

Sustrans School Programme

Design your own School Street

Suitable for: All



You will use your imagination to design your own School Street with as many activities as you like. Imagine the street outside of your school was only for playing games, bicycles, scooters and walkers and there were no vehicles.

You will need:

- Paper
- Coloured pencil or crayons
- Ruler
- Access to online maps (optional)

Remember to ask an adult to help if you are using scissors.

The first School Streets were introduced in Bolzano in Northern Italy in 1989

Extra Activity

You could make your design 3D, or share your design with your head teacher, local councillor or Bike It Officer.



What is a School Street?

School Streets are a short, timed road closure at the start and end of the school day on the road outside a school. All cars are diverted, creating a healthier and safer environment for everyone, while making sure that residents, businesses, walkers and cyclists can still use the road.



Following trial School Streets on four roads in Southampton in March 2019, 93% of respondents supported a street closure happening more regularly outside their school. To find out more about what a School Street is, you can watch the YouTube videos below:

[St Mary's Primary School, Southampton](#)

[Sholing Infant and Primary School, Southampton](#)

More information on the projects can be found on either;
[Sustrans School Streets](#) or the [My Journey](#) page.



School Streets – Ideas for games

Closing the road outside of the school means creating a safer and friendlier space for families. Think of all the games you could play on the street outside your school with your friends if there were no vehicles were using it. **You should only play in the road during a street closure or whilst being supervised by a responsible adult.**

Using equipment found at your school or at home, can you think of games you could play on your School Street?

BUBBLE MACHINE

CONES

FOOTBALL

SCOOTERS

GIANT PLAY PARACHUTE

HULA HOOPS

SKIPPING
ROPES



What activities
could you draw
out if you had
some chalk?



School Streets – Ideas for games

How many games can you think of for different items you have? If you don't have a printer, you can write your ideas straight onto paper.

Games I could play with
chalk

- *hopscotch*
- *noughts and crosses*
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Games I could play with
a ball

- *hot potato*
- *say and catch*
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Games I could play with

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Games I could play with

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Designing your School Street

1. Draw the layout of the road you want to design as a School Street. An adult can help you use an online map to draw out the road layout. Remember to include all school entrances used by families.

2. Add 'Road Closed' signs where you want you would want your road closure to take place.

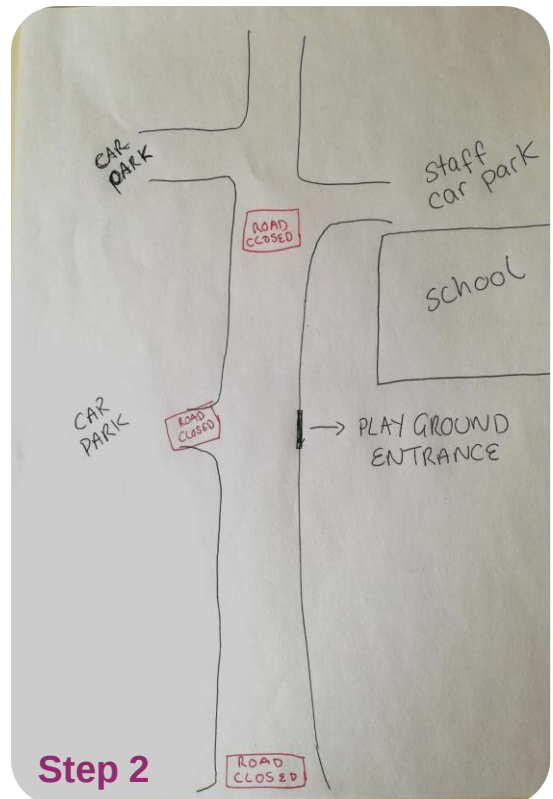
During a School Street, stewards are used to keep the closure a safe space for all. Stewards also walk resident and emergency vehicles who require access to properties.

3. Draw on all the activities which you would like to see on the road outside of your school. You can include games which you thought of in the previous activity.

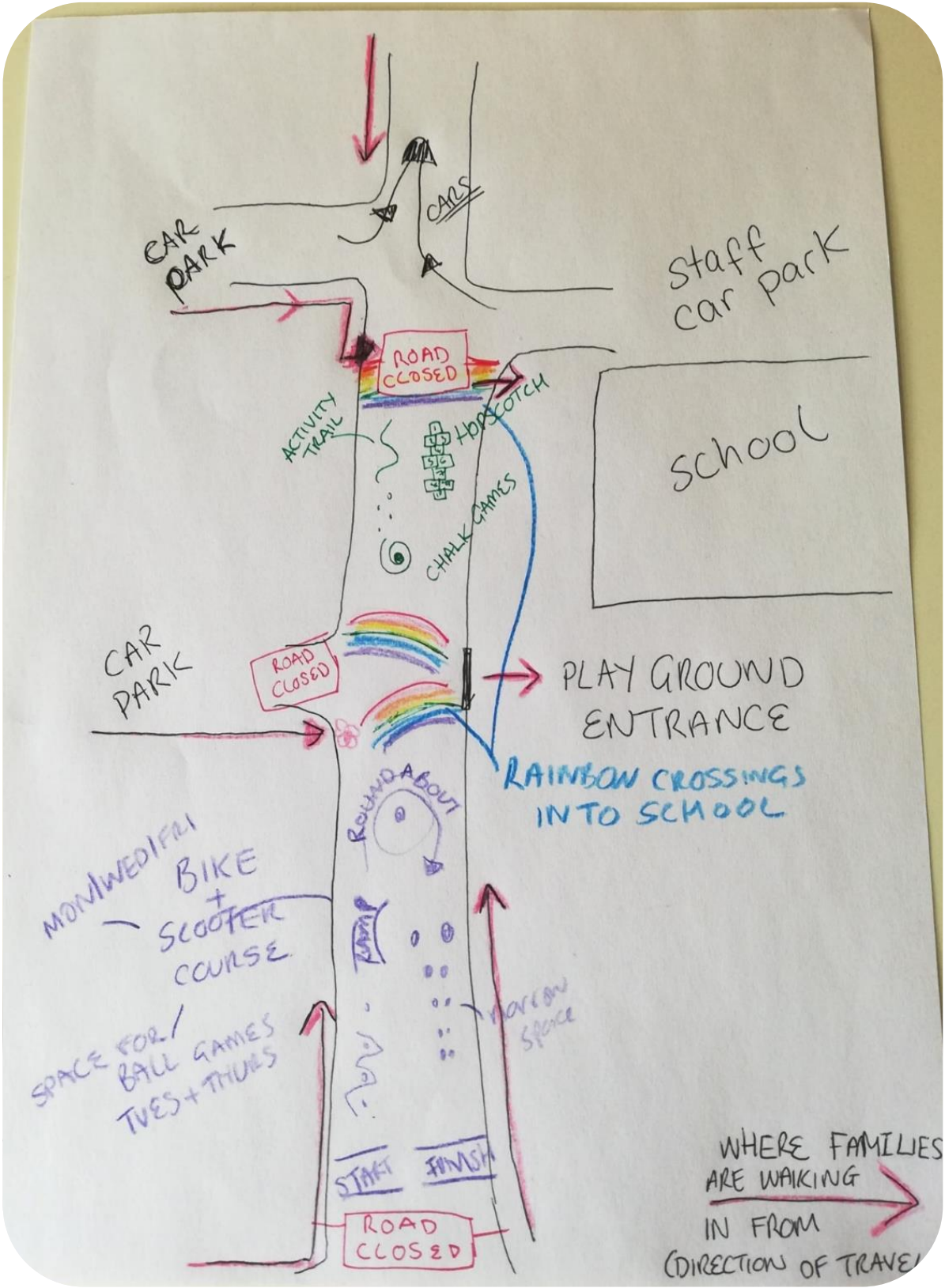
Consider:

- Where do people walk from and how do they get into school?
- Making notes about some of the features as well as drawing them.

Check out the example on the next page.



Bike It Jenny's example. What can you spot on her design?



Extra Activity

Make it 3D

Draw out your road out on paper, then make your School Street design come to life using items around the house such as Lego, Duplo, toys or playdough! Consider objects such as trees, benches, bike storage, crossing points and road designs. This fun design below was made by pupils at Fairisle Junior School.



Share your Design

Share your design with your class teacher or head teacher, and ask if a School Street is possible outside your school. They can find out more information about the project by emailing:

school.streets@southampton.gov.uk

Alternatively, ask an adult to share your design on social media
@SustransSE @MyJourneyHants #schoolstreets

