

# Newport School Streets

## Case Study



## Background

In February 2022, Sustrans were commissioned by Newport City Council to promote the value of active travel through the production of local travel maps with pupils from Tredegar Park Primary, St. Josephs RC Junior and Infant School, and Malpas Church Primary.

The scope of the commission included a series of sessions with the school, pupils, parents and local residents to:

- Raise awareness about the benefits of active travel.
- Identify barriers to improve the streets around the school, making them a friendlier and safer environment for walking, wheeling and cycling.
- Design an active travel map for each school after the series of engagement sessions.
- Hold a school street trial at one of each school.

Sustrans worked with the local authority on planning the temporary traffic displacement for the School Trial during drop-off and pick-up times (8.00am - 9.15am and 2.30pm - 4.00pm). This also included the submission of a Traffic Regulation Order.

## Results

The School Streets were managed by a couple of Sustrans officers on site who informed and engaged with school community and local residents that wished to know more

about the intervention. Sustrans staff focused on emphasising the benefits for of active and safe travel for the children and the whole area.

A private business contracted by Sustrans was responsible for setting up, manning the barriers, and allowing permitted vehicles through the closed area.

The school streets have been a very successful experience. Parents, carers, and pupils were generally positive and could see the advantages of the intervention. While the school staff and local residents were enthusiastic about the intervention to become permanent.

**“What a change! It is normally chaos at this time.”**

School teacher at St Joseph’s RC Primary School

**“How peaceful! Every day should be like this.”**

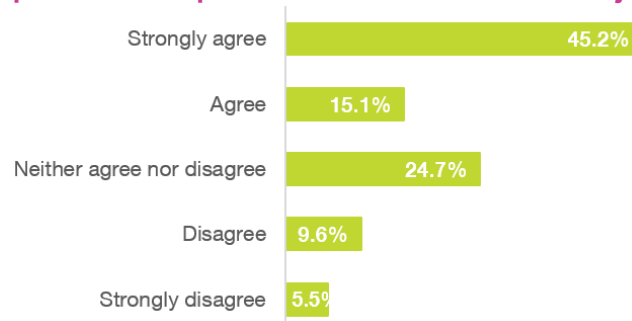
Fairoak Avenue resident

## Stats



The results below are for all the interventions combined.

**Response to the question: “The street is more enjoyable”**



**Response to the question: “Would you support a School Street happening more regularly outside the school”**

