



Girnhill Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Wakefield School Streets - Removing Traffic Outside Girnhill Infant School

We are writing to let you know that Wakefield Council are considering a 'School Street' on Hardwick Road and we have been asked to consult with parents. This scheme will help you, your children and our school community stay safer. It does this by making space for people to travel safely to and from school on foot and by scooter or bike and reduce the risk of spreading the Corona virus, for everyone's benefit.

Wakefield Council will introduce a Temporary/Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to restrict traffic at drop-off and pick-up times on key roads near our school. These types of restrictions are known as School Streets, and they have the support of the local councillors.

If successful following the consultation period, there would be no access, except for permit holders.

If successful, this temporary/Experimental TRO could become permanent. School Streets will help people who are walking, riding bikes or on scooters by reducing traffic on the road and making children feel safer. The council will put signs in appropriate places so you know which roads are restricted, along with the times of the restriction. Non-residents will not be allowed to drive through (residents who do need access will be asked to drive at a walking pace). Emergency vehicles and Blue Badge holders will have access at all times.

The School Streets scheme will also have other benefits:

- makes the air around school fresher and cleaner
- gives children the chance to get to school 'actively', which helps them stay healthy
- makes roads safer for everyone.

For parents/carers that have to drive their children to school, we are working with the local community to introduce a park and stride site close to the school. We would ask parents/carers to use this facility and encourage children to walk/scoot to school for the remainder of the journey

We look forward to welcoming your children back in; please help us all by walking, cycling or scooting to school if you possibly can. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping everyone to stay safe.

You can let us know what your thoughts are about School Streets by contacting GH-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk



The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Littlewood
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