

Southampton School Streets Volunteers

About School Streets

As part of the Green Transport Recovery Plan, Southampton City Council encouraged schools in the city to apply for its School Streets programme, where road space is reallocated to people walking and cycling, both to encourage active travel and to enable social distancing.

What is a School Street?

A School Street sees a road directly outside a school temporarily closed to motor vehicles to become a pedestrian and cycle zone for a short period of time at the beginning and end of the school day.

Why School Streets

Closing the road space outside schools at drop off and pick up times provides a much safer environment for everyone; by removing through traffic and parents' cars from the road it can be used safely by families to travel on foot or by bike or scooter to school.

By making a safer, cleaner environment, School Streets increase the likelihood that children will walk or cycle (and parents leave their cars at home). Fewer car trips to and from school will help to improve air quality, encourage more exercise, reduce congestion at peak times and reduce road traffic collisions.

School Streets also accommodate social distancing, especially for parents congregating at pick up time, as a road free from vehicles gains extra space for pedestrians.

We're looking for volunteer stewards to help these schemes run smoothly; please email School.Streets@southampton.gov.uk to register your interest

You should include an idea of your availability and at which school/part of the city you can help. Many thanks.

See <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/activeschoolrun> for more details on School Streets in Southampton or overleaf for the volunteer role description.

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Volunteer Steward Role Description

The role of the steward is crucial to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all involved in School Streets.

Your role would be to close and reopen the road safely, positioning signs and cones according to official guidelines and never exposing yourself to danger from oncoming traffic. You will divert through traffic, guide drivers needing access and ensure that the young people involved stay safely within the closure area.

You would be volunteering alongside a dedicated SCC project officer and/or school lead.

A full briefing will be given to all volunteers before the event.

Why get involved?

- Make a difference to the health and wellbeing of young people and their families
- Improve the local environment for the wider community – by reducing congestion, improving air quality and helping to transform the street into a space for people
- Meet new people and give something back

Skills required

- Excellent communicators – able to engage with a range of audiences, including young people, their parents and local residents and motorists
- Punctual, reliable

Time commitment

- Weekdays in term time, from September
- Roughly one hour at school drop-off and pick-up times
- Regular (daily or weekly) commitment desirable. AM or PM only is possible

Location

- At 9 sites as of June 2021:
 - o Freemantle CE Community Academy (Mansion Road, SO15 3BQ)
 - o Mansbridge Primary School (Octavia Road, SO18 2LX)
 - o Mansel Park Primary School (Portlock Road, SO16 9HZ)
 - o Regents Park Community College (Richville Rd, SO16 4GH)
 - o Shirley Infant School (Wilton Road, SO15 5LA)
 - o Shirley Junior School (Bellemoor Road, SO15 5XE)
 - o Shirley Warren Primary School (Warren Crescent, SO16 6AY)
 - o Wordsworth Primary School (Victor Street, SO15 5LH)
 - o Valentine Primary School (Valentine Avenue, SO19 0EP)