



25th March 2024

Dear Parents,

RE: School Streets Update

Following on from my previous email, I am happy to inform you that we have more definitive information regarding the implementation of the School Street on Highworth Road, outside Bowes Primary School. This is a crucial step towards enhancing the safety and well-being of our children. We have observed a concerning rise in dangerous driving and conflicts among adults outside the school during pick-up and drop-off times in recent months. Such behaviours are unacceptable and should not be witnessed by our young children. As a school community, we are committed to prioritising the safety of our children above all else. By restricting vehicle access on Highworth Road, we believe we can significantly reduce traffic congestion, create a safer pedestrian environment, and foster a more peaceful atmosphere for everyone.

I met with a Local Authority representative today who informed me the consultation process is now complete. They also provided me with a timeline of what will happen next. Please see the details below:

Week Commencing 25th March 2024

Internal Governance within the Local Authority will approve the School Street report. I have been informed this will happen by the end of the week.

Week Commencing 8th April 2024

The Local Authority will write to residents of Highworth Road and parents of Bowes Primary School (which we will forward to you on their behalf) with final information about the partial closure of the road. The letter will also include details on how parents/residents can apply for blue badge exemptions. **Please note, all exemptions will need to be made via the Local Authority, not the school.**

Week Commencing 15th April 2024

The Local Authority will put up banners and warning signs around the school notifying the community of the implementation of the School Street. The purpose of this is to inform/remind the general public of the partial closure on Highworth Road, and to avoid potential accidents/collisions.

Week Commencing 29th April 2024

The partial closure on Highworth Road will commence between **8:30am – 9:15am**, and **3:00pm – 3:45pm**. If you drive down Highworth Road during these periods, after the date indicated above, **you will receive a Penalty Notice Charge from the Local Authority.**

All of this information can also be found on our [school website](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Effie Demetriou
Headteacher

