

School Street pilot scheme for the William Gilbert Endowed Church of England primary school

The restrictions are intended to introduce a new School Street pilot scheme on behalf of the William Gilbert Endowed Church of England school from hopefully around 22 April 2025.

The scheme comes on the back of the 'Fume Free Friday' initiative affecting Vicarage Lane, a notable shift towards more active travel, and the positive feedback that the organisers of this initiative have received that Derbyshire County Council is proposing this restriction.

What is a School Street?

A School Street is a road outside a school with a restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. This encourages parents and children to walk, scoot or cycle to school, reducing traffic congestion, local air pollution, traffic congestion with positive benefits for health and wellbeing.

School Streets are a national Government initiative – please visit www.gov.uk and search 'School Streets' for further information.

What does it mean?

Parents bringing their children to school will not be able to drive into Vicarage Lane between 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm, Monday to Friday. They will be expected, during this time, to walk their children to the school along the lane in the morning and again back in the afternoon.

How will the School Street work?

As part of the introduction of the School Street, we need to introduce a new legal order. This is called a Prohibition of Driving of Motor Vehicles (except Permit Holders SSA).

The order will apply at school drop-off and pick-up times from Monday to Friday, 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm. The order will apply to Vicarage Lane at its junction with Castle Hill and its junction with King Street, Duffield (Amber Valley).

For legal reasons, the order will apply every day of the year, as it is not possible to distinguish between term time and school holiday periods.

What signs will be installed to inform people about the School Street?



New signs, like the one shown, will be installed on Vicarage Lane and the junctions with Castle Hill and with King Street to let people know about the scheme.



In terms of enforcement, unlike parking restrictions where Derbyshire County Council can enforce using their Civil Enforcement Officers, for moving traffic this is not the case, only the Police will be able to carry out enforcement of the prohibition of driving restriction.

Additional sections of single yellow line will be laid for both the north and south side of Castle Hill, to operate at the same times as the School Street, from Monday to Friday, 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm.

Will any other changes be made?

To help make sure people do not stop and wait on the road, we intend to introduce sections of 'No waiting at any time' on both sides of Castle Hill at its junction with the A6 Milford Road.

Finally, a single yellow line on Castle Hill in the vicinity of its junction with Vicarage Lane to aid the School Crossing Patrol. It is proposed to operate Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, again on an experimental basis, to discourage displaced parking from these sensitive areas.

What will happen next?

Going forward the changes required for the School Street will initially be introduced on an experimental basis, for up to 18 months.

This means you will be able to share your comments and feedback about the scheme during the first six months, before a decision is taken about making the scheme permanent.