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School Streets Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our first full week of the school streets trial, I would like to share some key information with our parents/carers.

Available Parking

The team from PCC and Sustrans have been with us all week, monitoring the parking and traffic. For parents who have been struggling to park, they have recorded on average ten free parking spaces in the roads parallel to Lyndhurst and Crofton Road, both in the morning and at pick up times.

Parking Safely

Thank you to the parents/carers who have been supporting us in this initiative. Unfortunately, there have been a number of cases where cars have parked on double yellow lines. We have also seen cars reversing into the one way roads, driving down them the wrong way and parking across the closed roads. All of these actions are counter-productive to the aims of School Streets, and in most cases, illegal. Please can those who are still travelling to school by car ensure they park in a sensible place that will not put anyone in our school community at risk.

Weather Plan

Due to the heavy rain on Friday, there was an increased number of cars on the road which caused severe traffic congestion where Lyndhurst Road meets Stubbington Avenue. As a result of this, the roads surrounding the closure felt unsafe. From today, where heavy rain is forecast, we will not run the school streets initiative, and leave the roads open. You will be notified of this through Studybugs.

Can we please ask parents in these cases to avoid parking on the yellow zig zags, drive at a safe speed and not drop their children off in the middle of the road.

Being Kind

On Friday staff experienced unacceptable behaviour directed at them. If any member of our school community has reservations regarding the initiative, please can you express these using the correct channels, via email or a phone call.

Volunteers

We are still in desperate need of volunteers. Please get in touch if you can help!

Despite some of the negatives, we felt last week was incredibly successful and are looking forward to continuing with the trial. Thank you for the positive feedback we have received!

Many thanks,



Mrs Carlyle

Headteacher