

# SCHOOL STREET WIMBLEDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL Lucien Road

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023



This newsletter is to inform you that in response to some complaints received regarding the volume of school traffic in Lucien Road, and the antisocial and dangerous driver behaviour outside the nursery gate, the Council is proposing to extend the existing Wimbledon Park School Street scheme to include Lucien Road, between Gordondale Road and the cul-de-sac. This means that only authorised motorised access will be permitted during operational periods. Residents who are directly affected and staff who are based at the school can gain vehicular access subject to registering for an exemption with the Council's permit operators. Please see the attached letter and familiarise yourself with the exemption restrictions/criteria.

As a rule, only those residents within the school street would be entitled to register for an exemption. However, as they are within the same CPZ, we will extend this permission to residents in Lucien Rd between Mount Rd and Gordondale Rd as they may also need to park within the restricted section.

In line with the existing school street restrictions, the hours of operation for the School Street will be:

**Monday – Friday 8.15 – 9.15am & 2.45 – 3.45pm term times only**

***Please note that the contravention is against entering during these times, but drivers can leave at any time.***

## Consultation and implementation

The proposed measure will be introduced under an Experimental Traffic Management Order (ETMO) which will be in place for a maximum of 18 months. The first 6 months of this will act as the **statutory/formal consultation period** during which time the Council will implement the restrictions. This consultation period will:

- Allow the Council to assess and monitor the restriction and its impact
- Enable residents and other road users to experience the restrictions thereby allowing them to make informed representation during the consultation period.

During the 6-month consultation period, and with the scheme fully in force under the ETMO, anyone can object and make representations. Residents are encouraged to make their comments at least 3 months after implementation. Consultees will have 6 months to respond. **The consultation will start on 20<sup>th</sup> February and close on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023.** All representations will be considered prior to making a final decision which could result in removal of the scheme; making some modifications or making it permanent. Additional notices will also be erected within the vicinity of the proposals to inform residents and road users of the start of the restrictions and the statutory consultation. All available information, including updates, will be posted on the website [Introducing new school streets : School streets programme 2023 | Merton Council](https://www.merton.gov.uk/schoolstreets)

All representations must be made directly to the Council using the <https://consult.merton.gov.uk/survey/924> which is posted on the website. If you do not have access to a computer, please submit your representation in writing to Environment & Regeneration Department, Future Merton, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX and use ref: **ES/SS/2023/Lucien/WimbPk**

A final decision on the scheme will only be made after the consultation is concluded.

The new restrictions will come into effect at the start of the school's new term on **20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

## To apply for exemptions

Exemptions will be given to residents, teachers and special needs children. Residents and teachers **MUST** register with the Council to qualify for the exemption. Carers visiting residents who live in the road will also be exempt if their registration details are logged with the Council. However, we respectfully request that if possible, visitors arrange their visits outside the restricted hours.

## ENFORCEMENT

During the restrictions, enforcement will be carried out using ANPR cameras. It is, therefore, important that you apply for your exemption as soon as possible. Also, we ask that you let your visitors and deliveries know of the restrictions.

It is appreciated that this may cause some inconvenience and where possible the Council will endeavour to accommodate residents; however, for the scheme to be a success, the Council would require the cooperation of the school, parents and residents. We ask that the school and residents support this proposal and rearrange certain activities such as deliveries and receiving visitors outside the identified hours during each school term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and participation.

Please be advised that in addition to the school street restrictions, the Council will be undertaking a separate statutory consultation to convert the existing single yellow line within the turning area to double yellow lines and to introduce school KEEP CLEAR zig zag markings across the nursery gate. Please note that this is a separate consultation process independent of the school street consultation, and you will receive a separate consultation document.

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