

SAFER SCHOOL STREETS FOR FROME

POP UP

Frome Town Council is exploring making the streets around Oakfield, Trinity and Critchill a School Street. This means that we will be asking you to actively travel to school, walking, cycling or scooting and if you need to drive, to park and stride 5 minutes where possible. We are setting up a pop up from September and would like to hear your views and experiences as it happens.

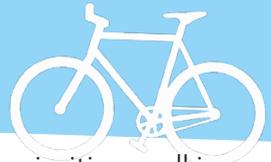
A School Street's aim is to create safer, less congested streets around the schools. By encouraging more families to actively travel, walking and cycling to school, it will reduce air pollution and enable social distancing. School Streets gives priority to walking and cycling at all times and limits vehicle access and **so walking and cycling will feel much safer.** It will be a trial, will be reviewed frequently and will leave access for anyone who lives in these streets plus school staff, buses, disabled drivers, deliveries and other personal emergencies.

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What is a School Street?



A School Street is an area that limits vehicle access and prioritises walking and cycling outside schools. **All residents** who live in the School Streets area will **still be able to access their street without restriction**, as will school staff, buses and people with disabilities. All families heading to school will for the most part be asked to either actively travel, walking, cycling, scooting or where not possible, to park and stride for 5 minutes.

How will it happen?



We aim to implement a trial in three stages:

Stage 1 Pop-up installation with traffic cones and signage in September. The School Street project will be reviewed every month and can be removed if needed. As you return to school for the new term you will be asked to actively travel to school.

Stage 2 Collect feedback from schools, local residents, wider community, and improve layout. If we get extra funding from the Department for Transport, we will replace cones with planters, install cycle parking at schools and on street if desired, pocket parks and other fun stuff.

Stage 3 Decide whether the School Street should be permanent fixture.

When will it happen?



- Public meeting to find out more - Tuesday 25th August at 7pm via Zoom
Register online at www.bit.ly/School-Streets-Meeting
- Stage 1 starts 4th September ready for the new term
- First review 18th September and then the first Thursday of the month at 7pm

What will it look like?

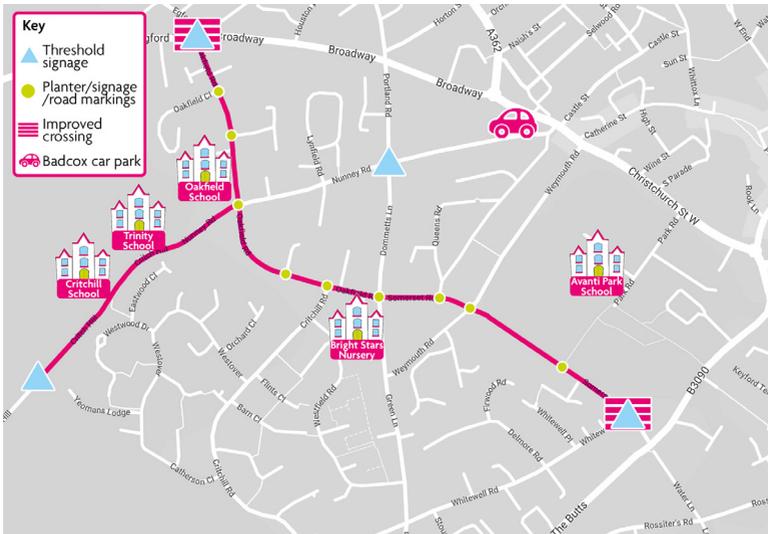


Stage 1: basic signage and cones



Stage 2: updated signs, planters and cycle parking

We have identified Oakfield Road, Somerset Road and the top of Nunney Road as a potential School Street because it links 5 schools with over 1500 pupils - Oakfield Academy, Trinity and Critchill School, with the Avanti Academy and Bright Stars nearby, to Victoria Park and runs along the NCN24 cycle route.



We'd like to hear your thoughts. Please fill in the survey online at www.bit.ly/School-Streets-Frome or overleaf and return to Frome Town Hall, Christchurch St West, BA11 1EB.

Please email on info@frometowncouncil.gov.uk or call us on 01373 465 757 if you have any questions.

School Streets Survey

1. Are you in favour of setting up a safer School Street around Oakfield, Trinity and Critchill schools to enable more people to safely walk and cycle to school?

Yes No Not sure

2. The School Streets pop up may mean adding an extra 5 to 10 minutes of exercise into your routine. Would you and / or your child(ren) be happy to walk or cycle to school most days?

Yes No Maybe N/A

3. If you need to drive to school, you will need to park and stride (if it is an emergency or you have lots of things to deliver to the school or your child is sick you can still park in the area as a one off but will need to drive carefully and slowly). A map of local places you can park and walk will be provided. Would you be willing to 'park and stride' and integrate 5-10 minutes of exercise into your routine?

Yes No Maybe N/A

4. Would you be interested in being part of an 'active bus' (i.e. a group of parents/guardians and children who walk up, scoot or cycle to school together)? If so, what would be the best time and place for you to meet others and walk up and/or return from schools?

Badcox Car Park 8:00am 8:30am 8:45am 3:00pm 3:15pm 3:30pm
Broadway 8:00am 8:30am 8:45am 3:00pm 3:15pm 3:30pm
Victoria Park 8:00am 8:30am 8:45am 3:00pm 3:15pm 3:30pm
 I wouldn't be interested in the active bus

5. Do you have any other thoughts about the proposed safer School Streets project? What is important to you?

6. This is a pop-up. Would you be interested in being part of a group that meets monthly to review the impact of the project?

Yes No

Thank you for your input. To be kept informed of current progress please leave your email address (or telephone number) here*

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*your details will not be shared with any other organisation and only used for this purpose

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