

SAFER SCHOOL STREETS - UPDATE



Sustrans DIY Streets intervention 'street carpet' and planters creating a safer place for pedestrians and cyclists. Ashton Gate Primary, Bristol. Credit: 'J Bewley/Sustrans' ©2013, Sustrans

Oakfield Academy is within Frome's Safer School Streets trial area which will start in Spring 2024. The purpose of the scheme is to improve safety for everyone by prioritising and encouraging active modes of travel such as walking, cycling and scooting (only if accompanied by a responsible adult) while reducing traffic volume, traffic speed and improving air quality.

During the 18 month trial there will be short timed vehicle restrictions outside Oakfield, Trinity, Critchill, and Avanti schools during term times as follows:

Location	Morning vehicle restriction times	Afternoon vehicle restriction times
Critch Hill (to Whitemill Lane) Oakfield Road (outside Oakfield Academy) Nunney Road (outside Trinity First School)	8:10-9:00	2:45-3:30
Park Road (up to Avanti Park School)	8:25-8:55	3:00-3:30

Residents, blue badge holders, buses and emergency services will be exempt from restrictions. Traffic between Nunney and Frome will be required to use the bypass at these times.

All parents and staff are encouraged to travel actively (walk or cycle) where possible, and families needing to drive are asked to park a short distance away from the school gate and walk the remaining journey.

You can find out more about the scheme, see the designs and sign up to the School Streets newsletter on the [School Streets website here](#).

Ahead of the start of the scheme, Frome town Council are asking parents and staff to complete a survey about their current travel behaviours and feelings about the area. Please follow this [link to the survey](#).

Frome Town Council will be working with Oakfield Academy to offer activities to support and encourage families to travel actively on their journey to school. More information will follow.

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