

A School Street is coming to Ysgol Pwll Coch!

Active Travel at Ysgol Pwll Coch

Since 2019, Cardiff Council have had Active Travel Officers working in schools across Cardiff. They work with a school to create an Active Travel Plan personalised for the school to help families and staff travel more actively and support them in carrying out the steps. These actions are based around the problems found at the school. For example, a problem facing Ysgol Pwll Coch is congestion outside the school gates, particularly on Lawrenny Avenue.

As part of the Active Travel Plan, the school have been working with Cardiff Council to implement a School Street.



A School Street is a street near a school where traffic is restricted at the beginning and end of the school day. The times that Lawrenny Avenue will be a School Street are from **8:15am** to **9:15am** and **2:30pm** to **3:45pm**, Monday-Friday, term time only. Only vehicles with valid School Street permits will be allowed to drive down the street.

Please note that during these times only vehicles with permits will be able to access Lawrenny Avenue.

Why is this happening?

Cardiff Council's Transport White Paper in 2020 stated 6 reasons *why* we need to change the way people travel around the city.

These are:

1. **Responding to the climate emergency**
2. **Clean Air** - Road traffic is the biggest cause of air pollution. Children suffer the most from poor quality air.
3. **Creating Safe and Happy Communities** - The most common cause of death for children between the ages of five and 14 years is being hit by a vehicle.
4. **A City for Everyone** - Open and accessible for everyone
5. **Managing a Growing City** - Over the next 10 years, Cardiff is expected to be the fastest growing major city in the UK
6. **Tackling Congestion and Supporting Business** - Drivers in Cardiff are losing 143 hours a year stuck in traffic during peak times. That's around 19 full working days at a cost of around £1,056 per driver.

One of the ways to change the way people travel is to encourage people to walk and cycle more across the city. Walking and cycling are the cleanest, healthiest, and cheapest ways of travelling. For many shorter journeys they can also be the quickest, which is often the case for the school run.



Who can get a School Street permit?

- Residents for their own vehicles.
- Residents with Blue Badges.
- Blue Badge holders requiring access to the school.

All permits will be virtual and applied for via the Council's website.
There will be no charge for the permits.

Please note permits are not transferable between zones
The zone reference for Lawrenny Avenue is SZ7.

What will happen if someone drives in a School Street without a permit?

It is an offence to enter a School Street during restricted times without a permit. Enforcement cameras will be used to monitor vehicles entering during these times and offenders may receive a fine (Penalty Charge Notice - PCN) of £70, or £35 if paid within 14 days.

Signs will be located at the beginning of the street to warn drivers.

What does it mean for me?

If your family travel actively already:	If your family sometimes travel by car:
Continue to travel as you usually do. Please remember that vehicles with permits will still have access to Lawrenny Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you begin to walk, cycle or scoot from home? Even if you try once or twice a week?• If your home is too far, could you park safely further away and walk the last 10 minutes? This will also increase yours and your children's exercise each day.• Could your child travel part of the way independently?

The School Street will create a safer environment for your children and the school community by reducing the number of vehicles travelling past the school. We are really excited that your school will have a School Street and will be a safer place to get to. Please help us keep it safe by travelling as actively as you can.

For further information, please visit our website: www.keepingcardiffmoving.co.uk/schools.
If you have any further questions, then please email: schoolstreets@cardiff.gov.uk

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