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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to provide some information about our 'School Street.' Firstly, thank you to all the parents who support the traffic regulation order by parking away from school making the area around the front of school safer and healthier for all our children.

Unfortunately, I have seen an increase in the number of cars using Broomfield Drive both before and after school. This is particularly bad on wet days. As a school we have been working with Living Streets and Stockport Council since 2017 when our children and families told us that they didn't feel safe walking up Broomfield Drive. Since then we have organised walk to school events, used a travel tracker to record journeys and organised park and stride locations such as, 'The Carousel'. We did this because we felt strongly that we were encouraging our children to be physically active, develop their independence, road safety skills and tackle congestion, air pollution and traffic danger outside our school gates.

In 2022, Stockport council made us a 'School Street' with an enforceable traffic regulation order in place. This means only residents with School Street passes or individuals with a Blue Badge may drive up Broomfield Drive between 8.30am-9am and 3pm-3.30pm. The council are working to make this order permanent from December, so we would like to remind parents that they must not drive up Broomfield Drive between these times. Both school and the council will be monitoring any cars coming up Broomfield Drive between these times. Thank you for keeping our children safe and healthy. The 'School Street' is a real asset to St Mary's and I ask that all families continue to support us with this.

On a lighter note, we have a few places available in the school choir on Tuesdays 3.20 – 4.20. This is free to attend however does require a commitment to attend each week. The choir have also been invited to sing at the St Mary's Carol Service on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. If you would like to join our choir please speak to me.

As I said last week, banded letters detailing your child's current attendance will be sent home early next week. Reception class gained 100% attendance last week granting them the privilege of wearing their own clothes on Friday. As Friday is 'Children in Need' Reception class can wear their own clothes on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November as the reward.

Finally, a reminder that on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November the children are invited to wear non-uniform and donate £1 to raise money for Children in Need. We hope as many children as possible will support this.

Have a wonderful weekend, with the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz  
Headteacher