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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Streets - Temporary emergency road access restrictions Somerhill Road (between Somerhill Avenue and Lansdowne Road)

From the start of term in September, our school is one of 15 schools across the city participating in a 'School Streets' scheme. These schemes temporarily restrict motor vehicle access near school entrances during school opening and closing times.

What do School Streets aim to achieve?

- assist with physical distancing requirements by reducing the street space which motor vehicles occupy
- safer roads for everyone - improve road safety for children and others who use the street, by creating a more walking and cycling friendly street
- give children the chance to get to school 'actively', which helps them stay healthy
- provide a more pleasant environment for the local community

As we ease out of lockdown, making our streets safer and more pleasant will help to build confidence for the return to school.

This means that from the start of term, access will be restricted to vehicles on Somerhill Road (between Somerhill Avenue and Lansdowne Road) between approximately 8.20am–9.40am and 2.35pm–3.40pm when children are arriving at and leaving school.

There will be removable barriers and marshals to prevent vehicles entering the school street. Vehicular access will only be allowed for the following:

Residents/businesses in the street (who have all already been informed about the scheme)
Blue badge holders
Contract school transport providers
Carers providing care for residents in the street
Emergency services
Delivery vehicles

We are asking all other families to not drive into the School Street during the closure times. If you need to drive, please park away from the School Street. Please do not drop children off from a vehicle at or near the barriers, or attempt to turn your vehicle at or near the barriers.

We are encouraging all families to try and travel actively to school – walking, cycling, scooting – where possible. Don't forget to look at our Walking Zone map (attached), which shows you how far you can walk from the school in 5/10/15 minutes.

A Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) including a fine will be issued to unauthorised vehicles stopping or parking in the School Street during the restriction when it is in force. Fines will vary according to the type of offence. Please park legally and safely.

Volunteer for School Streets: we need you!

To help run the scheme we will need some volunteers from our school to help place barriers at the end of the road, and act as marshals during the closure periods. Volunteers will be trained, and we will provide tabards. Volunteers will also be supported by professional Traffic Management marshals who will patrol the schemes on a rota basis. We are planning to run a rota of volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering for this vital and important role, please email us at: office@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk and we will be in contact with you.

All volunteers will need to be DBS checked. If you do not hold a current DBS, we can help you with your application. Please do email us your name even if you can afford only a short amount of time: the more volunteers we have, the shorter the slots will be. Our parent and carer volunteers will be integral to making School Streets a success. Thank you in advance for offering your help.

For further information and Frequently Asked Questions please see: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/school-streets

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping everyone to stay safe.

Kind regards.

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