



# Coleham Primary School

*For every child, an Excellent Education*

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## **'SCHOOL STREET' INITIATIVE: GREYFRIARS ROAD CLOSURE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that, after a number of weeks liaising with Shropshire Council, we will be the first school in Shropshire to operate a *School Street* outside our school. A *School Street* is a national initiative whereby a road outside a school is temporarily closed to vehicle traffic at drop off and collection times. The aim is to make the space outside of school safer for parents and families, and to help make the air cleaner. This will begin from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.

### **Why we want to run a School Street**

For some time, we have been concerned about the safety of our community outside the school gates at drop off and collection. Greyfriars Road is often very busy at these times with traffic moving at speed to cut through and lorries making deliveries.

These issues are exacerbated somewhat by inconsiderate parking blocking pavements and narrowing the carriageway, and also blocking the local businesses' loading bay. Since the first lockdown and the need for social distancing, this problem of space has become even more pertinent: the pavements outside the school are far too small to accommodate more than 400 families at these busy times.

The implementation of the *School Street* will greatly improve the safety at these times and make the experience of the school run a more pleasant one for many people.

### **What will be closed and when?**

From **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**, Greyfriars Road will be closed from the junction of Longden Coleham to Salter's Lane at the following times:

- 8:20 am – 9:00 am
- 2:50 pm – 3:30 pm

At these times, traffic will not be permitted to use this section of Greyfriars Road and barriers and cones will be in place to remind motorists. Access for residents during these times will always be available should it be needed, though people are asked to use vehicles as little as possible during the closure times. Emergency access will be available at all times.

### **How will I get my child to school?**

For those of you who walk, scoot or cycle, there will be no change. For those of you who drive, there will still be some parking available in Belle Vue or Longden Coleham. However, these spaces will be at a premium. You can also park for free at:

- ASDA on Old Potts Way. ASDA have kindly allowed Coleham parents to use their car park and make the short walk through Old Coleham to school.
- St Julian's Friar car park for 30 mins max between 8:30 am – 9:30 am; and 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm. School-issued permits will need to be displayed. If you would like a permit, please ring the school office and we will arrange to provide you with one, which must be displayed in your car window when using St Julian's Friar car park between these times. Please note: you will need to provide your vehicle registration details at time of request.

Having a *School Street* outside our school is an exciting opportunity. It will help to make our school environment safer and cleaner, and we very much look forward to seeing it in action. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Claire Jones  
Headteacher

Greyfriars Road School Street: Longden Coleham to Salters Lane.

