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Dear Residents, Parents & Carers.

### **Re: Lewisham School Street Programme**

Over the last year Lewisham Transport team have implemented School Streets throughout the borough to improve the environment close to the school gates by creating an area with less traffic, cleaner and calmer environment at the times children are travelling to and from school.

A time restriction was introduced on Faulkner Street in 2021 to create an area where pupils could leave school in a safer car free zone. The benefits of the restriction were well received by the school community. This stretch of road does not have a pavement or place for pedestrians; it also has a large step to get into the playground. This has been a concern of the school for some years.

Kender School have now funded and installed brand new gates, offering an attractive and welcoming entrance to the playground. To support the school, and as part of the school street programme, we are making safety improvements to the road layout.

Faulkner Street is going to be closed permanently to motor vehicles, with access for emergency service vehicles only. This will allow space for us to adjust the levels to remove the step into the playground, offering easier access to the playground, and some new features to provide a more playful and friendly environment, both for the school and local community.

I have added an illustration overleaf.

I am expecting the new school street to be installed between October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>. (This is subject to our contractor and any other factors that may hinder the installation).