

13 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

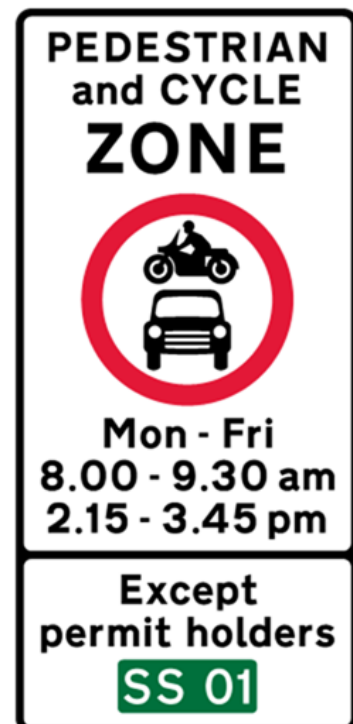
Re: Stafford Road (north), School Street closure

Southampton City Council has been working with St Mark's CE Primary to improve safety at the school entrance gate on Stafford Road, and reduce any impact of school expansion on surrounding streets. We are now looking to introduce a 'School Street' scheme which will see the road directly outside the school entrance closed to motor vehicles at the start and end of each school day. Several other schools across the city are currently trialling similar closures, which help to create a safer, greener and more pleasant environment outside schools and support more families to travel sustainably on the school run.

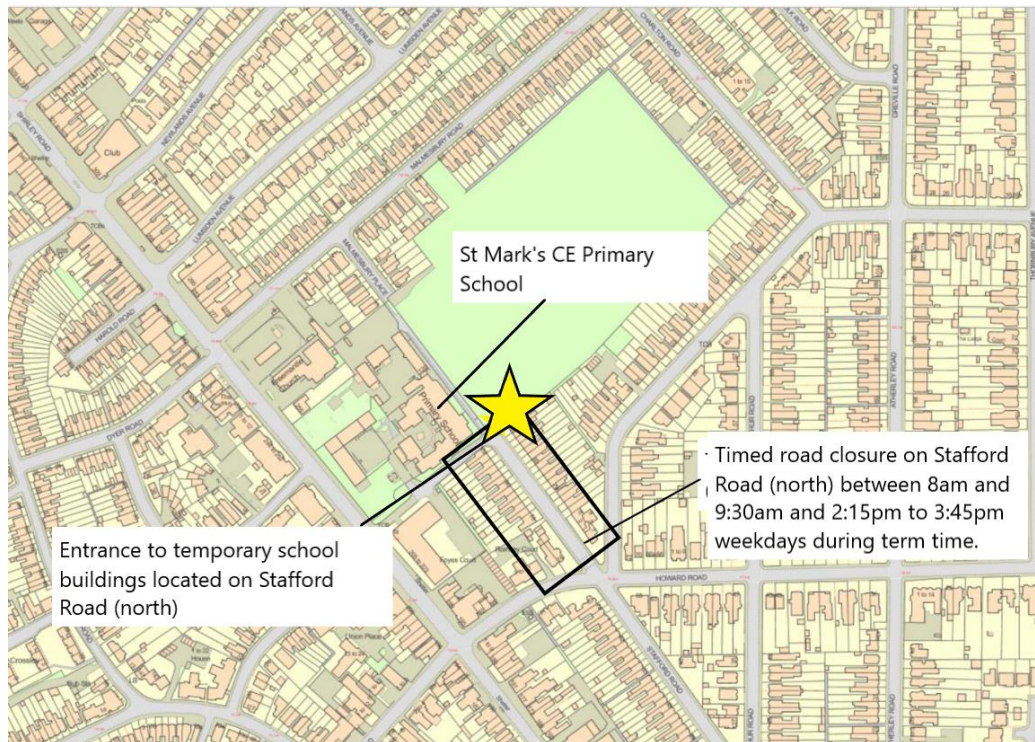
The planned timed closure of Stafford Rd (north of its junction with Howard Road) will come into effect from Monday 20 September 2021. The closure will be in place during term time only between 8am and 9:30am, and 2:15pm and 3:45pm.

During these times, students will not be able to be dropped off or picked up by motor vehicles within the closure zone along Stafford Road. This includes children who access Kidzplay. Only residents who live within the closure, school staff, emergency vehicles and blue badge holders will be able to continue to enter the zone. The closure will be signposted as a pedestrian and cycle zone, and will have camera enforcement in place in due course.

We encourage all families to leave the car at home where possible. Fewer car trips will help to improve local air quality, encourage more exercise, reduce congestion at peak times and reduce road traffic collisions. We understand some parents rely on the car for their journey. For those who need to travel by car please remember to park responsibly and considerately.



Map showing timed closure area:



Please visit transport.southampton.gov.uk/stmarks for more information about the St Mark's School Active Travel Zone (ATZ) programme. For any other enquiries please email roadworks@southampton.gov.uk.

Best wishes,

Southampton City Council & St Mark's CE Primary School