**St Hugh of Lincoln School Street Proposal**

**Dear Residents,**

I am writing to provide information about the School Street that is proposed in this area and to invite you to share your views on the proposal.

**What is a School Street?**

The School Street makes the road outside the school a temporary walking, wheeling and cycling zone at the start and end of the school day.

The purpose of a School Street is to create a safer, healthier and more pleasant environment outside the school gates by reducing danger to children from vehicles, improving air quality and encouraging active travel to school.

Access would still be maintained for residents and businesses within the closure zone, valid blue badge holders, pedestrians and cyclists. Emergency vehicles would also always have access.

**Aims**

By temporarily closing the road to motor vehicles at the start and end of the school day we aim to help

* Create a safer environment outside the school gates for children, families and residents
* Improve the air quality in and around the school by reducing pollution from traffic and vehicles waiting with their engines running
* Improve health and wellbeing by encouraging families to walk, wheel and cycle to school
* Reduce anti-social behaviour from inconsiderate parking and dangerous manoeuvres

**What is the proposal for the School Street?**

The proposal is to trial a School Street on Glastonbury Road (between the junctions with Winchester Road and Brompton Road):

Between the hours of 8.20 - 9am and 2.45 - 3.30pm on school days Glastonbury Road would become a temporary pedestrian and cycling zone.

Residents and businesses within the closure zone and holders of a valid blue badge would still be able to maintain access.

**Why are we considering a School Street?**

St Hugh of Lincoln R.C. Primary School is being considered for a School Street because of the ongoing risks to safety that occur from dangerous driving and parking on the road outside the school. School streets are widespread in London and other UK cities, where they have been shown to increase walking and cycling and reduce traffic, and are being trialled across Greater Manchester. In Trafford, there are School Streets operating in Stretford, Old Trafford, Urmston and Sale.

**What happens next?**

We will be holding two one-day trial events on

**Wednesday 15th May**

**Monday 20th May**

We will also be holding drop-in sessions to discuss the proposalsand listen to feedback:

**Thursday 16th May, 3.15 – 4pm and 6 – 7pm at St Hugh of Lincoln RC Primary School**

**Have your say**

Whatever your views about School Streets, as a parent / carer, resident, business, or driver, we would like to hear your views. Your views are important to us and will help the Council make a decision.

The easiest way to give your feedback is complete the online questionnaire at

<https://trafford.citizenspace.com/>

This questionnaire will go live on **15th May** and close on **5th June 2024**.

Alternatively, you can complete the paper copy of the questionnaire (attached) and return it to the school office.

Any feedback will be collated and will help us reach a decision on whether we proceed with the School Street. Should the Council agree to proceed with these proposals, all properties within the School Street will receive a letter to inform them of the start date.

**Volunteers**

The School Street scheme relies on volunteers and cannot operate without enough volunteers. If you support the aims of the School Street and are able to, please consider volunteering. Volunteers work in pairs to put out the closure signs on the road and escort exempt vehicles through the School Street. Volunteering can be for a regular morning or afternoon slot (around 45 minutes) or just here and there when you have time – it is a completely flexible role and there is no regular commitment needed. Training, equipment and ongoing support will be provided. Volunteers on a School Street often find this to be a very rewarding role in which they can immediately see the difference they are making to children’s lives. If you would like to volunteer or to find out more about volunteering on the School Street please contact Hannah Stanton (School Streets Officer for Trafford) at [hannah@traffordcollective.org.uk](mailto:hannah@traffordcollective.org.uk) / 07535 319 333.

**More Information**

For more information on our school street program including FAQ’s , please visit <https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-streets/road-safety/School-Streets.aspx>

If you need assistance responding, you can email [traffordtraffic@amey.co.uk](mailto:traffordtraffic@amey.co.uk) or call 0161 694 8970