

INFRASTRUCTURE

New infrastructure, which improves safety at front of schools, is being developed at schools who have applied for a School Zone as part of the SRTS Programme. School Zones will use common and identifiable design features. These features are implemented based on the needs and wants of the school and can include surfacing, painted road markings signage, pencil bollards and banners on street poles.

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CRIOS SCÓILE SCHOOL ZONE

Surfacing

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Raised, textured or coloured surfacing highlight the presence of the School Zone & encourage drivers to slow down

Pencil Bollards

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Coloured pencil bollards along the footpath verge within a School Zone, act as a protection barrier from cars

Road Markings

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Painted signage is marked on asphalt road surfaces to identify that you are in a School Zone

Signage

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Banners and road signs are displayed on street poles to identify that you are approaching the gateway of the School Zone



WHAT IS A SCHOOL ZONE?

'School Zones' refer to the built infrastructural upgrades which are being developed at the front of schools across Ireland. These new instalments and features are designed to reduce traffic at school gates and to improve safe access for children. This brochure aims to answer questions which parents or guardians may have about School Zones.

- What is the aim of a School Zone?
- Who benefits from a School Zone?
- What are the design considerations for School Zones?

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The SRTS Programme launched in March 2021 and was open to all schools in Ireland to apply for front of school upgrades which provide walking, cycling and safer access to school. The programme is an initiative of the Department of Transport and supported by the Department of Education. It is operated by the Green-Schools Programme in partnership with the NTA and local authorities. A dedicated SRTS Infrastructure Officer works with schools and local authorities during the process.

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SCHOOL ZONE AIM

The aim of developing School Zones is to give priority to students to walk and cycle to school safely. Traffic at the front of school during drop-off and pick-up times presents a safety hazard for school children and contributes to poor air quality. To achieve safer front of schools we need to keep cars away from footpaths, reduce vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling.

WHO BENEFITS?

Schools Zones benefit your children as they provide a safe and healthy public space for them to access school. By providing space for walking and cycling, our communities can enjoy cleaner air quality, safer streets and roads, and more vibrant and inclusive public spaces.

SCHOOL ZONE DESIGN

In a School Zone, the overall design objective is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school. The infrastructure uses common and identifiable design features, which aim to create a safer, calmer, and more attractive environment at the school gate.

