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Dear Parents and Residents of our local community

### **School Street Scheme**

Following approval of a trial of the School Street scheme in Crescent Road, we had anticipated that this would commence from 1 November 2021. In order to be able to operate the scheme, we will need 4 marshals in place for each of the morning and afternoon periods. We have made numerous appeals for volunteer marshals but we have not had enough people come forward at this time. We have therefore made the difficult decision to delay the start of the scheme until January 2022. We hope that this will give us enough time to secure further marshals. We are still very much committed to the scheme and feel that it will have a significant impact on the safety of users of Crescent Road at the beginning and end of the school day.

If you would like to volunteer to act as marshal for the scheme, please complete the form [here](#). If you are considering whether to volunteer, we have included further information about the role and the level of commitment below. Reading Borough Council will be hosting an information session in conjunction with Alfred Sutton Primary School to provide further information about the role, we will share further details about this as soon as possible.

We do hope that you will be able to come forward to support us in improving safety in our local area. Should you have any further questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact us via [meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org) in the first instance with "school street" in the subject line (communications will be shared between the schools).

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members of the local community who have already volunteered to act as a marshal, we are extremely grateful for your support.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher  
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Alfred Sutton Primary School



**Mr J Nicholls**  
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## **What is the proposed scheme?**

More information about the scheme is available on the Reading Borough Council at the following link:

<https://www.reading.gov.uk/schoolstreets>

For the proposed Crescent Road scheme:

- Crescent Road (between Wokingham Road and Bulmershe Road) will be made a pedestrian and cycle only zone between 8:15-9:00 and 14:45-15:30 Monday to Friday, term time only;
- Access for residents to enter the zone will be maintained for vehicles that register an exemption;
- Other vehicles driven by visitors, parents and delivery drivers will not be permitted to enter the zone during the closure;
- All vehicles that already in the zone during the operational times will be able to exit;
- Signage will be erected in the area;
- The trial has been approved and will be implemented in January 2022 to run for 6 months;
- After the trial, a decision will be made on whether to make the scheme permanent.

## **What is the level of commitment for a marshal?**

We would ask that you sign up for at least one session per week where possible. If you are unable to commit to a weekly slot due to work or other commitments, we may ask you to act as a stand in to cover absence on the day/(s) that you are available.

Once signed up, we will ask that you let the marshal co-ordinator know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend.

## **What will the role of a marshal entail?**

Marshals will need to collect the closure area signage from the schools and put it in place, ready for the closure to start at the times stated above. Marshals will police the area and will escort the cars of local residents needing to leave or enter during the closure times.

At the end of the session, the signage will need to be returned to the schools.

## **Will I be required to undertake training?**

Training will be provided. Training is delivered virtually by Reading Borough Council and will last approximately 2.5 hours. This will need to be completed before your first marshal session.

## **How can I find out more information about the role of a School Street marshal?**

To hear from somebody already carrying out the role, please watch the short You tube video available [here](#).