

**THE DORSET COUNCIL (WASHPOND LANE, SWANAGE) (SCHOOL STREET)
(PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES)
(EXPERIMENTAL ORDER) 2026**

Dorset Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby makes the following Order:

DURATION, MODIFICATION AND SUSPENSION

- 1 This Order shall cease to have effect 18 months after it comes into operation or when a further Order to reproduce and continue in force indefinitely the provision of this Experimental Order is made, whichever is earliest.
- 2 The Dorset Council Traffic Manager may modify or suspend the operation of this Order or any provision of it if it appears to them essential:
 - a) in the interests of the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of traffic,
 - b) in the interests of providing suitable and adequate on-street parking facilities,
 - c) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any road affected by this Order runs.
- 3 Where a provision of this Order is in conflict with a provision contained in a previous order; the provisions of this Order shall prevail for the period that this Order is in force.

INTERPRETATION

- 4 In this Order the following expressions shall have the respective meanings assigned to them:

"The Swanage School Permit" means a permit issued at the discretion of The Swanage School to allow access to and from the school site.

"Access Permit" means a permit issued at the discretion of the Council to allow access to lengths of roads that are otherwise subject to the restriction.

"Restricted hours" means the periods between 8.20am until 8.30am and 3.25pm until 3.35pm on every school day.

"the 1988 Act" means the Road Traffic Act 1988;

"Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in the 1988 Act and includes any part of a vehicle.

PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- 5 Save as provided in Article 6 of this Order, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the length of Washpond Lane, Swanage during the restricted hours specified in the Schedule to this Order.

EXEMPTIONS

- 6 Nothing in this Order shall apply to a vehicle in the following circumstances:
 - a) The vehicle is directed by or with the permission of a police officer or Civil Enforcement Officer in uniform.
 - b) The vehicle is being used for emergency services purposes.
 - c) School bus requiring access or egress.
 - d) The vehicle is displaying a The Swanage School Permit obtainable from The Swanage School, on the vehicle's windscreen.

- e) The vehicle is displaying an access permit obtainable from the Council, on the vehicle's windscreen.
- f) The vehicle is being used in connection with the laying, erection, alteration, or repair of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telegraphic line as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984 and cannot conveniently be used for such purposes from any other location.
- g) The vehicle is being used in the service of a local authority or a water authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties and cannot conveniently be used for such purposes from any other location.
- h) The vehicle is being used in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic.

7 This Order may be cited as "The Dorset Council (Washpond Lane, Swanage) (School Street) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (Experimental Order) 2026" and shall come into operation on the 23rd of February 2026.

The Common Seal
of the Dorset Council
was affixed in the presence of:-

Authorised Signatory

Schedule:

Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

| Location | Description | Restricted hours |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Washpond Lane, Swanage | From its junction with the High Street in a northerly direction for approximately 16 metres. | 8.20am until 8.30am 3.25pm until 3.35pm on every school day |