

Dear Parent

School Street scheme at the Ecclesbourne Primary School

The Council are to restrict Attlee Close to use by pedestrians and cyclists, with most motor vehicle traffic prohibited, between the hours of 08:00 to 09:30 and 14:00 to 16:00 on weekdays. The driving restrictions are due to be in place by 1st September 2020, for the new school year, and will be enforced using camera technology.

The School Street is a response to requests for something to be done about air pollution, road safety and obstruction near to the school entrance. Prior to the Covid-19 situation, Croydon had the highest level of childhood (0 to 9 years) hospital admissions for asthma in London and 205 premature deaths each year were attributed to air pollution. The level of air pollution inside a car in congested traffic is typically higher and more harmful than on the pavement. Inactivity amongst children is a further public health concern.

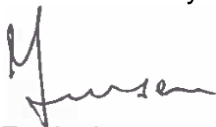
Walking, scootering and cycling to school benefit children's health and wellbeing. Head teachers at schools within existing School Street schemes report that children who walk or cycle arrive at school more alert, happier and ready to work. The School Streets thereby contribute to both better health outcomes and schooling opportunities for the children. This is something that parents and the Council care for. If you must use the car, then it suggests that you should park in a safe and legal place outside the School Street zone and walk the last leg of the school journey.

The local area around the School Street will be monitored for any displacement effects, with consideration to implementing further road safety and parking controls if needed.

Vehicles used in the transport of children with special mobility needs, including private vehicles, taxis and minicabs declared for such use, can obtain a permit to drive into the road during the restricted times. Where a parent has a mobility need and the child is unable to walk unaccompanied from a drop-off point just outside the zone, then a permanent or temporary permit may also be granted. Parents of children with special mobility needs should talk to the school in the first instance.

The Council's contact address regarding the scheme is schoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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