

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The council is looking to make the journey to school safer for pupils in Lambeth.

The Transport for London Streetspace <u>Plan Supplementary Guidance on School Streets</u> states that: 'as children and young people return to early years, school and further education settings, government guidance remains in place on social distancing'.

In order to aid social distancing and reduce the danger posed to our young people by motor vehicles as schools return, the council is inviting primary schools to be part of their **School Streets** programme.

School Streets are timed road closures outside our schools. They will run for a trial period of six months from 2 September 2020 and after the trial period and following engagement with both the school community and residents living on the street, we may look to make them permanent.

We want to make walking, cycling and scooting to school a more attractive option by reducing the traffic and congestion in the school's immediate surroundings, as well as helping to facilitate social distancing at drop off and pick up times.

Portable gates will be used to close the road meaning that emergency services and blue badge holders will still have access, and residents will still be able to exit.

As this is part of the school's emergency response to Covid-19, we ask for support from the whole school community to ensure the success of this scheme, helping to create a safer and more pleasant environment around the school.

With the introduction of this scheme, we hope that more children and families will feel able to use active travel modes such as walking, cycling or scooting as a means of getting to school.

If you have any questions at this stage please contact <u>schoolstreets@lambeth.gov.uk</u>.

Kind regards,

Councillor Claire Holland Deputy Leader & Cabinet Lead for Sustainable Transport, Environment and Clean Air