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Parents/Carers of children at Kingsleigh
Primary School and The Bourne Academy

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Our Ref: Hadow Road School Street
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Dear Parent/Carer

'SCHOOL STREET' AT HADOW ROAD



BCP Council's Sustainable Travel Team, working together with local Councillors, the charity Sustrans and the teams at Kingsleigh Primary School and The Bourne Academy have been looking at ways to reduce congestion and improve the safety of children outside the school gates.

Commencing 7th October 2024, we will be trialling a 'School Street' in Hadow Road for a minimum of 6 months. A School Street is where the road outside a school is closed to motor vehicles for a short period (around 45-60 minutes) at the beginning and end of the school day. Parents and carers of younger children are asked to either walk, wheel, scoot or cycle with their children to school, or to park a little further away and walk the last few minutes of the journey. Older children are asked to travel independently wherever possible.

School Streets have been very effective elsewhere, by:

- Reducing road danger at the place where the most children and their families are likely to congregate
- Improving the air quality outside the school, protecting young lungs
- Encouraging physical activity into the children's routine, which makes them healthier, happier, more energised and ready to learn.

A proportion of Hadow Road will be closed via a timed Traffic Order, displayed on signs at the start of the closure. During the closure periods, stewards will be present to help enforce this and to welcome families arriving at the School Street on foot, scooter or bicycle. Blue Badge holders and residents of Hadow Road will be allowed through in their cars if required.

Sustrans 'Bike It' officers will be working with the school to educate and enthuse the children about active travel and how it can benefit them. The schools are very supportive of trialling the School Street as they recognise the benefits that it can bring to the children.

More details about the School Street, for example precise timing, will be sent out via email/letter in September, but in the meantime, I invite you to visit this link for further information and a survey: <https://haveyoursay.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/kingsleigh-and-bourne>

The survey is for you to provide initial feedback or raise any specific concerns before we firm up the final details.

We have five permanent School Streets in the BCP area and another two that are in their trial phase; these have been really successful, with the majority of children and parents giving very positive feedback. We hope that you and your children will similarly enjoy the improvements that a School Street at Kingsleigh Primary School and The Bourne Academy brings.

Yours faithfully

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