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Dear Parent / Guardian,

School Streets Trial – Coming Soon

Bury Council is seeking parents/ guardians' views on its School Streets proposals for Guardian Angels' R.C. Primary School which has volunteered to take part in a trial in the Autumn 2022.

School Streets aim to make the streets around schools safer and healthier for pupils and parents and encourage more walking, cycling or scooting to school and supports the aims of school travel plans to encourage and promote active, healthy, safe, and sustainable travel to school for pupils, staff, and visitors. This would be done by restricting access to some roads around a school to through traffic and parents / guardians parking to drop off / collect pupils.

The Council is committed to making Bury's roads safer for everyone living, working, and visiting the borough. We are creating a cleaner environment that will reduce air pollution and improve the health and wellbeing of the community by encouraging more active travel such as walking and cycling wherever possible.

One of the aims of a School Street is to reduce the number of private car journeys to and from school and should lead to:

- Less road danger from traffic
- Less anti-social behaviour from inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving
- More walking, cycling, and scooting by children and parents
- Reduced congestion and pollution from vehicles waiting with their engines running

Our Proposal

Our plans to trial a School Street for Guardian Angels' R.C. Primary School, this will involve **closing Melrose Avenue between 8:00- 8.45am and 2.15- 3.30pm i.e. at the start and end of the school day only.**

The entrance(s) to the school streets will be closed by volunteers/ school staff who will use signs and barriers, and then marshal access to and from the street. Arrangements will be made to allow limited access to the School Street using permits, for example around health care. Emergency vehicles will, of course, be allowed to access as required. Unless you have a valid permit, you will not be able to access the street during the times of closure. We encourage parents and guardians to use alternative parking arrangements or make the whole journey by walking, cycling or scooting if you can.

Residents and businesses on the road will still be able to leave and access the road. For this reason, children and parents will need to use the pavements for travel as normal.

Next Steps

As you have children attending Guardian Angels' R.C. Primary School and will be affected by the School Street Pilot scheme, we particularly encourage you to review the proposals and email us to let us know your thoughts on schoolstreets@bury.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

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