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### **School Street – Gillespie Primary School**

Dear Residents/Business,

Islington Council is rolling out a School Street in your area. We are working with Gillespie Primary School to close the streets to through traffic on Gillespie Road, during school drop-off and pick-up times, term time only.

Closing the street traffic at these times helps to improve air quality, encourage social distancing, and creates a safer environment for children by reducing road danger. School Streets, which are part of the council's people-friendly streets programme, encourage active travel, enabling young people and parents to stay physically active and healthy as they travel to and from school.

The School Street will be installed under an 18-month experimental traffic order with the council closely monitoring the street to assess the impact on the local area. After 12 months, you will be invited to have your say alongside the school, parents and neighbours on whether the School Street should remain in place permanently.

How the scheme works:

From 7 September 2020 vehicles will not be permitted to Gillespie Road from Monday to Friday between the times of 8.30am-9.15am and 3:15pm-4.00pm during term time unless they have been given an exemption. Permits for the School Street zone will be provided based on the council's records of residents and businesses who have existing parking permits within the extents for the School Street. Residents who live within the closure area and have an existing parking permit will not need to apply for a School Street permit as they will automatically be provided with a permit for the School Street so they can access the street during the restricted hours.

Vehicles already in a paid parking bay prior to the start of the street closure restrictions and parked within the limited parking time stated on the sign will be permitted to stay in the parking bay. Vehicles will not be allowed to enter the street and access the paid parking bays during the restricted times.



Residents and businesses with permits should still seek to avoid Gillespie Road during these times whenever possible. Delivery vehicles will not be exempt, and deliveries need to be outside the hours of operation.

Blue badge holders will be able to contact the council for an exemption but will only be able to use the road for access and not as a through route during the times of operation. The road will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists during the school streets period of operation.

Signs will inform drivers of the restrictions before the entrances to the closed street. Non-registered vehicles entering the street during the times of operation will be identified by camera and issued a penalty charge notice of £65.00.

For more information about the Islington School Streets programme, please visit: [www.islington.gov.uk/schoolstreets](http://www.islington.gov.uk/schoolstreets)

Below is a plan of the School Street closure:



Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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