

# Access to **Schools**

One of the most frequently expressed road safety concerns is that of the safety of children outside schools.



At school drop-off and pick-up times. the roads in the immediate vicinity of schools are especially busy and there is usually a high level of vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist activity.

This causes congestion and very often leads to frustration from residents and motorists at the apparent chaos few incidents occur on or near the school site, it is an understandable

Road safety is a responsibility for all, in order to make our communities safe, nicer and greener, and to help people to live active lifestyles.

## School Safe Environment Zones (SSEZ)

The SSEZ programme is the Council's approach to delivering road safety and congestion improvements for schools across Swindon.

This 5 year programme, with an annual budget of £100,000, was agreed by the council's Cabinet in 2020. The number of schemes delivered is likely to vary each year, depending on the scale of each SSEZ.

## Behavioural change measures

The SSEZ's are likely to include a package of measures that will encourage behavioural change and improve safety outside and in the area around the schools.

The behavioural change measures could include one or more of the following:

- 5 minute walk zones
- Park 'n' Stride
- School streets Anti-idling and air quality toolkits
- Student sign and banner design competitions Cycle pods and scooter pods
- Modeshifts STARS Education
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the circumstances and characteristics of each school, its location and the current behaviours of its pupils and parents or carers.



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## Engineering and educational measures

The programme will also consider engineering and/or education based measures to deliver road safety improvements. Some of the options we will be considering are:

- Flashing wigwags school flashing amber lights
- Yellow backing boards
- Waiting restrictions typically mandatory, 'School Keep Clear' markings
- A localised speed limit change
- Road markings and text coloured road surface panels
- Traffic calming features vertical and horizontal
- Cycle facilities
- School streets

## Assessment and prioritisation

Swindon schools have been assessed on:

- The school type (primary or secondary) and number of pupils
- The condition of its approach road and the availability of cycle routes and footpaths
- The speed limit of the road and pedestrian crossing facilities nearby
- 'School Safety Zone' features and traffic calming measures that have previously been implemented
- school threshold
- The school's engagement with Modeshift STARS

The percentage of pupils living within the walk to

- Concerns that have been raised by schools themselves, parents, residents and Councillors regarding driving speeds near the school or dangerous parking
- Road traffic collision data

## Beyond SSEZ

At the end of the year 5 program (24/25), all Swindon schools will have been through the SSEZ review, resulting in bespoke measures.

Swindon Borough Council will continue to support all schools on completion of the 5 year program with behavioural change initiatives to promote the Education part of the programme, supporting sustainable and active travel.

# Mouldon Hill Park 4 50 National Cycle **Network Route 45** National Route 45 is the main north – south route in Wiltshire connecting Salisbury with Cricklade via Avebury, the Chiseldon Timberland Trail and Swindon. Most of the route is open and signed, though not continuously with gaps on Salisbury Plain. Beyond Cricklade the route will eventually run all the way to Chester via Gloucester and Shrewsbury. In the area around Swindon much of Route 45 follows the path of the old Midland and South West Junction Railway which closed on 10 September 1961. For more information about the Routes 45 and 482 are maintained by Sustrans

Map coverage B Highworth Swindon\ National Cycle Network visit sustrans.org.uk Use the online mapping service to see routes anywhere in the UK.



# Access to Schools





## **Independent Travel Training**

and are regularly patrolled by a team of volunteer

rangers who also organise workdays.

For more information about volunteering

please contact Lew Lawton on **07487 269456** 

Independent Travel Training aims to provide children and young people with experience and skills in travelling independently, either by public transport or on foot, to their educational setting.

The training should increase independence and promote sustainable travel, which will be useful skills for their adult life.

Independent travel is a skill for life, supporting education and employment opportunities, independent living and community inclusion. It supports young people to prepare for adulthood.

## Travel options include:

Travel training includes:









- Working with children and young people to develop the confidence and skills required to travel independently
- Offers a number of options to help travel independently
- Provides practical support for the most appropriate travel options
- Enables a greater level of access to further activities outside of education
- Nurtures development of problem-solving skills
- Promotes sustainable travel options
- Opportunities for further development become an Independent Travel Training Champion!



## Contact the Independent Travel Hub This is a new Hub set up to develop

Swindon's independent travel offer, to enable students to travel independently to and from their educational setting. Email: independenttravel@swindon.gov.uk

Contact number: **01793 464167** 

Independent Travel Training To complete the training, the child and young person will be assessed on a range of criteria to ensure that they are not only safe but are also confident with the varying stages of travel involved.

ssment and support during

**Risk Assessments in place** – These will be detailed, specific and tailored to the child or young person, which highlights risks that may be in place along the route that will be taken, this could include issues such as no street lighting.

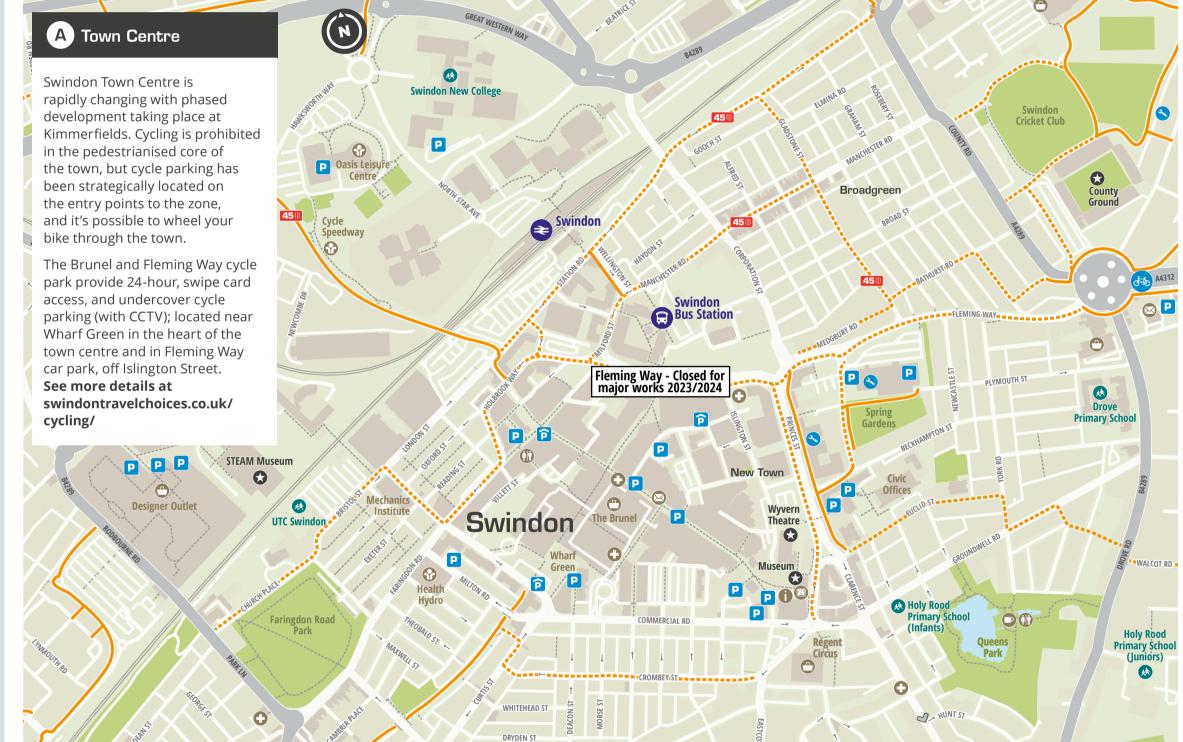
- 1:1 support ensuring that the child or young person has the right level of tailored support for the journey.
- Bespoke training to suit each child or **young person** – As part of the ongoing training, we will review each circumstance of the child and young person on a case by case basis, looking at the way in which we can best support them for successful engagement and completion of the course.
- Progress log to be maintained This will highlight the daily progression being made within the training, for example – confidence and understanding in identifying a 'safe stranger'.
- **Shadowing stage** We will be able to shadow from a safe distance or use another trainer to assess and ensure that all taught behaviour and steps are being followed ready for the child or young person's sign off.
- Post Training Quiz The child or young person will be asked to complete a 'What-if?' quiz, which highlights the learning they have had and the scenarios that they may face.
- **Post Training** After the completion of the training we will check in with the child or young person, this will help us to understand whether they are still independently travelling.

To find out more, scan

the QR code or visit:

There will be an opportunity for children and young people to join our 'Champions' which will help to offer peer advice and support to others looking to complete the training.

localoffer.swindon.gov.uk



## **Travel Choices** Swindon Travel Choices aims to make it easier for those

**About Swindon** 

living or working in Swindon to get around without a car. As well as improving infrastructure such as paths, lighting and routes,

we also provide advice and

This map has been produced with the help of Swindon Cycle Campaign and Sustrans.

information about travel choices

Information correct as of Summer 2023

🔭 swindontravelchoices.co.uk

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## calorie calculator Swindon Travel Choices is trying

Time, distance and

to encourage people that live a 25 minute walk or cycle from schools to leave their car behind and take the exercise instead. The table on the right

demonstrates that many places in the Swindon urban area are within the 25 minute zone.

We have based the information below using the "quietest streets" option with a cycling speed of 10mph (this is an unhurried speed on the flat). If you are fitter and take busier roads, the times can be a lot shorter.



	Town Centre	North Star	Kembrey Park	Wichelstowe	West Swindon Ce	Coate Water	North Swindon Centre (Orbital)	Great Western Hospital	Mouldon Hill	Lydiard Park	Windmill Hill	South Marston/ Honda
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## Contacts and Links

## Local **Swindon Travel Choices** swindontravelchoices.org.uk

**Swindon Cycle Campaign** swindoncyclecampaign.org facebook.com/SwindonCycleCampaign Friends of the Railway path (Coate to Marlborough) friendsofthepath.org.uk Let's Ride – free bike rides letsride.co.uk

# National

Sustrans sustrans.org.uk Cycling UK cyclinguk.org Cyclestreets (Journey Planning)

cyclestreets.net **British Cycling National Bike Week** 

## StreetSmart

broken glass and overgrown hedges to Swindon Borough Council's StreetSmart team. Online

swindon.gov.uk

01793 445501 (Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm) 01793 466453 (Emergency & out of hours)