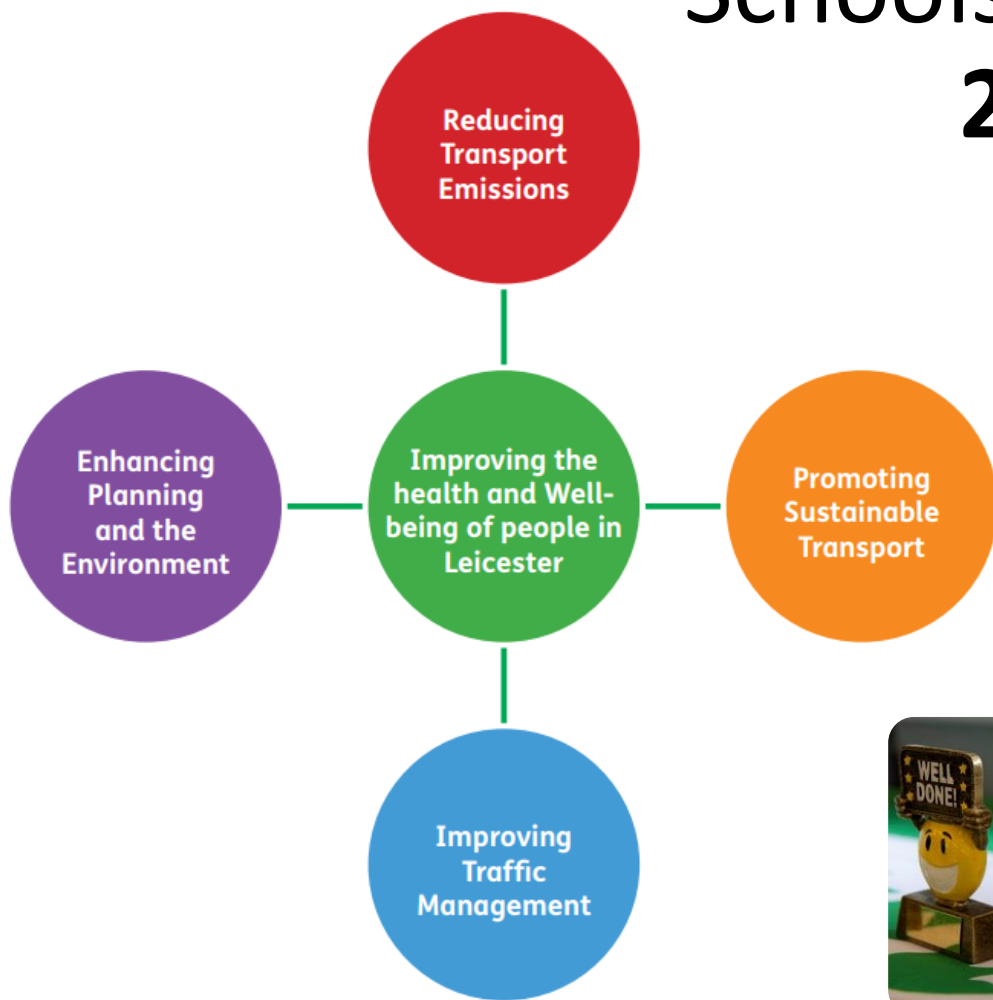


Healthier Air for Leicester

Schools Award 2019-20



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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 2020 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.

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 \(2015-2026\)](#)

[Air Quality Education – project for schools](#)



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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 one **ongoing scheme** for example Living Streets - Walk to School, Sustrans Schools Cycling - which has lasted at least 2 school terms
3. At least one event involving **parents and the community** e.g. Big Pedal, Happy Shoes Day, car-free day, Clean Air Day, Switch your engine off for cleaner air, BetterPoints campaign, Active travel event

You can also achieve a **merit** by evidencing other activities in school

Examples of **merit** activities can include:

- Bikeability
- Balance bike training
- Park and stride planning
- Walking bus
- Child pedestrian training
- Air quality monitoring / investigation
- Air quality education project / campaign
- 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
- Annual cycling event
- Cycling lessons in PE



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



Process

- Download [the application form](#)
- Email your completed form and evidence to danielle.kennell@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 in June 2020.
- Your award lasts 12 months from approval. *You will need to renew annually to maintain your award.*

You can submit your evidence at any time, however submissions will be reviewed monthly.

The final deadline for submissions for this academic year will be: **29 May 2020**



Useful Contacts

For free information and support with sustainable and active travel options



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