

Thursday 11th November 2021,

Dear Parents and Carers of Ecclesall Primary School,

Top of Huntley Road to Edale Road junction – One day Temporary Road Closure
Friday 10th December 2021 08:15 – 15:45

I am writing to inform you that Sheffield City Council has provided Ecclesall Primary School pupils the exciting opportunity to experience part of Huntley Road, as a Schools Street, at the beginning of the day on Friday 10 December, and to continue to use the road as a Play Street throughout the day. We educate our children on a daily basis through our WOW Active travel tracker and our children educate their families. We will be asking the children to wear something “sparkly” to celebrate our Platinum Mode-shift stars award day. More information will follow nearer the time.

Below is the information we have posted through to Huntley Road residents.

What does this mean?

- Sheffield City Council will be closing the Huntley Rd/ Edale Rd junction to all vehicular traffic between 08:15am-09:00am, and again at 09:30am-15:45pm so Ecclesall Primary families can experience a School Street at drop off and pick up.
- During 08:15am – 09:00am marshals will be at the barriers, located at the junction off Huntley Rd /High Storrs Road and at the junction of Huntley Rd/ Edale Rd.
- The road will then reopen at 09:00 – 09:30 to all traffic and to give Huntley Rd/Edale Rd residents a chance to move their cars from the road.
- The road will be closed again at 09:30 until 15:45 to all traffic **AND** Huntley Rd/Edale Rd residents. Sheffield City Council would like it if you would arrange for any vehicles to be removed from the road during this time. Access will be maintained for emergency services at all times in all parts of the street.
- Barriers will be put across the junction off Huntley Rd / High Storrs Road and at the junction of Huntley Rd/ Edale Rd. This section will be closed to all vehicular traffic between 09:30 until 15:45. These barriers will be marshalled again at 14:45 until 15:30 but residents will not be permitted access until the road closure ends at 15:45.

Why are we doing this?

Since we extended the site in 2018, we have been working hard to encourage all pupils to travel to school as actively as possible. We have been working closely with Kat Harrison, Transport Planner Sheffield City Council and Georgina Simons, Active Travel Officer, Modeshift Stars, to

make sure that Active Travel is part of every pupil's daily lives. As we have recently achieved the highest **Platinum accreditation level**, we would like to hold a **Platinum Celebration day** and give our pupils and their families the chance to experience a 'School Street' and a 'Play Street' day.

Frequently Asked Questions

"What is a School Street?"

- A School Street is a road outside of school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. The restriction applies to school traffic and through traffic. The result is a safer, healthier and pleasant environment for everyone.

<http://schoolstreets.org.uk/>

"What is a Play Street?"

- Play streets typically allow children to play freely, without organised games or activities*. In practice, this means children cycle, scoot, skate, chalk, skip, hopscotch and make up games. They are joyous and active!

<https://playingout.net/play-streets/what-are-play-streets/>

"What will the closure look like?"

- At the closure point there will be a road closed sign and several cones. These will be put out by the trained volunteers who will be marshalling the closure between 08:15 – 09:00, whilst it is in operation.

"What if I am expecting a delivery?"

- Deliveries during 08:15 – 09:00 will still be able to take place, the driver will have to present himself to the Road Closure marshal at the closure point who will let them enter the closure.
- For deliveries between 09:30 and 15:45, a member of the Modeshift Stars team will be on the road and will liaise accordingly.

"What if I am expecting carers / home helps / doctors / taxi?"

- As with deliveries if they present themselves to the Road Closure marshal at the closure point and show their identification, they will be able to enter the closed section.

"What if myself or my child is disabled?"

- Blue badge holders will be exempt and just need to present themselves to the road closure marshal.

"Will Emergency vehicles be able to get through the closure?"

- Yes, if the vehicle is responding to an emergency call then the vehicle can proceed through the closure points with caution.

"Are there going to be children playing in the road?"

- **Yes!** Between 09:30 and 15:00 we will be bringing small groups of children outside so they can experience a Play Street. They will be playing hopscotch, hoopla, using bean bags, and playing in a safe car free environment.

We hope that you can support this one-off event, and that if you have any questions, please contact me via email (enquiries@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk) or phone the office. I would like to thank you in advance for your help in making this day happen. The children are very excited to be a Platinum Modeshift Stars school, and we are really looking forward to our celebration day.

Kind regards

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