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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Lewisham School Street Programme

Over the last year Lewisham Transport team have implemented a number of School Streets throughout the borough to improve the environment close to the school gates. School Streets involve enforcing restrictions outside a school to through traffic to reduce the volume of traffic passing by at the times children are travelling to and from school.

Roads close to schools often have periods of the day that are busy with school traffic, causing road safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists, congestion, and poor air quality for all. The primary objective of this programme is to help pupils and parents to by creating a safer environment for travel to school on foot and by bicycle, by implementing a short closure at school drop off and pick up times.

School Streets also have many additional benefits such as improving the air quality at the school gates, encouraging daily routines that incorporate exercise and helping to reduce the impact of the school run for those that live in the immediate vicinity of the school gates.

How will a School Street affect you?

The School Street at our school will restrict access to Faulkner Street at the start and end of the school day. These means that the road will be far quieter with only a small number of permitted vehicles, including emergency vehicles, and some blue badge holders. It is still important that care is taken near the road as some vehicles may still enter the road regardless. The need for your children to be aware of the road and traffic remains the same.

For further details on this School Street please see the commonplace website, where there are a series of Frequently Asked Questions (link provided below).

What happens next?

The details of the School Street programme will be added to the Commonplace page at (<https://lewishamcovidtransport.commonplace.is/>). This is an opportunity for you to comment on how the closure is going in your experience. To contact the Council please email: schoolstreets@lewisham.gov.uk.

We are planning for the School Street to be operational by October. If you live within the School Street closure you will have already received a letter with details of the programme.

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A timed closure will be implemented restricting access to Faulkner Street from Kender Street from 8.30 – 9.30 and 3.00 to 4.00 Monday to Friday during the term time.

School Streets Team