

Safer Streets

Travelling to Pool Hayes Primary School

What is it?

Schools across Walsall face daily pressures and challenges with parking and congestion at the start and end of each school day. 'School Streets' is a project currently being run by Walsall Council in conjunction with the A*STARS (Active School Travel and Road Safety) programme. The project looks to combat the challenges faced by introducing new restrictions that exclude traffic from entering, leaving or travelling through the streets selected at key times of the day. This is only in effect during term time to help create a car free zone on key roads outside schools.



Why are we doing it?

The aim of 'School Streets' is to create a safer, calmer and more pleasant environment which will hopefully encourage the following anticipated benefits:

- Ensuring that parents, pupils and school staff can adhere to social distancing guidelines at, and near the entrance to the school;
- Improve the health of children by encouraging more active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling for the school journey;
- Reduce problems and improve safety caused by excessive traffic and inconsiderate parking;
- Less congestion and pollution by reducing the use of the private car for school journeys;

How it will work?

The Council will be introducing an experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) starting September 2020 which will be in force for 18 months. The area of Bridgnorth Grove shown on the map, will affectively be made a pedestrian and cycle only zone between the hours of 8.00-9.30 and 2.30-4.00, Monday-Friday during term times only. These times were chosen as the schools is having to stagger the start and finish times of pupils to help manage social distancing.

During the times of operation the only vehicles allowed in the street are:

- affected residents and school staff who will be allocated an access permit
- emergency services, doctors on call, district nurses, carers and support workers;
- deliveries by postal vehicles;
- taxis serving properties within the restricted road;
- blue badge holders residing at or visiting properties within the restricted road;

How will it be enforced?

The restriction can be enforced by the Police who have the powers to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.



Parents/Carers

From the start of the new academic year in 2020, Bridgenorth Grove outside Pool Hayes Primary school will be closed to traffic in the mornings and at home time. This is to encourage more families to travel actively by walking, scooting and cycling to school. We would encourage parents/carers to leave their cars at home or if you have to use your car then why not park away from the school and walk the remaining journey. We have included a map outlining 5min and 10min walk zones to help you find alternative parking.

Look out for the new gateway signage put in place at the entrance of the restricted zone.

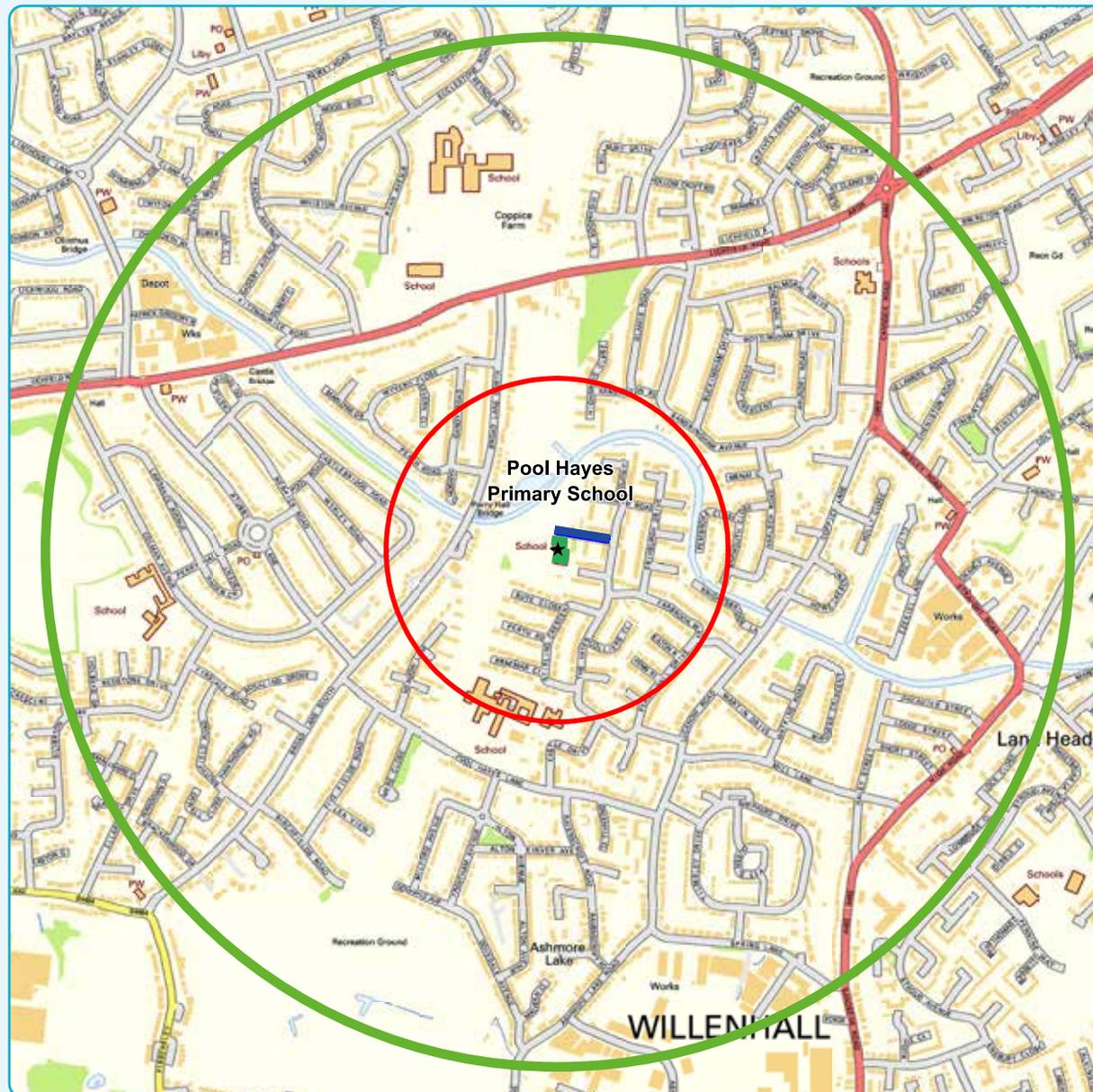
Residents

If you are a resident living within the restricted zone you will be supplied with 2 permits to allow you to drive in/out of the road during the times stated on the signage. If you have a blue badge then the restriction does not apply to you, however the blue badge should be clearly displayed at all times.

To find out more about 'Street Streets' email TrafficManagement@walsall.gov.uk

A*Stars

The Active Sustainable Travel and Road Safety (A*STARS) programme is a series of walking, cycling, scooting and road safety initiatives, along with training, expertise and support that is given to schools to help them to develop and promote safer, healthier lifestyle choices for all.



Key

-  Closed Road - **Bridgenorth Grove**
-  Approx 10 minutes walk to school
-  Approx 5 minutes walk to school
-  Pool Hayes Primary school

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