

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Knowsley Junior School – School Street Trial

This year, Oldham Council have been working with Knowsley Junior School to improve the safety of the road outside the school entrance and enable children to become more active on the school run.

The school is located on a narrow road which experiences high volumes of cars trying to access the entrance during the drop-off and pick-up times. The situation outside the school is unsafe with cars parking illegally and performing manoeuvres while people try to walk to the entrance.

To give more children the chance to walk to school and to stay safe on the school journey, we are pleased to inform you that we will implement a School Street trial. We propose to start the trial on **June 22nd 2026**.

We recently carried out a survey which has shown 67% of children are being brought to the school by car, this amounts to an average of 122 drivers visiting the area twice a day in term time.

With 38% of children living less than half a mile from school and 60% living under 1 mile from school, we want to help more children travel all, or part of the journey to school by walking, wheeling or cycling.

This will help to reduce air pollution, congestion and make the area around our schools a much safer environment for everybody. School Streets also help children be more active and build healthy lifestyle habits.

School Street trials are carried out with an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) which are in place for 18-months. This gives us time to understand the effects of the trial then consult with parent/carers and residents to about making the scheme permanent.

Our Active Travel Team would like to invite you to an in-person consultation event at Knowsley Junior School on **Monday 23rd February 3:45pm to 4:30pm**. We would like to talk you through the plans and answer any questions you may have.

We are also holding an online consultation event via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday 25th February 7:00pm to 7:45pm**. Please email active.travel@oldham.gov.uk with the subject “Parents/Carers” to request the meeting link.

More details of Active Travel and the School Streets projects, which are being rolled out across Greater Manchester, can be found by visiting the Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) or Oldham Council website <https://beeactive.tfgm.com/the-school-run>

Oldham Council also has their own dedicated website for all Frequently Asked Questions, including how exemptions for vehicles are managed: <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/school-streets>

Kind regards,

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Knowsley Junior School – Scheme Plan

