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Dear Parent / Carer,

School Streets Scheme

Tuesday 4th May sees the launch of our School Streets Scheme. This means that the entrance to Church Street, directly outside the school, will be temporarily closed during drop off and pick up times. This is a nationwide scheme aimed at making school environments safer, and encouraging healthier lifestyles through active travel. We are really pleased that Wigan Council have chosen our school to participate as we feel it would be highly beneficial to our pupils and families travelling to and from school.

Just a few things to note:

The road will be closed from 8.15 until 9.15 and then 2.15 til 3.15. If you are parked on Church Street when the barrier goes up, it will not be possible to move it to allow you to exit until the end of the road closure time.

If you drive your child to Breakfast Club, please ensure you are here on time for 8.00am. It will not be possible to move the barrier to allow access if you are late.

The barrier will be manned by school staff so please be respectful if you need to speak to them regarding the scheme. There will be a number of other agencies attending next week as this is a multi-agency initiative so there will be plenty of people around to help with any queries.

If you have to drive to school you can park on the Scout Hut car park, or the designated 'Park and Stride' car park in Golborne; a map is attached. Please avoid parking on the surrounding estate as this affects the residents.

WOW Living Streets Scheme

We are also launching the Walk Once a Week Living Streets scheme at the same time as this is an initiative which also promotes active travel to school. Children log their mode of transport daily and as long as they actively travel at least once a week, they are rewarded at the end of each month. During the months of May and June we will be running a competition to win a first prize of a brand new bike, and a second prize of a brand new scooter for those children who have logged the highest number of active journeys. Again, if you have to drive to school your child can still log their journey as active if you park in the designated 'Park and Stride' car park in Golborne and walk the rest of the way.

I hope you join us in supporting the school and the pupils with both of these initiatives.

Mrs Woods
Headteacher

