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Dear Parents and Residents of our local community

School Street Scheme

The School Street scheme has been operating in both the mornings and the afternoons since November 2022. To date, we have received tremendous local support for the scheme and generally the feedback has been positive in terms of Crescent Road being safer for students and parents. We continue to face some challenges in respect of parents blocking roads and driveways in the areas surrounding the closure zone and would ask that you work with us to reduce these challenges going forward.

Due to a number of recent changes and to ensure the continued operation of the scheme, we urgently need additional volunteers to act as marshals for the scheme. If you would like to volunteer, 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:

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

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 unless a permit has been provided by one of the schools/ college;
- Signage has been erected in the area to notify users of the closure times.

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 and cones 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 monitor the vehicles entering or leaving the zone during closure periods.

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](#).