

# St. Dominic's National School Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Dear Parent

## What is in this Leaflet

1. **Reallocation of road space along Mountain Park, which will make the carriageway 5.5 metres. The purpose is to reduce speeds through a residential neighbourhood and the roads safer, fair and equitable for all users.**
2. **Benefits include reduction in vehicular speeds, reduced crossing distances & better crossing facilities for older residents, safer walking & cycling links to schools, better air quality outside school, creating a healthier neighbourhood for walking and cycling.**
3. **Increase in Active Travel will help reduce car journeys through a residential neighbourhood and make it more attractive for those that do not need to drive.**

## What's Proposed

- Works to be carried out under Section 38 road Traffic Act, 1994, following non-statutory public consultation in April/May 2023.
- Mountain Park narrowing to 5.5m with build outs, parking bays, school street markings.
- Footpath replacement/improvements on northern side of Mountain Park
- New pedestrian crossings on Mountain Park and St. Dominic's Rd.
- Link to Avonbeg Active Travel Scheme on Avonbeg Rd.
- Link to proposed Oldbawn to Ballyboden Active Travel Scheme on Old Bawn Rd (future connectivity to the Dodder Greenway).

## Things To Know

- Location of works: Mountain Park and St. Dominic's Rd.
- Works to be carried out in Summer 2024.
- SRTS Parents Survey reported 93.9% of parents would support works at the front of school that improve student safety, putting pedestrians and cyclists first.



Stone sets/  
Imprinted asphalt



Trees in planters



Colour themed  
asphalt features



Pencil shaped  
bollards



# Why is this change proposed?

There can be an uncertainty around any street changes, and it can hard to imagine the future. Here are some reasons for this change.

## Local Benefits – How do you benefit?

- Similar schemes have increased those walking and cycling, and helped make areas safer, more pleasant and more attractive.
- Safer walking and cycling facilities allow more people to choose to walk or cycle for short trips.
- Safer facilities will encourage more children to walk or cycle to school.
- Carriageway narrowing will reduce speeding, while still being able to handle the same amount of traffic
- Reduced through traffic will improve air quality

## Wider Benefits

- Encouraging people to walk and cycle rather than driving when they can, helps.
- Improve road safety particularly for the elderly and children
- Reduce emissions causing climate change
- Improve our overall mental and physical health
- Creates economic benefit for individuals and society



Example of school street in Dublin City Council

