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Dear Parents and Residents of our local community

School Street Scheme

Further to the successful launch of the School Street scheme in February 2022 on a mornings only basis, we are delighted to announce that the scheme will now be extended to the afternoons from **Monday 7 November 2022**. We had always intended to operate the scheme in both the mornings and the afternoons, however we were unable to secure sufficient marshals to operate the scheme fully.

Although we have now managed to secure support for the afternoons too, we are always looking for further volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to act as marshal for the scheme, please contact the Maiden Erlegh School in Reading office via meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org, marked for the attention of Mrs J Foster. If you are considering whether to volunteer, we have included further information about the role and the level of commitment below.

As a reminder, the proposed closure times on Crescent Road are as follows and will be in place term time only from Monday 7 November 2022:

- Mornings – 8:15-9:00;
- Afternoons – 14:45-15:30.

If parents need to access the closure area during these times, this should be discussed with the relevant school/ college and permits will be provided to allow for access as appropriate. Residents living within the closure area can enter and leave the area during these times as required. Please contact Maiden Erlegh School in Reading should you require any additional permits to facilitate this.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those members of the local community who have already volunteered to act as a marshal and representatives from Reading Borough Council for their continued support for the scheme, we are extremely grateful to you all.

Yours sincerely



Mr W Graham
Headteacher
Maiden Erlegh School in Reading



Mr R Howell
Headteacher
Alfred Sutton Primary School

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;
- Signage has been erected in the area and will be amended to display the afternoon closure times too.

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](#).