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Dear Parents/Carers,

During the summer I wrote to inform you of positive news, which is recapped below for parents who may have missed the email. Ensuring the safety and well-being of our pupils and families is of utmost importance to us at Sacred Heart Primary School. Over the previous academic year, we have observed several road traffic incidents occurring outside our school premises, with some incidents narrowly avoiding serious consequences. This ongoing concern has prompted us to take proactive measures to address the issue effectively.

Following extensive discussions with the City Council and a consultations with local residents, I am delighted to announce that Sacred Heart Primary School will be introducing the Street School Scheme to enhance the safety of our school community. This initiative will involve the temporary closure of Windermere Road during specific time periods, 8.10 - 9.10 am and 2.45 - 3.45 pm. This scheme already runs at several other school in Southend successfully.

The implementation of the Street School Scheme signifies a significant advancement in promoting the safety of our pupils, and it is a positive step forward for our school community. As of today Windermere Road is a Street School but unfortunately we have not had enough volunteers to support this being implemented today.

If you would like to volunteer in managing the barriers that will be installed at the designated times please come and speak with myself or email the address given below. We understand that your availability may vary, and even an hour of your time each week towards either a morning or afternoon session would be immensely valuable in supporting this vital safety measure. If you are able to volunteer, kindly contact us via email at streetschool@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk. Training will be provided for those that are able to support this initiative. We appreciate that you may require childcare to support the school so we will provide free breakfast club or tea club whilst you man the barrier for pupils at the school.

If we have more people come forward to support we will then look to implement the scheme as soon as we can once training has been shared with volunteers. Your participation and support in this initiative will greatly contribute to the protection and well-being of our school community, and we look forward to working together to ensure a safe environment for all.

Yours Sincerely

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