



MAIDEN ERLEGH
SCHOOL IN READING



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Dear Parents and Residents of our local community

School Streets Scheme Update

We last wrote to you in October to inform you that the trial of the School Street scheme in Crescent Road would be delayed, and that we anticipated the scheme would commence in January 2022.

We regret that due to us being unable to recruit sufficient marshals, the trial will be further delayed until after February half term.

Over the past few months we have been working with Reading Borough Council and a local resident who has kindly volunteered to lead the marshalling of the scheme. We have sufficient marshals trained and ready to staff the morning session, however the afternoon session is proving more difficult to staff, and at present we do not have enough volunteers in place to safely support the scheme.

If you feel that you are able to support us in marshalling the afternoon sessions, please complete the form [here](#). We have included further information about the role and level of commitment below.

If we are not able to recruit the additional marshals we require, we will be applying to Reading Borough Council to trial the scheme on a morning only basis in the New Year.

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 in the first instance with "school street" in the subject line (communication will be shared between the schools).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents and 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
Maiden Erlegh School in Reading

Mr R Howell
Headteacher
Alfred Sutton Primary School

Mr J Nicholls
Principal
UTC Reading

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;
- If approved, the trial will be implemented by [] and will 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](#).