

School Streets Rochdale – Hollingworth Academy

What is a School Street?

A School Street is a temporary traffic restriction around a school during drop-off and pick-up times. The aim is to create a safer, healthier environment by encouraging walking, cycling, or scooting instead of travelling by car.

How it works

An area of road around the school will be temporarily closed to non-essential vehicles for short periods at school start and finish time. In the main only pedestrians, cyclists, scooters and buses are permitted to access a zone while the restriction is in place. However, residents and visitors (such as health care workers) will still be given access although permits may be needed to do so and emergency vehicles will, of course, be given access automatically.

This frees up the road space to make it easier and safer for children and families to be more active on their school journey, enjoy better air quality and a better overall environment at the beginning and end of the school day.

School staff and volunteers will manage the road closures and be equipped with high-visibility vests as well as cones and other street furniture for use only during the times of road closure.

What are the key benefits of a School Street?

A School Street supports the aims of school travel plans which encourage and promote active, healthy, safe, and sustainable travel to school for pupils, staff, and visitors as an alternative to short, single occupancy car journeys.

Some benefits include:

- Reduced traffic and congestion
- Cleaning up the air that our children breath
- Improved Road Safety - including no crossing between dangerously parked cars Encourage more sustainable and active forms of travel to schools
- Fewer cars around the school

Hollingworth Academy

Our plans to trial a School Street for Hollingworth Academy will involve closing Cornfield Street and Pennine Drive between the start and end of the school day, i.e. from 08:15 -08:45 and 14:45 -15:30, Monday to Friday. (These timings are provided as examples only; the final implementation schedule for traffic regulation order will be confirmed following the consultation process.)

The volunteers/ school staff will close the entrance(s) to this street using cones and signing and then marshal any vehicles seeking access including those with permits where appropriate. However, we would ask for everyone to kindly try to avoid the need to drive within the School Street during its periods of operation, wherever possible, to improve the safety of the pupils and parents using this street to get to school.

A PERMIT SYSTEM WILL BE IN USE AND ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR PERMITS AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THOSE AFFECTED VERY SOON WITH DETAILS.

Hollingworth Academy Plan

Please view map of Hollingworth Academy here:



FAQ's

Are any vehicles permitted access to a School Street zone?

School Streets are designed to reduce traffic around schools for most vehicles but there are some important exceptions:

- Residents living within a School Street zone can enter and exit during the times of operation but are encouraged to avoid driving through the zone at school start and finish times as far as possible.
- Access is permitted to a school street zone during the times of operation for blue badge holders. This includes both child and their parent/guardian - whoever is the badge holder.
- All carers needing access to a property within a School Street during the times of operation to provide essential care.
- Emergency vehicles.

- Residents or businesses that have private parking inside a zone requiring access during the times of operation. Some of the examples above may be facilitated using permits which will be provided.
- The restriction does not prevent residents and their visitors leaving the street during the times of operation - it only affects those wanting to access the street.

Can school staff still access private parking on school premises?

Access during the times of street closures will be permitted for staff where, for example, a school has *off* street private parking provided exclusively for them. Staff will be strongly encouraged to arrive and leave school premises outside of the times of the closures to keep the road clear of vehicles.

