

WHAT CAN I DO?

There are many actions which parents and guardians can take to support the new School Zone infrastructure which is being developed at schools. A School Zone has common and identifiable features, which are designed to increase the awareness of drivers when they are entering a School Zone. These School Zones support students to walk and cycle safely to school. School Zones aim to create safer streets and road spaces and it is important that all drivers prioritise the safety of children as they travel actively to school

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WHAT DO I DO WITH...?

Surfacing

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Raised, textured or coloured surfacing identify the School Zone. Don't park on these surfaces & drivers must slow down if passing through

Pencil Bollards

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Coloured pencil bollards act as a protection barrier for walkers & cyclists within the School Zone. Cars must slow down & not obstruct these

Road Markings

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Painted signage is marked on asphalt road surfaces. This is to identify that you are in a School Zone and must approach with caution

Signage

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Banners & road signs identify the gateway of a School Zone & traffic should be reduced. Where possible walk, cycle, scoot or park'n'stride to school

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SCHOOL ZONE



HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL ZONE

'School Zones' are being developed at the front of schools across Ireland and there are many ways in which parents or guardians can support their School Zone so that children can access schools safely. New infrastructure and School Zone features are designed to reduce traffic at school gates and to improve access. This brochure aims to answer questions on how parents or guardians can support their School Zone.

- Why is traffic at the school gate a problem?
- How do we encourage students to walk, cycle and scoot to school?
- How do we use the new School Zone?





SCHOOL TRAFFIC

Traffic at the front of school presents a safety hazard and contributes to poor air quality. Traffic/parked cars can make it difficult to see children crossing the road. If a car parks on a kerb it can block access and cause overcrowding, forcing children, prams and wheelchairs onto the road. Leaving an engine running (idling) creates unnecessary air pollution at the school gate and is harmful to the health of children.

SUPPORTING ACTIVE TRAVEL

Parents and guardians can support the School Zone by walking, cycling or scooting to school with children. By reducing the presence of cars at school gates, children can travel to school actively, safely and independently. If you are driving a child to school, be mindful of the School Warden's signals and drive/park sensibly, legally and with consideration for vulnerable road users at all times.

USING THE SCHOOL ZONE

To support children traveling to school safely and actively, traffic and congestion must be reduced within the School Zone. To achieve this, drop-offs and pick-ups by car could be made outside of the School Zone. Traffic should slow down when passing through the School Zone and drivers must be extra vigilant of walkers, cyclists and scooting children who are accessing the school.



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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