

Healthier Air for Leicester

Schools Award



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Introduction

School Run Parking

The City Council has developed the prioritised School Run Parking programme to address traffic issues around 117 schools in Leicester City. The current programme runs to March 2019 and is part of the approved £2.2M Parking Strategy initiative developed in 2016 to implement a range of safety measures around schools to address speeding, congestion, inconsiderate, dangerous and illegal parking.

The improvement measures include both hard and soft measures. The hard measure improvements are proposed on the public highway and typically include the installation of bollards, railings, road markings and signs, dropped crossings, tactile paving and pedestrian refuges. More substantial improvement measures may involve highway alignment alterations and the installation of pedestrian crossings, e.g. zebra crossings.

Soft measure improvements are developed in conjunction with the Eco-Schools Award, Sustrans and Living Streets. These soft measures focus on implementing behavioural changes to encourage parents and children to cycle or walk to school. Typical measures include working with the schools to promote pedestrian park and stride sites, walking bus schemes, safe cycle training and cycle maintenance workshops.

schools.leicester.gov.uk/community/local-authority-and-partner-initiatives/school-run-parking-programme

Air quality

Poor air quality affects people's health and damages the environment. In Leicester there are two main pollutants of concern: nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter. The main source of these pollutants is road traffic, in particular diesel engines.

Leicester has an air quality action plan, a strategic approach to delivering better air quality. This action plan sets out how we will improve air quality and meet the EU standards for nitrogen dioxide, but we cannot achieve this alone. We are asking you to support tackling air quality by tackling parking around your school and actively encouraging sustainable transport for students, staff and parents.

Leicester's air quality action plan

www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-and-strategies/environment-and-sustainability/air-quality



Criteria

In order to achieve a **pass** in the Healthier Air in Schools award you need to submit evidence of:

1. Achieving at least your **Silver Eco-Schools Award** with the topic of **transport** covered
2. At least 1 **ongoing scheme** for example Living Streets - Walk to School, Sustrans Bike It - which has lasted at least 2 school terms.
3. At least 1 event involving **parents and the community** e.g. car-free day, clean air day, raising awareness of the problem of idling*

*(**Idling** refers to running a **vehicle's** engine when the **vehicle** is not in motion i.e. parking outside the school gates)

You can also achieve a **merit** by evidencing other activities in school – below *are some examples*

- **You can submit evidence of activities which have taken place in the last 12 months.**

Examples of other activities can include:

- Bikeability
- Balance bike training
- Road safety officers and/or assemblies
- Park and stride
- Walking bus
- Child pedestrian training
- Investigated air quality around school
- Increasing cycle storage where appropriate
- Encouraging walking on school trips
- Participating in the Big Pedal
- Dr Bike and/or Bike week
- Promoting car sharing to staff and parents
- Using public transport for school trips
- Promoting public transport
- Cycling lessons in PE



Process

You can submit your evidence at any time, however submissions will be reviewed monthly. The deadline for submission are below:

- 20 December 2017
- 31 January 2018
- 28 February 2018
- 23 March 2018
- 30 April 2018
- 31 May 2018



- Download the application form from the school extranet schools.leicester.gov.uk/HealthierAir
- Email your completed form and evidence to Amita Miles, Amita.Miles@leicester.gov.uk
- If we need any extra information or clarification we will be in touch. All schools who achieve the award will be invited to the celebration event at City Hall on **Tuesday 12 June 2018**.
- Your award lasts 12 months from approval. *You will need to renew annually to maintain your award.*

Useful Contacts

For free information and support with sustainable and active travel options



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