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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that Lewisham Council is planning to make Pragnell Road a school street from January 2021. The following letter from the council gives more information about the planned changes, which I am in full support of. This is a positive result for the whole community, helping to reduce congestion outside the school gates, reducing air pollution and keeping us all safe on the roads.

Kind regards

Paul Hooper
Head Teacher

Re: Lewisham School Street Programme: Coopers Lane School

As part of our COVID-19 response we have been working with Transport for London to plan a safe and healthy return to school for pupils, parents, teachers and local residents. Over the last few weeks we have implemented the first phase of our School Streets programme across the borough.

Roads close to schools often have periods of the day that are busy with school traffic, causing road safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists, congestion, and poor air quality for all. The primary objective of this programme is therefore to help pupils and parents to socially distance at the school gates and to create a safer environment for travel to school on foot and by bicycle, by implementing a short closure at school drop off and pick up times. However, School Streets also have many additional benefits such as improving the air quality at the school gates, encouraging daily routines that incorporate exercise and helping to reduce the impact of the school run for those that live in the immediate vicinity of the school gates.

How will a School Street affect you?

The attached plan shows the proposals for Coopers Lane School including the times of operation and School Street closure point(s). Pragnell Road will be closed to vehicular traffic from 8.15 to 9.30am and 2.30 to 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.15 to 9.30am and 1.30 to 2.30pm on Fridays, on school days, during term time only. The closure point will be supported by signage advising the times of the closure, and advanced warning signage will also be in place. The School Street is planned to be operational by January 2021.

There are a number of ways School Street closures will be managed due to the road layout and circumstances at each location. Pragnell Road will be closed at the junction with Kingsand Road using signage and enforced by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera with an exemption for residents living with the road closure area. At the junction with Coopers Lane a short section of road will be one way with a No Entry sign, with a cycle contraflow section

We have offered schools the option of using temporary barriers/cones in the interim whilst we await the delivery of some of the equipment set out in the plan. This means that schools will be able to manage the closure as soon as the legal notices have been advertised. Access for emergency services will be maintained.

For further details on this School Street please see the commonplace website, where there are a series of Frequently Asked Questions (link provided below).



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What happens next?

The details of the School Street programme will be added to the COVID-19 Commonplace page at (<https://lewishamcovidtransport.commonplace.is/>). This is an opportunity for you to comment on how the closure is going in your experience. To contact the Council please email:

schoolstreets@lewisham.gov.uk.

There will be phased introduction and you will see temporary barriers/signage staffed by the school in the first instance to show the closure is in place, with further street signage then added to support this.

We are planning for the School Street to be operational by January 2021. If you live within the School Street closure we will write to you again in the coming weeks to request your vehicle details so that a School Street permit can be arranged. Please note that if you live within a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and already have a CPZ permit, you will still have to apply for a School Street permit. A parking permit does not automatically allow access in to the School Street during the closure period.

