



## Guide for parents, carers and school visitors

The St Thomas' School Street scheme has been created to help keep our children healthy and safe on their commute to and from school.

For the safety and well-being of children, and to be respectful to local residents and businesses, parents and carers should follow these guidelines:

- **No Vehicle Access:** Do not attempt to drive into the School Street Zone during restricted times unless you have an exemption. If you have a school-issued pass, please show to a marshal as you approach the closure point.
- **Drive Safely:** If you are permitted access to the zone, always do so carefully and safely, sticking to the 20mph speed limit at all times.
- **Park and Walk:** Park outside the School Street area and walk the remaining distance to the school. If you arrive early to drop off or pick up at school, please do not park within the zone even if the barriers have not yet been put in place.
- **Timely Arrival:** Plan to arrive earlier to allow time for parking and walking.
- **Respect Local Residents:** Do not park in front of driveways or block access to properties.
- **Pavement Parking:** Pavements are for pedestrians, children on scooters or bikes, and those with mobility aids — not for vehicles. Please keep pavements clear.
- **Turn off your Engine:** Leaving your engine running when stationary (engine idling) is illegal in the UK, please do not leave your engine running while waiting or parked. This reduces air pollution and helps keep the area healthier for children.

If you would like to get involved and help with the scheme, please contact either school office to register your interest.

**Please follow these guidelines and stick to the rules — they are in place to protect your own children and their friends.**