

REPORT SUGGESTS EXCLUSION ZONES

# Call to ban cars from school run

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CAR exclusion zones should be set up around schools in a bid to scupper the school run, a report suggested today.

Scientists said families should walk as part of a bid to tackle climate change and obesity. Banning vehicles from the vicinity of schools

could help reverse the dramatic decline in walking seen in the UK in recent decades, the Institute for European Environmental Policy said.

It revealed 38 per cent of all journeys under two miles – which could be covered by up to 30 minutes of brisk walking – are taken by car, adding to the “twin crises” of obesity and climate change.

Researchers believe that banning cars around schools would instil good habit early on and called for “concerted action” to solve the crisis.

In 1989, adults drove an average of 55 miles for the school run, but that increased to 82 miles by 2005.

Carolina Valsecchi, from the IEEP, said: “The twin crises of obesity and climate change are interlinked through the switch from muscle power to engine power for transport.”



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