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Dear **West Leigh school community**

RE: **West Leigh Infants** School – new 'School Street'

I'm writing to inform you that the council are planning to create a 'School Street' on **Westfield Drive** which involves imposing a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. This will replace the temporary scheme which is currently in place.

The scheme will operate between **8.30am to 9.30am and 3pm to 4pm** on school days. Access for residents, visitors, deliveries or business purposes will not be affected. Exemptions for blue badge holders will also apply.

Travelling into the 'School Street' to drop off children is not an acceptable reason to access the area by car without justification, and we will continue to work with the school to encourage walking, wheeling and cycling to school. Those travelling by car will need to park and stride from the roads surrounding the school helping to disperse traffic.

North Somerset Council has been introducing a range of measures across the area to enable people to walk, wheel or cycle more, especially for shorter journeys. 'School Streets' are one of these initiatives and can help increase the number pupils walking, wheeling or cycling and improve road safety, air quality and boost the physical and mental health of pupils.

A North Somerset Council contractor will install signposts to serve as a gateway feature and other associated works, as shown in the plan attached.

The works are intended to be undertaken this financial year using some Department for Transport grant funding we have received.

We appreciate that these measures will require a change in routine to some however we are taking action to encourage more walking, wheeling and cycling to school in line with Government guidance. We will be monitoring all the measures we introduce very closely.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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