

## **School Street at St Clements Gardens**

Since March 2022, a School Street has been in place at St Clements Gardens to help create a safer, healthier environment for our pupils, families and local residents.

A School Street is a road outside a school that is temporarily closed to motor traffic during drop-off and pick-up times. The aim is to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and enhance safety, especially around the school gates where children gather.

### **Why it matters**

The School Street has been strongly supported by parents and staff, and we've seen a noticeable increase in families choosing to walk, scoot, or cycle to school. This shift not only promotes healthier habits but also contributes to a calmer, more welcoming atmosphere at the start and end of the school day.

### **Operating times**

The School Street operates during term time only at the following times:

- Morning drop-off: 8.00-9.00am
- Afternoon pick-up: 2.15-3.30pm

During these periods, motor vehicles are not permitted to enter the School Street zone unless exempt.

### **Legal information and enforcement**

The School Street is governed by a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). This means:

- Only exempt vehicles, such as residents of the street or Blue Badge holders, may enter during closure times.
- Clear signage is in place to indicate when motor traffic is restricted.
- Non-exempt drivers who proceed past the signs during restricted hours are committing a legal offence, even if the moveable barrier is not in place.
- Offences may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice, which can include penalty points and a fine.

### **What parents can do**

- Do not enter the School Street zone during closure times.
- Consider walking, cycling, or scooting, even part of the way.
- If driving is necessary, park a short distance away and walk the final stretch.
- Be mindful of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or pavements.

### **Thank you for your support**

By working together, we're helping to make the journey to school safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for supporting our School Street initiative and helping us build a healthier future for our children.