

# Residents FAQs

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)

## I am a resident of a School Street. Can I drive in and out of my street when the signs are flashing?

Yes – local residents living within the streets that are closed should apply for a permit that must be displayed on the car windscreen. Residents who live in the School Streets zone will receive a letter from the Council giving advice on how to apply. If your household has more than one car, you are entitled to apply for a permit for every vehicle kept at the address. Please note this only applies to those living at the address and not visitors.

### **How do I apply for a Resident Permit?**

All residents will be entitled to apply for a free permit for every vehicle kept at their address. Please fill in and follow the instructions on the School Streets application form. We aim to turn around your permit within 7 working days. Please note that the council offices will be closed over the Christmas period.

Permits are not available for visitors including family members who do not live with you.

Permits are vehicle specific so if you change your vehicle, please remember to send back your old permit and reapply for a new one.

### **What other road users are permitted in the street?**

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

### **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](http://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.