

Holbeach Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Lewisham School Street Programme: Holbeach School

As part of their COVID-19 response Lewisham Council has been working with Transport for London to plan a safe and healthy return to school for pupils, parents, teachers, school staff and local residents. School Streets are being rolled out at a number of schools across the borough, and I am excited to announce that Holbeach School is part of this.

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 the school street, including the times of operation and School Street closure point(s). Doggett Road will be closed for vehicular traffic from the junction of Holbeach Road to the junction with Bradgate Road from 8.15 to 9.15am and 2.30 to 3.45pm, Monday to Fridays, 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.

There are a number of ways School Street closures will be managed due to the road layout and circumstances at each location. Doggett Road will be closed using signage and enforced by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras. Emergency vehicles are permitted to travel through the School Street.

When the advanced warning signs have been put up, we have offered the school the option of using temporary barriers/cones to allow the road to be closed. This means that the closures can commence relatively quickly.

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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I ask you to help us support this initiative further by thinking about how you make the journey to school and whether you can make changes to the way you travel. If you need to park your car inside the School Street area you will need to do this before the closure time, and you will not be able to leave the area until after the closure time. If you need to drive to school during the closure time, you will need to park away from the school and complete the last part of your journey on foot.

What happens next?

For more details of the School Streets programme go 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.

The School Street is planned to be operational by mid-January. I hope you agree this is an exciting and positive development for our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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