

STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR MAKING THE MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL
(SCHOOL STREETS) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) (VARIATION NO 1) ORDER 2023
- TO/R5.3.86

Midlothian Council is determined to improve safety for children as they travel to and from school. In some locations there have been concerns that children walking, cycling or scooting to school are at particular risk from the numbers of parents' and carers' cars delivering or collecting children in the close vicinity of the school premises, often compounded by inconsiderate parking.

The Council has therefore created 'School Streets' zones around certain Midlothian schools, including Lasswade Primary in Bonnyrigg. Within these zones most vehicles are prohibited from driving at times when children travel to and from school.

A specific issue has arisen at Lasswade Primary. Unlike the situation at all other 'School Streets' schools, it is not possible to drive to or from the Lasswade PS Staff Car Park without driving on a restricted road.

Following discussions with the Police, who enforce the 'School Streets' restrictions, the Council has decided that vehicles may travel to and from the Staff Car Park in the restricted periods if the driver can show a Midlothian Council Identity Badge to a Police Constable in uniform when asked.

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