

Buchanhaven Primary School Streets Project



Introduction

Buchanhaven Primary School are to be involved in a trial project, launching in spring 2026, called 'School Streets Project'. During the trial, ongoing monitoring will take place to determine the impact of the project.

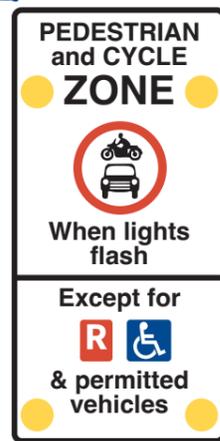


What is a 'School Streets Project'?

This project aims to consider the value and benefit of introducing **part-time road closures** around school gates. The objective is to reduce the number of vehicles in the location where pupils are entering and exiting the school, to help create a safer and cleaner environment at the school gate. This project will have an impact on all school users, so please take the time to read the information in this leaflet.

How will this operate?

Signage with flashing beacons will be erected at either end of **Hope Street**, between **Craigewan Crescent** down to **Thores Road** as well as **George Garden Avenue**. The lights will flash when the closure period is in operation. When the lights flash, only exempted vehicles or those displaying a permit will be allowed access / egress in the zone.



Which streets will be closed and at what times?

Part of **Hope Street** and **George Garden Avenue** 8.00 to 9.30am and 2.00 to 3.30pm Mon-Fri only, term time only.

Who is eligible for a permit or exempt from the project?

Residents and school staff will be issued a permit. Vehicles that are exempt from the restrictions are:

- Blue badge holders
- Emergency services
- Council vehicles (waste collection and road maintenance)
- Carers / district nurses
- Delivery drivers
- Taxi drivers
- Public and school transport

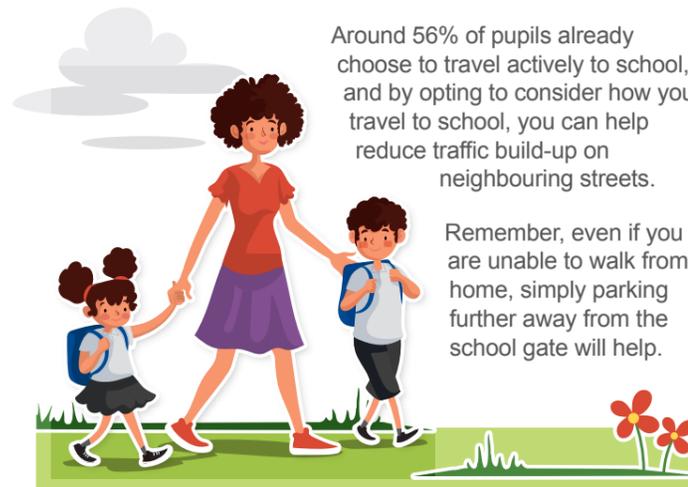


Who will enforce school streets?

As this project is covered by a Temporary Traffic Order (Road Scotland) Act 2005, the part-time road closure will be enforced by **Police Scotland**. A fine can be issued for failure to comply with the traffic order.

What can I do as a parent / carer?

This project aims to create a **safer** and **healthier environment** at the school gate. This will require all school users to play their part for the benefit of all. Please read the key advice below on travelling to and from school.



Around 56% of pupils already choose to travel actively to school, and by opting to consider how you travel to school, you can help reduce traffic build-up on neighbouring streets.

Remember, even if you are unable to walk from home, simply parking further away from the school gate will help.

Always remember it is the parent / carer's responsibility to get their child safely to school.

When your child is ready to travel independently will differ with each child and is a parental decision. Walking part of the way, such as from a Park and Stride site, can be a good first step.

There are cycle shelters at the school that you are free to use, but we can't take responsibility for bikes left there.



The benefits of travelling actively



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Embedding exercise into travel helps install good, healthy habits and has huge benefits to both physical and mental health. Showing young people that you can walk or cycle to school, even in poor weather, will help them learn that you don't need to drive for short journeys. Remember, there is never poor weather, just the wrong clothing.



LEARNING BENEFITS

Physical activity before school, even a short burst, can set your child up for the day. It has been proven that a bit of exercise can awaken the brain and help with concentrating, unlocking learning potential.



TIME & COST SAVINGS

Walking, cycling or parking slightly further away can save you time overall and stress trying to find somewhere to park closer to the school. Walking all the way also saves on petrol.



ENVIRONMENTAL

Swapping car trips for active modes is great for the environment and helps improve air quality within our communities and around schools.



ROAD SAFETY SKILLS

Even if your child is not ready to travel independently to school yet, travelling actively will provide them with a chance to enhance their road safety skills and help them get ready for when they can.



SOCIAL

Being able to walk to school with your child, or with their friends, can be an opportunity to talk about their day, find out what's been going on, or just a chance to enjoy some peace and fresh air.

What are the benefits of this project?

- 1 Reduction in traffic** at the point where all children are going in and out of the school, providing safer places to cross and better visibility for young people.
- 2 Fewer vehicles will encourage more families to travel actively to school**, for example, walking, cycling, scootering or 'Park and Stride', which will lead to mental and physical health benefits.
- 3 Poor air quality can exist even in rural areas at peak congested times**, and removing traffic will help improve air quality for young people.

Please consider the 4Ps if you need to take your vehicle to school

1

PLANNING

You will now need to park further away from the school, so please think about locations where you can park, and give yourself the time to park there, then walk the rest of the way to the school

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PARK

With the main streets being closed off to cars, you will have to find available parking on neighbouring streets. Please consider residents who live there. Think: "could someone who lives on this street be able to get into or out of their property" or "could an emergency vehicle get through?"

3

PARK AND STRIDE

Aim to park further away and walk the remaining bit. Avoid parking on the streets right next to the road closure; these will get busy first and will not be able to provide enough parking for everyone, so parking further away will be necessary. Why not plan to do this in the first place? The car park at the football ground on Balmoor Terrace is a perfect location and is less than a 5 mins walk.

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POOR AIR QUALITY

Remember to turn off your engine while waiting, as idling is an illegal offence. Poor air quality around the school gate can be found even in rural areas. By leaving your car engine running, it can reduce the air quality in the local area, leading to a range of health issues, especially in young people.

Peterhead

If you need to park your car please try and avoid parking within the inner red circle which shows a 5 minute or less walking zone. Parking is available on Balmoor Terrace, marked on the map. A crossing will be located on Balmoor Terrace to provide a safe crossing point.



Key

- Part-time road closure
- Bus interchange
- Balmoor Terrace car park

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