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Traffic

30 km/h speed limit in front of the Kreuzschule in Mussum

Alfred-Flender-Straße in Mussum // Mondays to Fridays from 7 am to 3 pm // Implementation of the amendments to the Road Traffic Regulations (StVO) to improve safety on the way to school

A 30 km/h speed limit will apply in future on Alfred-Flender-Straße in Mussum, in the area around the Kreuzschule. The restriction will be in force from 7 am to 3 pm, Monday to Friday. The town of Bocholt is taking this measure in response to the high volume of traffic on a busy route to school.

The town of Bocholt is restricting the maximum speed limit on Alfred-Flender-Straße near the junction with Bömkesweg, where the Kreuzschule is located. On this stretch of road, a 30 km/h speed limit will apply on school days from Monday to Friday between 7 am and 3 pm. The town is installing the traffic signs today, featuring the additional symbols "School" and "Mon-Fri 7 am-3 pm%$. Outside these times, the speed limit remains 50 km/h.

Back in February, the city had already introduced a temporary 30 km/h speed limit in the vicinity of the Israhel-van-Meckenem Secondary School on Münsterstraße and announced that it would be reviewing other school locations. This is based on the amendment to the Road Traffic Regulations (StVO). It allows road traffic authorities to reduce the speed limit on busy school routes as well - that is, on routes used by large numbers of pupils.

On Alfred-Flender-Straße, the city has observed a significant volume of traffic throughout the entire morning and evening rush hours, not just in the mornings. Rush-hour traffic heading towards the industrial estate converges here with parents dropping off and picking up their children, as well as with children cycling to school.

""It is the youngest children in particular who need special protection on their way to school,"" explains Bocholt's Deputy Mayor Björn Volmering, ""at the Kreuzschule, many children are on the move in the mornings and at lunchtime - on foot, by bike or by bus. By introducing a 30 km/h speed limit, we are ensuring they can get to school and back home more safely. This also helps parents who want to trust their children to make the journey on their own."

This section brings together several school routes. Heading out of town, the routes taken by children from the Wachtelschlag residential area and from Mussumer Kirchweg converge here; heading into town, schoolchildren from the neighbourhood around Mussumer Church use this route. There is also a new, accessible bus stop at the junction where school buses stop. As well as schoolchildren, the footpath and cycle path are used by commuters on their way to the Schlavenhorst industrial estate.

The decision was driven by the frequent need to cross the road, the traffic associated with dropping off and picking up children, and the particular vulnerability of primary school children. They have a limited ability to recognise road hazards and are not yet able to reliably judge the speeds and distances of vehicles. The city of Bocholt has therefore decided to impose a 30 km/h speed limit at this location as well. The time restrictions are based on school days and the times when children are on their way to and from school.

""The new Highway Code gives us the opportunity to take targeted action at such locations, and we are making use of that," explains Dave Welling, Head of Urban Planning, ""because the restriction is limited to school hours, it protects the children precisely when they are out and about, whilst causing minimal disruption to other traffic.""



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