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Dear Parents and Carers

School Streets Update

I am writing to let you know of the recent developments regarding the Ripley Road school street. As you may be aware, this was successfully trialled from September 2019 to July 2020. Following consultation with parents and residents, it has now been fully approved for the street.

There are many benefits of School Streets including keeping the area outside the school gates free of congestion, reducing idling vehicles and potentially improving air quality, encouraging active travel to school, creating a pleasant and calm atmosphere at the start and end of the school day and, of course, improving road safety.

As part of the council's decision, the following changes are being introduced:

Times have been revisited and reduced. The revised School Street operational hours are **Monday to Friday 8.30am - 9am and 2.45pm - 3.15pm**, term time only. These times will apply when the signs are installed and visible (or open). New signs have been installed to reflect the new times of operation. When the school is closed the School Street is not in operation.

ANPR camera enforcement is being introduced. Only residents and businesses located within the restricted area (ie within Ripley Road) may apply for exemption. **Vehicles entering the School Street during operational hours without exemption will receive a Penalty Charge Notice.**

Parents and Carers dropping off or picking up children from school need to park outside, and not drive along Ripley Road during the operational times of; 8.30am - 9am and 2.45pm - 3.15pm as they risk a fine.

The following other vehicles may also apply for exemption:

- Blue badge holders visiting a property in the School Street;
- Care workers serving a property within the School Street;
- Taxis (private hire) serving a property within the School Street; or
- Delivery vehicles and other essential non-medical visitors can apply using the 'Other' category.





The following vehicles are automatically exempt:

- Emergency vehicles;
- Council waste trucks;
- School buses and school transport;
- Taxis (Hackney carriages only); or
- Royal Mail postal vehicles.

ANPR cameras will be installed in early March and tested before being switched on. There will be a couple of weeks grace period where £0 value warning notices will be issued to make drivers aware of the scheme before Penalty Charge Notices are issued.

If you receive a warning notice but consider your vehicle to be exempt, please contact schoolstreets@richmond.gov.uk as soon as possible to enable them to investigate.

For School Streets queries, please visit https://www.richmond.gov.uk/school_streets or email schoolstreets@richmond.gov.uk if you need assistance with the online form or have questions that aren't covered in the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section online.

Yours sincerely

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