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Dear parents, carers and residents

School Streets – Improving the Environment around our School for Pupils, Families and Residents

Following the successes of two pilot schemes at other schools within the East Riding, we are looking at the potential of launching a School Streets scheme from September in partnership with East Riding of Yorkshire Council and support from the local Policing team.

School Streets look to restrict traffic at peak times on the road(s) leading up to a school. During these times, there will be no motor vehicle access, except for permit holders and exemptions, for example residents, blue badge holders, emergency services, medial/social care etc.

This pioneering scheme will ultimately aim to create a safer, more pedestrian and cycle friendly environment directly outside the school and encourage more of the school community to walk, cycle or scoot by providing extra space and improving the environment leading to our school.

The School Streets scheme will also have other benefits:

- By cutting down on traffic and parking pressures outside the school
- Discourage unnecessary car journeys to school and encourage more sustainable, healthier, active forms of travel
- Reduce idling vehicles near the school
- Make the street outside school a more pleasant environment for all

Can You Help Make Our Neighbourhood Safer for All?

We are now looking for volunteer marshals to support the School Streets project – volunteers are crucial to the scheme, as they help motorists and pedestrians understand the restrictions, and explain what's going on in a friendly, polite and positive way.

The main roles of a School Streets volunteer marshal are to:

- Set up and pack down the portable temporary traffic restriction signage
- Inform drivers of the restriction; offering information and guidance (for example, highlighting the location of the park and stride areas if applicable to this particular scheme)
- Help explain the reasons for School Streets to passers-by and drivers if asked
- Assist vehicles which either have a permit or are exempt on entering the School Streets zone

We need volunteers for up to one hour each morning and up to one hour in the afternoon, during term time – flexible volunteering across a team of people is encouraged, so please get in touch even if you can only volunteer for one or two days per week.



If you are over 18 years old, keen to make a difference within the local community and become a School Streets volunteer marshal, please contact the school via 01482 648808 or email ppsoffice@hessleacademy.com

Onsite training and appropriate equipment will be provided in partnership with Humberside Police and East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Ourselves and East Riding of Yorkshire Council will be sending out more detailed information about the scheme in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Spencer', written in a cursive style.

Joanne Spencer
Head of School