



DOWNSVIEW PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

SCHOOL STREETS – Biggin Way and Marston Way

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Council have asked the school to notify parents/carers that it is introducing morning and afternoon driving restrictions in the road near to the school's Main Entrance on Biggin Way. This will come into effect from today, Thursday 5th September. The Council is doing this for road safety and air quality reasons, and to encourage children and parents to use cars less and to walk, cycle and use public transport more. The Council's road safety and travel team is in contact with the school to provide safe travel training for the children.

What is a School Street?

In present context, it is a street with a school entrance, which is restricted to use by pedestrians and cyclists, with most motor vehicle traffic prohibited, between the hours of **08:00 to 09:30 and 14:00 to 16:00** on weekdays. In accordance with the Highway Code for the School Street signs, the restriction applies to the act of driving into the road during the stated hours. Vehicles arriving outside these hours will be permitted to remain parked in the road and to drive out of the road at any time. In practice, the restrictions are not enforced outside the school terms. Exempt vehicles can drive in the road at all times.

Why is the Council doing this?

The School Street is proposed, firstly, in response to credible requests for something to be done about obstruction, safety and air pollution concerns from the high volume of traffic and parking at school times. The London Mayor has made it an over-reaching policy that all local Councils must help children and parents to use cars less and to walk, cycle and use public transport more. The opening of a School Street will coincide with additional road safety and travel training for children at the school.

What if I need to drive my vehicle in the street during the restricted hours?

Motor vehicles belonging to the following groups of drivers are eligible for an exemption permit, to enable them to drive in the School Street during the hours of operation:

- Occupier within the zone, with a registered vehicle or a hire, company or courtesy car agreement.
- School buses and vehicles used in the transport of children and adults with special access needs, including private vehicles, taxis and minicabs declared for such use. The school has authority to determine eligibility and request a permit under special circumstances where car use is considered essential.
- Business and school employees with allocated parking on their premises inside the zone.
- Essential health and care visitors of occupiers within the zone, including relatives of vulnerable residents.
- All day and heavy commercial operators, such as builders, decorators and heavy goods suppliers, are eligible for a temporary permit covering the duration of their necessary activities.

Should you wish to make a request for special access to the school, please email sec1@downsview.croydon.sch.uk with the header 'School Streets Exemption Request' with the reason for the exemption. The school may request further evidence to support exemption requests.

How can it be ensured that motorists driving in the School Street zone are entitled?

A traffic camera with automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) and a contravention detection algorithm will operate during the controlled hours. The Penalty Charge Notice is £160 (discounted to £80 if paid within 14 days) and issued to the registered keeper of a vehicle. Drivers have the right to appeal any penalty, stating a legally valid reason for driving in the School Street.

What about my privacy when using the street?

Every individual ANPR camera has a Privacy Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA), which is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office. The DPIA checks and demonstrates that the processing of personal data is compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018.

The fixed position ANPR camera is type approved by the Department for Transport and operates within the Surveillance Commissioners Codes of Practice. In addition, the ANPR cameras are operated in a way that does not constitute surveillance and does not interfere with rights granted under the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). The camera focuses strictly on the traffic entry point to the street. It only triggers and stores a recording when a driving contravention is detected.

Should you have any queries regarding the scheme please do not contact the School Office. Any queries should be sent to the Council's contact email address for the scheme at: schoolparking@croydon.gov.uk