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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Reminder - School Street at St Mary's C of E Primary School

Stockport Council is writing to remind parents/ guardians of the School Street in operation at St Mary's C of E Primary School.

The scheme was launched in 2020 with the support of the school, residents and ward members. However, we have been made aware that parents of new pupils may not be aware of the scheme or the reasons for its introduction.

We have also been made aware of some dangerous driving behaviour and attitudes from some parents at drop off and collection times which has put the safety of pedestrians at risk. Examples of this dangerous behaviour includes:

- Vehicles parking on crossing points
- Vehicles parking on double yellow lines
- Vehicles reversing without due care and attention

The Council is currently liaising with Greater Manchester Police and Civil Enforcement Officers over these concerns and will be monitoring these issues regularly to determine if further action is needed.

Road Closure Times

The times of road closure at St Mary's C of E Primary School are:

- **8.30am – 9:00am**
- **3.00pm – 3.30pm**

Aims of the School Street

The aim of this scheme is to make the streets around the school safer and to encourage families to walk, cycle or scoot to school as much as possible, rather than using a car. The promotion of active, healthy, safe, and sustainable travel to school increases the health and wellbeing of children and reduces the level of harmful vehicle emissions that are known to be particularly harmful to children.

This aligns with Stockport Council's commitment to making Stockport's roads safer for everyone as well as improving the health and wellbeing of the community through more active travel such as walking and cycling wherever possible.

The benefits of a School Street where traffic levels are reduced are:

- Less road danger from traffic
- Less anti-social behaviour from inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving
- More walking, cycling, and scooting by children and parents that contributes to the recommended daily levels of activity and
- Reduced congestion and pollution from vehicles at the school entrance waiting with their engines running

Parents/Guardians

Parents and guardians will not be given access to the closed roads during the times of closure with the intention to encourage you and your children to make the whole journey by walking, cycling or scooting if you can.

Parents/Guardians with Special Access Requirements

Parents/Guardians of children who have additional/special access requirements will be able to obtain a School Permit from the Council. This permit will allow a vehicle to pass through the closure points in order to safely drop off and collect your child. This permit must be clearly displayed in your windscreen.

Blue Badge Holders will also be given access through the closure points. Badges must be valid and clear displayed in the windscreen.

Emergency vehicles will, of course, be allowed to access as required.

Drop In Event

We also invite you to join us at the drop-in event which will take place at St Mary's C of E Primary School on 30th September from **3pm until 4.30pm**, where you will have the opportunity to discuss the scheme with the Stockport Council team.

If you have any queries or concerns in the meantime, please email the team at schoolstreets@stockport.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,



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