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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Spring Grove Primary School – Extension of Trial “School Street” Access Restrictions**

Following the temporary restrictions that were introduced to motor traffic on Star Road in June, the council has made the decision to extend these measures into the new school year on an experimental basis.

#### **How will it work?**

A “No Motor Vehicle” access restriction will be introduced on **Star Road**, from its junction with London Road.

Parents and carers will be made aware of these restrictions by the placement of a “no motor vehicles” sign with the times these measures are in operation (Monday to Friday **8:15-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm**). The scheme will come into force from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020** and parents and carers driving their children to school, will not be permitted to enter the zone.

The school asks parents and pupils to walk, scoot or cycle where possible.

All unauthorised vehicles trying to enter the restricted area during the specified times will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

#### **How does this differ from the temporary restrictions?**

The experimental scheme will operate without a physical barrier in place to minimise disruption to authorised vehicles entering and leaving the road. The restrictions will be enforced by camera (a mobile CCTV car or a fixed camera that can read vehicle number plates) and visits from Hounslow’s Civil Enforcement Officers.

While the temporary restrictions were on a section of Star Road closest to the school, the new scheme will operate on **all of Star Road** (from its junction with London Road).

#### **How long will it be in place?**

The School Street measures will run for a trial period between **September 2020 and July 2021** and will operate during term time only.

## Exemptions

Although the purpose of such schemes is to remove non-resident vehicle access to the area close to a school, we recognise that for some parents, carers and pupils, disabilities or health conditions mean it is not always possible to use other forms of transport.

Pupils with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan or holders of blue badges can therefore apply for an exemption which will allow them access to the School Streets Zone at all times without penalty.

To apply, please email us with your and your child's name, vehicle registration number, the school your child attends and whether you are a blue badge or EHCP holder to [schoolstreets@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:schoolstreets@hounslow.gov.uk). You do not need to be a Hounslow resident to apply and there is no need to send any documents to us but please note that we may check the London Borough of Hounslow's records to verify the claim.

## Further information

For a plan of the scheme and answers to some common questions we've been asked about School Streets, please visit our webpage:

<https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/schoolstreets>.

## How can I give feedback?

No decision has been made on whether the restrictions will be made permanent. While they are being introduced as part of our COVID-19 response, our School Streets programme was already expanding prior to the pandemic as the council stepped up efforts to tackle road safety concerns, poor air quality, and inconvenience to residents around schools.

We will continue to seek your feedback following implementation to help determine if the scheme should be made permanent beyond the trial period and, if so, whether any alterations should be considered. You can have your say at:

<https://haveyoursay.hounslow.gov.uk/traffic-and-transport/streetspace-feedback/>.

Alternatively, we can be contacted by email at [traffic@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:traffic@hounslow.gov.uk), or you can leave us a voice message at 0208 583 3322.

Yours faithfully,



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