**Tyntesfield Primary 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 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.

When the school street is operational at the start and end of the school day, the road becomes a temporary walking, wheeling and cycling zone in line with the Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Strategy.

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 making it easier for 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 Alma Road and is summarised as follows:

Between the hours of 8.15-9am and 3-3.45pm on school days Alma Road would become a temporary pedestrian and cycling zone.

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

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

Tyntesfield Primary School is being considered for a School Street because of the ongoing risks to children’s safety that have resulted in several collisions occurring 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.

**Have your say**

Whatever your views about School Streets, as a parent, 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 **6th February** and close on **28th February 2024**.

Alternatively, from 6th February you can collect a paper questionnaire with a stamped addressed envelope from Tyntesfield Primary School and return it to us before 28th February 2024.

**What happens next?**

We will be holding two one-day trial events on

**Tuesday 6th February**

**Tuesday 27th February**

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

**Wednesday 7th February at Tyntesfield Primary School, 3.30-4.30pm**

**Tuesday 20th February, online Zoom consultation session, 8-8.30pm**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72252899504?pwd=Eea7xHltdBVIG9rMWAxxaFBzc0blMt.1>
Meeting ID: 722 5289 9504
Passcode: w2mBjq

**Thursday 22nd February at Tyntesfield Primary School, 6-7pm**

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 affected properties will receive a letter to inform them of the start date.

**Volunteers**

The School Street scheme relies on volunteers and cannot operate without sufficient 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 barriers on the road, escort exempt vehicles through the School Street and help re-direct drivers. Volunteering can be for a regular morning or afternoon slot (around 45 minutes) or just here and there when you have time. Training, equipment and 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 / 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>

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