

# Safe Routes to School

## Upcoming improvements at Pope John Paul II National School

### What is Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School is a national programme delivered by Fingal County Council on behalf of An Taisce and Green Schools. Pope John Paul II NS applied, and successfully qualified for Round 1 of the programme being rolled out to encourage children and their guardians to walk or wheel to school.

A tailored Safe Routes to School design has been designed for Pope John Paul II National School. We plan to begin work in the coming weeks on changes that will make travelling to and from school safer, easier and more convenient for all.

### Changes proposed in the vicinity of the school

Safe Routes to School designs are unique to each participating school. At Pope John Paul II NS we will provide the following:

- Creation of a car-free School Street each morning and afternoon.
- Tightened junctions at Inbhir Íde with Caves Strand, Sea Road. Tightened junctions slow down approaching traffic and make crossing the road quicker and safer.
- Resurfaced footpath on Caves Strand adjacent to junction.

- Extended footpath around the green area in Inbhir Íde, with flexible bollards protecting the path.
- Added school zone signs and coloured road surfacing at Inbhir Íde Drive.
- Tightened junction at Inbhir Íde Close with Inbhir Íde Drive, and tightened junction at Sonesta.
- Extended footpath from the corner of Inbhir Íde Close to the school along Inbhir Íde Drive.
- Tightened junction at Árd na Mara with Yellow Walls Road.
- Upgraded zebra crossing at Caves Marsh.
- Signage to formalise the one-way system already in place during school drop off and pick up times.
- A series of other minor changes to signage, junctions and crossings to support the Safe Routes to School scheme.

Together, all of these changes will make the approach to the school, and the school entrance, safer for children.

The changes will also make the area around the school more accessible for people on foot and safer for people of all ages to walk or wheel. These changes will make drivers more aware of the proximity of the school.

**Parents/Guardians, in response to a survey<sup>1</sup>, told us they want new and improved cycle paths and footpaths, safer crossing points and fewer cars at the school gate. This plan delivers the changes your school community has requested.**

<sup>1</sup> Source: An Taisce, Safe Routes to School Parent Survey, April 2022

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**69%** of students walk, cycle or scoot to Pope John Paul II National School.<sup>1</sup>

**97%** of parents/guardians support better walking and cycling access to school.<sup>1</sup>

### Benefits include:

Parents/guardians and children have more confidence to travel actively to the school

Children enjoy fresh air on the walk/cycle to school

Arrive alert and ready to learn

Travelling independently develops their confidence

Parents and guardians save money on journeys

Busy mornings are easier with less traffic congestion

Families enjoy time to talk and play on the way!



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# Bealaí Sábháilte ar Scoil

Feabhsuithe le teacht ag Scoil Náisiúnta an Phápa Eoin Pól II

## Cad iad Bealaí Sábháilte ar Scoil?

Is clár náisiúnta é Bealaí Sábháilte ar Scoil arna sholáthar ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall thar ceann An Taisce agus na Scoileanna Glasa. Chuir SN an Pápa Eoin Pól II iarratas ráthúil isteach ar Bhabhta 1 den chlár atá á chur i bhfeidhm chun leanaí agus a gcuid chaomhnóirí a spreagadh chun siúl nó rothaíocht ar scoil.

Dearadh Bealach Sábháilte ar Scoil le haghaidh Scoil Náisiúnta an Phápa Eoin Pól II. Tá sé beartaithe againn tosú ar an obair sna seachtainí atá romhainn ar na hathruithe siúd a dhéanfaidh taisteal chuig agus ón scoil, níos sábháilte, níos éasca agus níos áisiúla do gach éinne.

## Athruithe arna moladh i gcóngar na scoile

Is dearadh ar leith é na Bealaí Sábháilte ar Scoile le haghaidh gach scoil a ghlacann páirt sa chlár. Cuirfidimid an meíd seo a leanas ar fáil ag SN an Phápa Eoin Pól II:

- Sráid gan charr na Scoile a chur i bhfeidhm gach maidin agus gach tráthnóna.
- Na hacomhail ag Inbhir Íde le Trá na hUaimhe agus le Bóthar na Mara. A dhéanamh níos doichte. Moillíonn acomhail níos doichte an trácht isteach agus cuireann siad le trasnú níos tapúla agus níos sábháilte an bhóthair.
- An cosán a athdhromchlú ar Thrá an Uaimheanna i ngar don acomhal.

- An cosán a leathnú thart ar an limistéar glas in Inbhir Íde, leis an gcosán á chosaint le mullaird sholúbtha.
- Tuilleadh comharthaí an chríos scoile agus dromchla daite a chur ar an mbóthair ag Céide Inbhear Íde.
- Acomhal níos doichte ag Clós Inbhear Íde le Céide Inbhear Íde, agus acomhal níos doichte ag Sonesta.
- An cosán a shíneadh ó chúinne Inbhear Íde In aice leis an scoil feadh Céide Inbhear Íde.
- Daingniú a dhéanamh ar an acomhal ag Árd na Mara le Bóthar na mBalláí Buí.
- Trasrian séabra a uasghrádú ag Riasc na n-Uaimhe.
- Comharthaíocht a chur suas chun an córas aontreo reatha le linn amanna fágáil agus bailiú na scoile a chur ar bhonn foirmiúil.
- Tacar mionathruithe eile ar an gcomharthaíocht, ar na hacomhail agus ar na trasrianta chun tacú le scéim na mBealaí Sábháilte ar Scoil.

I dteannta lena chéile, déanfaidh na hathruithe seo ina n-iomlán an turas ar scoil agus bealach isteach uirthi níos sábháilte do leanaí. Déanfaidh na hathruithe freisiin an ceantar timpeall na scoile a dhéanamh níos inrochtana dóibh siúd ag siúl ar scoil agus níos sábháilte do gach éinne ar gach aois atá ag siúl nó ag rothaíocht nó ag brú pram sa limistéar mórthimpeall. Déanfaidh na hathruithe seo aird na stiománaithe a ardú i gcóngaracht na scoile.

**Mar fhreagra ar shuirbhé1, dúirt Tuismitheoirí/Caomhnóirí linn go bhfuil rianta rothair agus cosáin feabhsaithe nua uathu, chomh maith le trasrianta níos sábháilte agus le laghdú ar líon na gcarranna ag geata na scoile. Cuireann an plean seo na hathruithe siúd a d'iarr an pobal scoile agatsa ar fáil.**

1 Foinse: An Taisce, Safe Routes to School Parent Survey, Aibreán 2022

Tá an tionscadal seo arna sholáthar ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall, le tacaíocht ón Taisce agus arna mhaoiniú ag ÚÍÉ.



69%

na ndaltaí ar scoil ar chos, ag rothar nó ar scútar ag Scoil Náisiúnta an Phápa Eoin Pól II.<sup>1</sup>

97%

na dtuismitheoirí/ba gcaomhnóirí le rochtain níos fearr an tsiúil agus na rothaíochta ar scoil.<sup>1</sup>

## I measc na mbuntáistí, tá:

Ardaítear muinín na dtuismitheoirí/na gcaomhnóirí agus na leanaí taisteal gníomhach a dhéanamh ar scoil

Baineann na leanaí taitneamh as an aer úr agus iad ag siúl/ag rothaíocht ar scoil

Tagann siad ar scoil ar an airdeall agus réidh le foghlaim

Déanann an taisteal neamhspleách a gcuid mhuinín a fhorbairt

Déanann tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí airgead a shábháil ar na turais acu ar an scoil

Is fusa do gach éinne é maidin ghnóthach gan brú na tráchta

Baineann teaghlaigh taitneamh as an deis cainte agus súgrtha acu ar an mbealach!



Déan á scannadh le haghaidh tuilleadh faisnéise

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