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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

### **Sir Thomas Abney Primary School - School Streets Proposal**

School Streets is a scheme run by the council to transform roads outside schools, so that only pedestrians and cyclists can use them at school start and finish times. This helps to tackle congestion and improve air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school.

Sir Thomas Abney School expressed an interest in trialling a School Street and have been selected to take part in 2020. We believe that School Streets offers the opportunity to address, on a trial basis, road safety and air quality issues that the school has been experiencing at school opening and closing times and create a safer, more pleasant environment for everyone using the street.

**The School Streets proposal for Sir Thomas Abney School would mean that Fairholt Road, in front of the school, would become a pedestrian and cycle only zone between 8.30am and 9.15am and again between 3.00pm to 3.45pm.**

No vehicles would be able to enter Fairholt Road and drive past the school entrance, unless they have been given an exemption. Vehicles driven by parents or staff will not be eligible for an exemption, unless applying as a blue badge holder.

The road will not be entirely traffic free as residents who have no other way to access their address will be given an exemption to enter the road when it is closed to other traffic.

Signage will inform drivers of the restrictions at the entrance to the School Streets zone and cameras will automatically issue a fixed penalty notice to non-permitted vehicles entering the School Streets zone during the times of operation.

We will be asking parents to think about how they make the journey to school and whether they can make changes to the way they travel. Parents who continue to drive to school will be asked to park away from the school and complete the last part of their journey on foot.

Whatever your views of School Streets, you will be able to put your views to the Council in the public consultation later in the Spring Term 2020. More information can be found at:  
<https://hackney.gov.uk/school-streets>



If you have any questions about this proposal prior to the consultation please do not hesitate to speak to Debjani in the school office or ask the office for the Hackney Council Representative's contact details.

Yours sincerely

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