

Dear Parent/Guardian,



**St Mary's**  
Catholic Primary School



## Get ready for School Streets, starting from 18<sup>th</sup> September!

School Streets will help us to create a safer, healthier, and happier area outside of our school gate, creating cleaner air and making it easier for travel actively to school. To make this happen, the roads surrounding our school will be open only to people who are walking and wheeling during drop-off and pick-up hours.

The School Street zone includes Glasgow Road, Ayr Drive, Arran Drive, and Crieff Grove (see map below). Between the times of 8:00 and 9:15am, and 2:30 and 4:00pm, these roads will be closed to motor traffic.



 Closed section

Exemptions will apply, including for residents / businesses on the streets, emergency services, school transport, Blue Badge holders, and deliveries.

These closures are a signage-only scheme and will be controlled by road traffic signs, not physical barriers. However, they are legally enforceable road traffic regulations.

This scheme is running on a trial basis and will be reviewed by South Tyneside Council in 6 months. During these 6 months, the Council will open a public consultation to gather and listen to your feedback.

### Important information for the School Street

- Please support us by walking, cycling, scooting, or wheeling to and from school.
- If you do need to use a car, please park at least 5 minutes away from school and walk in – last year, Year 3 created a map of a 5-minute walking zone to help with this!
- 'Park and Stride' locations are also available to use at the shops on the Scotch Estate and Perth Green Community Association.
- **Please be mindful of local residents by not obstructing driveways and blocking residential roads.**



## School Streets Launch Party!



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To celebrate the launch of School Streets and the work that pupils have done to help make it a success, we will be hosting a street party outside of St Mary's RC Primary School on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**What:** School Streets Launch Party – activities include a play street, smoothie bike, and a free breakfast!

**When:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, from 8:15 – 9:00am

**Where:** Ayr Drive, outside of school

To make this celebration as safe and enjoyable as possible, there will be **temporary physical road closures in the School Streets closure zone** to allow children to walk, wheel, and play freely on the roads. This means that road barriers will stop vehicles entering Glasgow Road, Ayr Drive, Arran Drive, and Crieff Grove. Permitted drivers will be supervised along the roads safely by a marshal.

Simonside Primary School will be hosting the same launch party on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, while we will celebrate on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. **These physical road closures will therefore take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September only. After this, the School Streets will continue to run as a signage-only scheme.**

The party will take place in the morning before the school day, starting from 8:15am. We therefore suggest getting to school a little earlier to make sure you can join in with all the fun! However, parents/carers always remain responsible for their children. You must stay to supervise your child.

To make School Streets happen, we've been working closely with Sustrans and South Tyneside Council. We are really excited about this opportunity, and we really hope you like the idea.

We of course welcome any feedback you have on the School Street, both on the day and through a survey which will be sent out once the consultation has opened. In the meantime, I hope we can all work together to make the school environment safer, happier, and healthier for everyone on their journeys.

Best wishes

**Mrs Tumelty**

Head of School