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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Trial School Street - Hayes Primary School - George Lane - 08:30-09:30 14:45-15:45**

We wish to inform you of the implementation of a Trial School Street at Hayes Primary School.

**What is a Trial School Street?**

School Streets are where vehicular access is temporarily restricted specifically at school drop-off and pick up times during term time. They are implemented to encourage walking, scooting or cycling and to ease congestion outside the school gates.

Please note: Privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use on public roads and pavements in the Bromley borough and can be seized by the police. You can only use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the landowner.



**How do they work?**

School Streets are installed by using moveable barriers to restrict vehicles from entering the road at the start and end of the day. A marshal, chosen by the school will man the barriers throughout the restricted times. It will operate during term time only.

**When will the Trial School Street start?**

The Trial School Street will begin operation on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. The scheme will be reviewed after six months.

The map shows where the road will be restricted. George Lane will be closed at the junction with Hayes Wood Avenue.



### **Arrangements for parent, carer and staff parking in school**

From Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, the Hayes Primary School site will not be accessible by parent, carer or staff vehicles during the restricted hours 08.30am – 09.30am and 14.45pm – 15.45pm. If they have driven, they will need to park and continue their journey into school on foot.

### **Breakfast/Afterschool Clubs**

Parents can drop children at Breakfast club by car, parking on the KS2 playground, but must leave the school site well in advance of 8.30am when the street will be closed.

Parents can collect their children by car from clubs run after school and park on the KS2 playground when the street re-opens at 15.45pm.

### **Children and parents with mobility needs**

Blue badge holders and vehicles used in the transport of children with special mobility needs, including private vehicles, taxis and minicabs declared for such use, will be able to access the school during the restricted times. **Where a parent has a mobility need and the child is unable to walk unaccompanied from just outside the zone, then please contact the school.**

## **Frequent Asked Questions**

### **I am a parent and I live in George Lane, what if I need to drive my car in the street during the restricted hours?**

Residents will be able to drive into the School Street when displaying a permit, but not onto the school site during the school street closure times. All residents of George Lane will receive separate communication about permits from Bromley Council.

### **How will we know that motorists driving in the School Street zone have got permission?**

Permits will be issued to residents and families identified by the school on the ground of disability.

### **Other exempt vehicles**

The following vehicles are exempt and will be able to access the school street during the restricted times:

- Emergency services
- Blue Badge holders
- Statutory public services, such as gas/electricity companies
- Refuse collectors
- Universal postal service providers, such as the Royal Mail.
- Breakdown and recovery vehicles (the so-called 4<sup>th</sup> emergency service)

### **What is the experience from similar schemes in other places?**

Croydon Council introduced the first School Streets schemes in 2017. Follow up surveys show that schools and residents inside the zones remain in favour of the schemes and that significantly more children now walk to school. The displacement of the residual parking into neighbouring roads was a cause for initial concern. However, this effect is reduced in amount and is dispersed over a wider area. Driving school parents have needed time to become influenced and find alternative arrangements to their usual car journey.

If you have any general queries about this Trial School Street scheme, email:

[schooltravelplans@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:schooltravelplans@bromley.gov.uk). Please note, the School Travel Team will not be able to issue any school permits, you will need to liaise with the school office.

Kind regards,

**School Travel Team**