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Dear Parent / Carer,

School Streets is a new approach to transforming road safety and air quality outside schools, whereby they are closed to traffic and the start and end of the school day. This helps to reduce congestion and improve air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk or cycle to school whilst creating a more pleasant environment for everyone.

Ann's Grove Primary School had been chosen as one of the schools where a School Street is to be trialled with Gleadless Road being closed to traffic from its junction with Hartley Street to after the school entrance on Ann's Road. The closure will be for between 30 and 60 minutes at the start and end of the school day. The School Street will run Monday to Friday during school term time.

We hope to implement the scheme in time for the new school term starting in January 2022.

How will the School Street work?

- Gleadless Road will be closed to vehicular traffic from its junction with Hartley Street to after the school entrance on Ann's Road. This section of road will be closed in both directions.
- The closure will operate Monday to Friday during school term time.
- Closure times will be 8:00 to 9:00am and 14:45 to 15:45pm.
- During these times vehicular traffic is prohibited. Exceptions apply: Blue badge holders, permit holders, emergency vehicles, deliveries.
- Residents living within the closed area are exempt and will receive a permit to allow access.
- The closure points will be staffed by trained marshals.
- Existing parked vehicles will be able to leave the area, marshals will remove the barrier to facilitate this.
- We ask residents to limit their vehicle movements at these times.

Outside these closure times, normal traffic movements remain.

Frequently Asked Questions

"What will the closure look like?"

At the closure point there will be signs either side of the road, stating a Pedestrian & Cycle zone along with the times the closure is in place. There will also be a physical

barrier put out by trained staff who will be marshalling the closure whilst it is in operation.

“How does the closure affect my journey?”

Families who normally drive to school will be unable to drive along this section of road, they will have to park further away and walk to the school gates. Due to limited traffic on the road, cycling to school will be much safer & families choosing to walk and scoot to school will have a cleaner, quieter journey.

“What if myself or my child is disabled?”

Blue badge holders will be exempt and just need to present themselves to the road closure marshal to gain access.

“Will Emergency vehicles be able to get through the closure?”

Yes, emergency vehicles will be given access.

“Can we walk and play in the road?”

No. Pedestrians and children on scooters need to use the pavement as usual, whilst cyclists can utilise the road (which will hopefully be much safer due to the reduction in vehicles). There may still be some vehicle movement due to residents and deliveries etc. All children will receive a road safety briefing in school reminding them of how to stay safe on their journey to school.

“Are the closure times really an hour?”

The closure times maybe shorter than the 60 minutes advertised, once most pupils have entered or left the school, the Road Closure Marshals can decide to open the road up and normal traffic movements can resume.

“What other parking restrictions are there around school?”

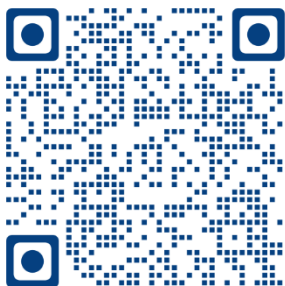
There are very few other parking restrictions in the area, but we ask that you always park considerately and safely. Please do not block residential driveways or access, obstruct pavements or the visibility of other road users.

“I would like to volunteer as a marshal, who do I contact?”

If you are interested in helping the school maintain their school street and would like to volunteer, please contact Executive Head Teacher, Sam Fearnough sfearnough@annsgrove.sheffield.sch.uk in the first instance.

We value your opinion and would like you to take a couple of minutes to complete this short survey, you can use the following link, just copy into any browser:

<https://forms.gle/HAr5YwH9rW1s3XBD6>



or scan the QR code using your smart phone:

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact using schoolstreets@sheffield.gov.uk