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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mary Dean's CE Primary School Safer School Streets day

We are working together with Plymouth City Council's Road Safety team, Plymotion team and Sustrans to hold a **one day trial** of a **Safer School Streets scheme** on **Wednesday 17th November 2021**.

A Safer School Street is where a road outside a school temporarily closes to **school run and through motor traffic** during drop off and pick up times. This opens the street up to families travelling actively, making it safer to walk, cycle or scoot to school by tackling the main road safety concern that parents raise with us – the amount of traffic on the road during drop off and pick up times

The Safer School Streets day will be held on **Wednesday 17th November** where **Mary Dean Avenue** will be closed to motorised traffic between **8.00 am and 9.00 am** and **2.00 pm and 3.30 pm**

Please support the school with this initiative and choose to walk, cycle and scoot from home, or if this is not possible, to park a short distance away and walk, cycle or scoot the remaining distance. During the closure times motorised vehicles will be prevented from entering the road closure. We will be able to offer exemptions, if approved by the school in advance, for a valid reason such as mobility considerations and for residents living within the closure.

The Safer School Streets initiative is a trial and we would be grateful for feedback from pupils, families, local residents and staff in order to inform future decisions.

School Streets is an initiative which is being adopted by a growing number of schools across the nation. Not only will it improve road safety, but will also help to address traffic and parking concerns outside schools and encourage more people to think differently about how they travel to school. It will create a healthier, more liveable street environment around the school and local community, encouraging a reduction of car use and making the vicinity of the school community safer and cleaner, improving the quality of life for everyone.

Safer School Streets is also part of Plymouth City Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan, supported by Councillor Jonathan Drea, Cabinet Member for Transport and is being delivered in partnership with Sustrans, the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle.

If you do have any specific access needs or other queries then please do contact me as soon as possible.

Best wishes

Mrs J Jones. Head Teacher

