

- Residents and businesses living within the School Street restriction
- Blue badge holders visiting a property within the School Street
- Taxis serving a property within the School Street
- Healthcare workers/carers/medical staff visiting a property within the School Street
- Essential deliveries and emergency/urgent statutory undertakers and suppliers visiting properties within the School Street

The scheme will restrict access to parents/guardians and non-essential road users during peak school times.

For CCTV ANPR enforced School Streets, the above drivers can apply for free exemption to enter the restricted area.

Emergency vehicles are automatically exempt.

All parked vehicles can exit the School Street at any time without contravening the restriction.

5. Won't the parents/guardians park in the next available street?

A new School Street takes a few months for everyone to adjust to the changes, but as parents/carers are having to park further away some may find active travel and park and stride a more convenient option and parking is then dispersed wider and is less concentrated than before. The result is a safer and healthier environment outside the school gate.

Schools have always been encouraged to promote park and stride to parents as part of their school travel plans. We also undertake post implementation traffic counts around the area and travel to school surveys, which we compare with baseline data.

6. What do you mean by trialling the School Street under an experimental traffic order?

School Streets are first implemented with an experimental traffic order (ETO) as a trial. This allows the council to reopen the consultation and gather views from residents and businesses as well as the school community, during the first 6 months of the trial whilst they are experiencing the impacts of the School Street live.

It also allows the council to monitor the impacts and make any necessary amendments to the scheme. After a few months we monitor traffic counts and ask the school to undertake travel to school surveys in the area and compare these against baseline (pre installation) data to see what impacts the School Street has had in the area.

Results of this consultation, along with the monitoring data, will help inform the decision to be taken by Transport and Air Quality Committee (TAQ) on whether to make permanent, amend or remove the School Street.

For more information, please visit our School Street webpages

Process, timeline and decision making:

Autumn Term 2023

- Public engagement sessions were held at the school
- Feedback used to design a proposal/s

Spring Term 2024

- Baseline Monitoring data undertaken (parking survey, traffic counts and request school to undertake a hands-up survey)

Summer Term 2024

- Online consultation on a School Street with general public
- Consultation sessions held at the school
- Consultation feedback and monitoring data reviewed and reported to local ward councillors and Transport and Air Quality Chair and Vice Chair
- Delegated Decision approved before proceeding with ETO/trial

Spring Term 2025

- Launch ETO School Street trial with reopened consultation for 6 months

Roughly 6 months after launching ETO/trial

- Undertake post implementation monitoring for comparison with baseline
- Close consultation
- Report consultation feedback and monitoring data to the TAQ committee for a decision on whether to make the school street permanent, amend or remove it

Up to 18 months from the ETO/trial launch

- Action TAQ committee decision with installation of a School Street enhanced gateway similar to the above example