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## School Streets – Keeping Our Children Safe

Safety on Hawksbrook Lane continues to be a concern for parents and staff at the Langley Schools, and despite efforts from school leaders and proactive members of the school community, the situation is yet to improve to the point where we feel confident about the safety of everyone who uses the lane. Change is needed in order to prevent a potential fatal injury, and indeed to reduce the long term effects of the pollution in the air due to the high volume of traffic. This is where the initiative 'School Streets' initiative could play a vital role in improving the experience of the lane for everyone.

What are 'school streets'?

- A School Street is a road outside a school which has a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. There are various ways in which the traffic flow can be restricted and there would need to be a discussion around which would work best for us.
- The restriction applies to school traffic and through traffic. The result is a safer, healthier and more pleasant environment for everyone.

Why 'school street' status for Hawksbrook Lane?

- School run related traffic accounts for a quarter of cars on the road and adds 254,000 vehicles a day in London alone. This results in increased risks of collisions with vulnerable road users and other motorists, unlawful parking, traffic jams, road rage. People on foot and cycling are left with the feeling that roads are no place for them, this has long implications for everyone especially children.
- Statistics from the Department of Transport reveal that 14% of children killed on Great Britain's roads in 2018 were between the morning school run (7-9am) and 23% after school between 3-5pm. A [report](#) from insurer Admiral shows a 43% fall of road collisions during the holidays at school run time.

Work is already underway to gather views and in order to make this proposal a reality, and we need the support from *everyone*. A number of schools in the borough are considering this to be an option. It could very well be the way forward for many local schools.

Please take time to visit the School Streets website to find out how this initiative has been successful in other areas.

<http://schoolstreets.org.uk/>

### Save the Date

We invite you to hear all about School Streets at a presentation being held in the main hall at Langley Park Primary School on Thursday 16th January 2020 at 6pm. The session is not expected to last longer than 45 minutes. Please note that there is no additional parking at the primary school. If you are able to attend, please inform the primary school directly via [office@langley-primary.org.uk](mailto:office@langley-primary.org.uk)