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Dear Residents, Businesses and the school community,

Barnes Primary School Street – important update

This letter is to update you on the pre-trial consultation held in the autumn for a School Street serving Barnes Primary School on Cross Street, Barnes. The council has now reviewed the consultation feedback and shared this with local ward councillors.

As part of this consultation with residents and businesses of Westfield Avenue, Westfields, part of Cross Street, Railway Side and the school community, the Council consulted on a timed restriction at school peak times along Cross Street, Westfields and Railway Side footpaths in Barnes.

Whilst the consultation was not a referendum, results from the online survey, emails, telephone calls and a door knocking exercise showed that the majority of the feedback was supportive of a trial on Cross Street and Westfields (including the Railway Side passages). There was also support from both inside and outside the consultation area for the inclusion of Westfields Avenue, all of Cross Street, Archway Street, Thorne Street, Charles Street and St Anne's Passage and it is therefore proposed to extend the trial to include these streets. Whilst Railway Side (west of Cross Street) and White Hart Lane (odd numbers north of the railway line) will not be included within the restricted area, due to the nature of these streets, residents of these sections will be exempt from the restrictions and may still use the restricted roads during School Street operational hours. The same applies to residents of Thorne Passage who will also be exempt from the restrictions so that they retain access to their properties from Charles Street. Please see the drawing overleaf.

No CCTV ANPR cameras are proposed at this stage and so there is no need to apply for an exemption, but the scheme will be monitored and feedback reviewed. The following drivers are eligible for exemption to these restrictions:

- Residents and businesses within the School Street and Railway Side and White Hart Lane - odd numbers north of the railway line (up to 4 household owned vehicles per address excluding visitors/services)
- Blue badge holders visiting a property in the School Street
- Care, health and medical workers serving a property within the School Street
- Taxis (private hire and Hackney carriage) serving a property within the School Street
- Emergency vehicles
- Council waste trucks
- School buses and school transport

We are aware that in some cases exceptional circumstances will require a driver to enter during the operational hours of the School Street and these drivers are also exempt from the restrictions, for example emergency call outs (i.e. burst water pipes, gas leaks, emergency statutory undertaker works etc), heavy

deliveries (i.e. appliances or building materials), emergency deliveries (i.e. refrigerated or timed medication).

The following vehicle drivers are not exempt from the restrictions (unless eligible under one of the criteria above):

- Residents and businesses located outside the School Street
- Parents/carers dropping off/collecting children at the school
- Other drivers wishing to cut through the area

Non-essential visitors, services and deliveries should be arranged for outside of School Street times, where possible, for example food deliveries and non-emergency call outs and services.

The proposed hours of operation will remain **Monday to Friday from 8.15 to 9am and 3 to 3.30pm, during term time only** for the trial and we will monitor this and consider amending, if deemed necessary. You will have an opportunity to comment on the operational hours as part of the consultation.

School Streets are trialed under an Experimental Traffic Order, which invites comments on the live scheme. To enable this, a consultation will reopen for 6 months when the school street is installed. An experimental scheme can be modified in response to feedback, and within 18 months schemes can be made permanent or removed.

We are currently undertaking further monitoring data to cover the wider area and surrounding streets. This will be used as a baseline and compared with another post implementation survey once the 6-month consultation ends.

The consultation and trial will commence on the 23 February 2026, under an experimental traffic order. We welcome your views, which you can make via the consultation webpage when the scheme launches. Please use the link below or your smartphone camera to scan the QR code above.

<https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/richmondcs/school-streets-bb-26/>

Please see our website for further information about School Streets

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/school_streets or email **schoolstreets@richmond.gov.uk**.

Yours faithfully,

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