

Solihull School Streets Project Phase 2

What is it?

In 2017 we introduced our Solihull School Streets initiative at three locations across the borough including on Elm Farm Avenue. This new initiative sought to address concerns on roads associated with school-related traffic by introducing restrictions that excluded traffic from entering, leaving or travelling along the road at the beginning and end of each school day.

Overall the scheme has been a success and many children and parents are now using this predominantly car free route each day to walk to school.

Since its introduction, we have received requests to expand the zone to cover Wayside which like Elm Farm Avenue has faced challenging traffic conditions over the years.

Why are we doing it?

We are aiming to create a safer, more pleasant environment and, through the scheme, will be promoting active travel to school by walking, scooting and cycling. This in turn will reduce congestion and pollution in the area.

The anticipated benefits of the scheme include:

- A reduction in congestion, pollution and traffic speed around the school gates creating a safer environment for all our children.
- An increase in walking, scooting, cycling and active lifestyles for families, within a more pleasant environment.
- Improvements in levels of childhood obesity.

How will it work?

The Council proposes to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order that will prohibit any motor vehicle without a permit or valid exemption (Blue badge holders or emergency services) from entering or driving along **Wayside** when the scheme is in operation.

A full list of exemptions can be found on our website here:

www.solihull.gov.uk/schoolstreets

In order to do this we will, from January 2020, undertake a consultation exercise with local residents, parents and the wider community on the proposal with the intention to be in a position to launch this next phase of the School Streets project to coincide with the start of the spring school term in April 2020.

The proposed scheme will be effective on weekdays only between **8:20 – 9:00am** and again between **2:45 – 3:45pm** and will be indicated by gateway signage that will be put in place at the entrance to the restricted zone.

The scheme will also introduce a new 20mph speed limit and any existing parking restrictions (single and double yellow lines) will remain in place and enforceable as before.

The existing restrictions on Elm Farm Avenue are also unaffected by this proposal.

How will it be enforced?

The Police will have powers to enforce the new School Streets restriction. Anyone caught driving in the restricted zone whilst it is active without a valid permit or exemption can be issued with a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice. The Police have been consulted on these proposals and are actively engaged.

Parents

It is proposed that from Monday 20th April, **Wayside**, as shown on the enclosed map, will be restricted to traffic in the mornings and at home time. This will create a safer, healthier and more pleasant environment for those who walk, scoot or cycle to school, and will hopefully encourage more parents to leave the car at home.

For those who live further away, we ask that they park away from the school and walk the last five or ten minutes of the journey.

The streets around the school will not be completely traffic free as residents will have permits to drive in the area during the restricted times and there will also be exemption for emergency and service vehicles as well as blue badge holders.

Residents

Each residence within the streets affected by the restrictions will be issued with two permits. If additional permits are required then please contact: schoolstreets@solihull.gov.uk stating your reason for requesting additional permits.

Blue Badge Holders

If you have a blue badge then the restriction does not apply. However a permit will be required if anyone else drives the car at other times. Remember, your badge should be prominent and displayed at all times.

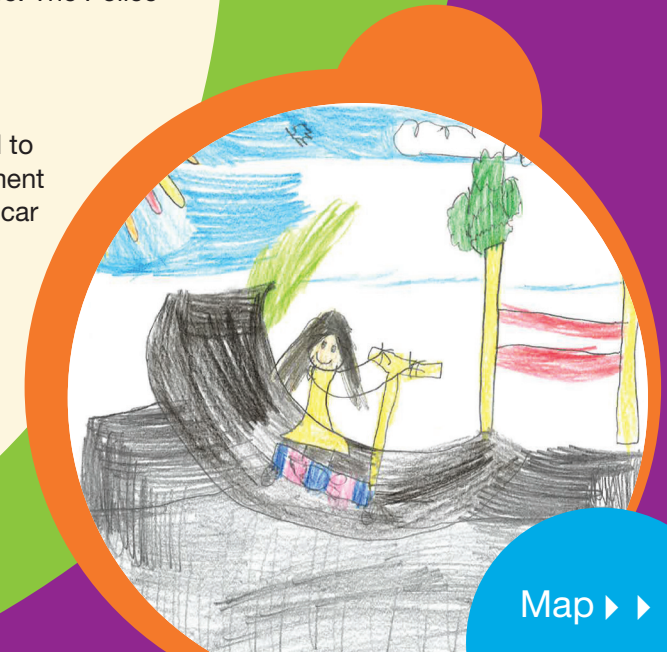
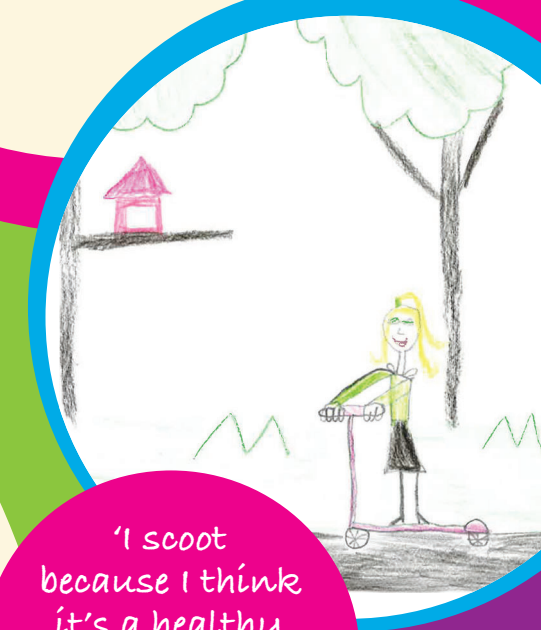
Further information on how the new restrictions may affect you can be found here: www.solihull.gov.uk/schoolstreets

Walking gives you exercise and it keeps the world a good place. - Harrison

'I scoot because I think it's a healthy thing and it helps your legs.'
- Evelyn

'Scooting is good because your legs and feet get exercise, and your heart is beating very fast.'

- Sophie



Travel to
Marston Green
and
Infant Academy
Marston Green
Junior School



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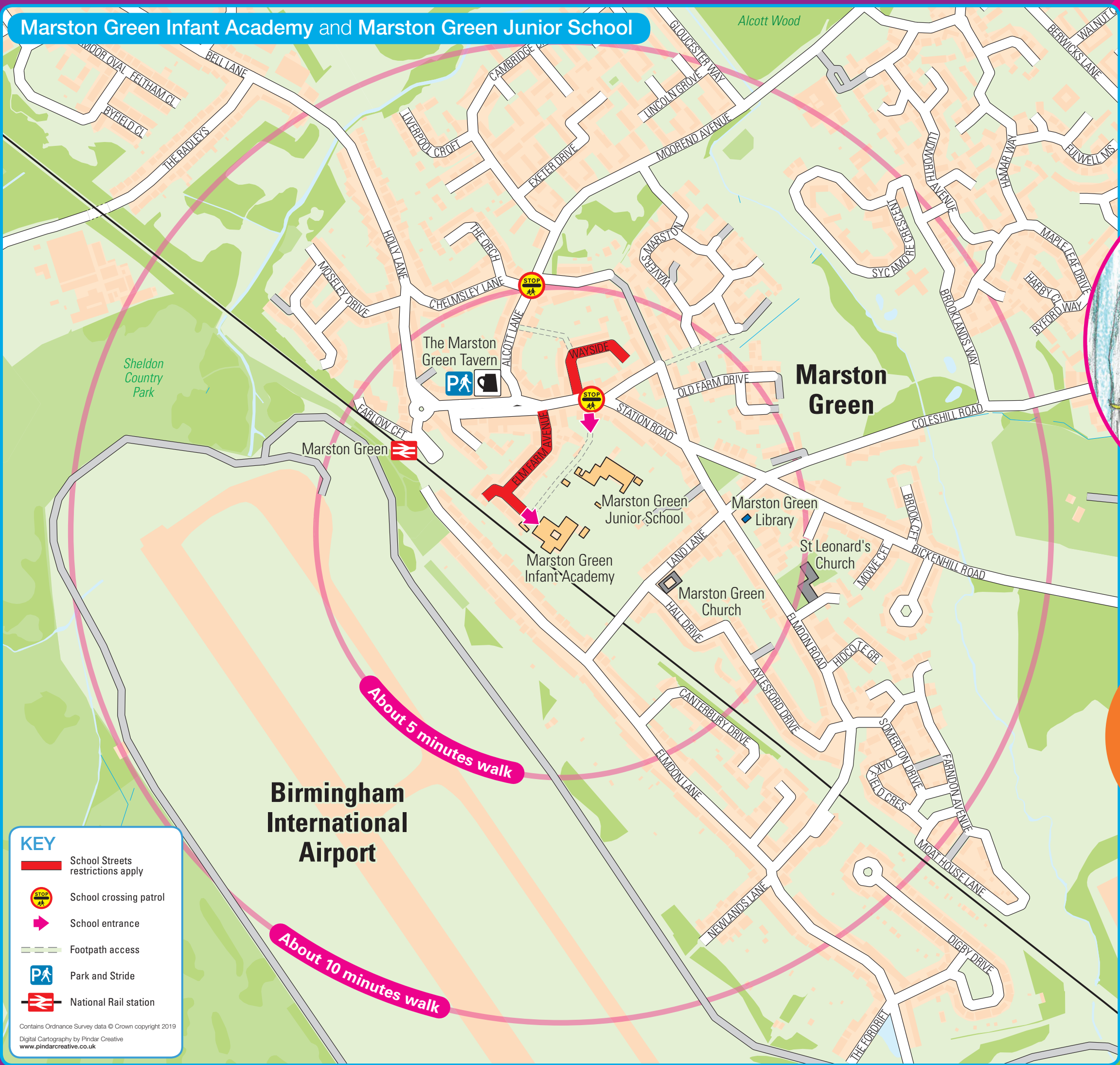
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Marston Green Infant Academy
Elm Farm Avenue,
Marston Green,
Solihull B37 7AA

Marston Green Junior School
Station Road,
Marston Green,
Solihull B37 7BA



Marston Green Infant Academy and Marston Green Junior School



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- School Streets restrictions apply
- School crossing patrol
- School entrance
- Footpath access
- Park and Stride
- National Rail station

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'I think walking to school is healthy because you are moving your body.'
- Lola-Rose



'I think walking to school is healthy because it makes your heart pump more quickly.'
- Melissa

