

# Parents FAQ's

The School Streets Scheme trial will start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Why are we introducing School Streets?

The council is introducing a trial School Streets scheme at two primary schools in Moray for an initial period of 9 months, after which we will evaluate the scheme. These locations have been experiencing ongoing road safety concerns raised by residents, parents and the schools caused by drivers bringing their vehicles too close to the school gate at school drop off and pick up times.

The benefits of introducing School Streets are that:

- Walking, cycling and active lifestyles for pupils and parents will increase
- Traffic speed, congestion and pollution around school gates will reduce
- We are responding to a demand from parents and residents.

## How will it operate?

Vehicles will not be able to drive on the School Streets when the scheme is in operation. Large signs will be at the entrance to the scheme and they will have flashing lights to indicate when the scheme is in operation. Permits will be issued to residents who live on streets affected by the scheme.

## Which streets will be closed and at what times?

### New Elgin Primary

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 9am & 2.30pm – 3pm. School days and term time only.

- 1) Bezack Street (from School Brae to the junction at Anderson Drive)
- 2) School Brae
- 3) Pond Park Place

### Seafield Primary

Monday to Friday 8.40am – 9.10am & 2.40pm – 3.10pm. School days and term time only.

- 1) Deanshaugh Terrace (from the junction at Munro place to the beginning of the carpark outside the school)

## Can I apply for a Resident Permit?

Permits are only available to residents who live within or would be affected by the school streets scheme. It is not available to any other road users. Additional exemptions for access will be applied

## **Exemptions**

We recognise that at times it is necessary for certain vehicles to continue to have access to these streets at all times. Therefore the following exemptions will apply;

- Blue badge holders
- School Staff/Teachers
- Emergency services
- Children receiving ASN services
- Council vehicles (waste collection and roads maintenance)
- Carers/District nurses
- Delivery companies

## **So where can I park?**

We want to encourage Active Travel to our schools by leaving the car behind. Walking / cycling / wheeling will contribute to a healthier-more active lifestyle that we want all our pupils to enjoy. However we know there are times where circumstances mean you must travel by car to school. For these instances, the car park at Deanshaugh Terrace, towards the junction with Fraser Avenue, will remain open for drop off and pick up.

## **Who will enforce school streets?**

The scheme will be enforced by Police Scotland. The penalty for ignoring the signs will be a fine.

## **Where can I find out more?**

Comprehensive information is available on our website [moray.gov.uk/schoolstreets](https://moray.gov.uk/schoolstreets)

If you have any questions please contact us by email on [schooltravel@moray.gov.uk](mailto:schooltravel@moray.gov.uk) or call 0300 123 4561.