

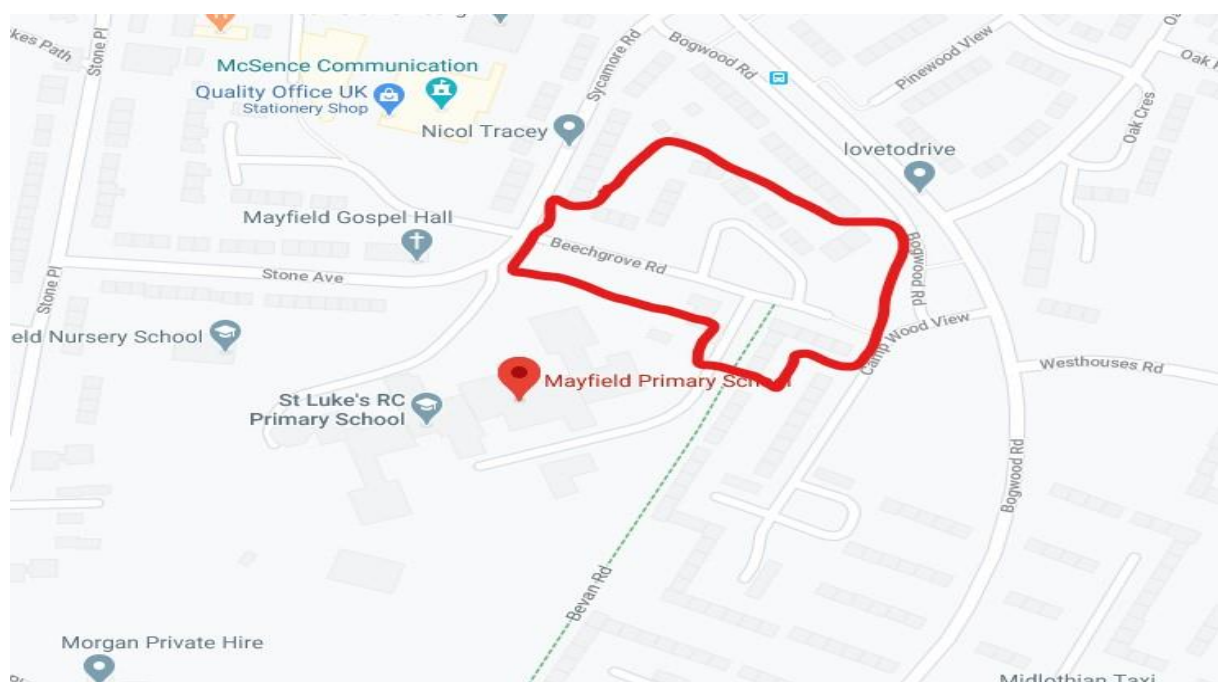
Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOL STREET SCHEME - MAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL/ST LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following the successful introduction of “School Street” schemes at both Lasswade Primary School and at King’s Park Primary school, we are pleased to announce an initiative to introduce a School Street scheme at the Mayfield/St Luke’s Primary School campus. Vehicular traffic will be prohibited from driving in the School Street during specified time periods at school opening and closing times.

The aim of the scheme is to make the area around our school safer for pupils walking, cycling and coming to school by scooter by reducing vehicle movement at the times pupils arrive and leave school. It also improves air quality and the environment around our school and helps pupils to get some of their recommended daily exercise.

Our recommendation for the Mayfield/St Luke’s Primary School campus would be to make Beechgrove Road a School Street, as shown in the plan below. The scheme proposes to close this street to non-essential vehicles at school opening and closing times.



Details

The restriction would be shown by a sign at the entrance to the street involved. Exemptions would include any emergency services, blue badge holders, delivery services, and residents in the restricted section of street (who would get permits to display in their windscreen).

While access is restricted to keep Beechgrove Road free of traffic for children's health and safety, the restriction would not prevent residents leaving the streets during these times. Residents who live in Beechgrove Road and in Numbers 1 to 4 Bevan Road will be able to apply for a free permit for vehicles registered to their home address which will allow them to be exempt from the scheme.

Vehicles parked within the School Street before the operational times, such as visitors or trades people, will not be able to drive into or out of the street, but will be able to remain parked for the duration of the operational hours.

To cover arrival and departure times for the school, driving will be prohibited at the following times on the School Street:-

Mon -Thu	8:15 – 9:00 am
	3:10 – 3:55 pm
Fridays	8:15 – 9:00 am
	12:10 – 12:55 pm

As you will be aware, we have had on-going parking/road safety issues in recent years and despite various attempts to reduce the number of vehicles entering our school zone the problem still occurs. We are therefore keen to have this School Street in place as we feel that the safety of our pupils is paramount and must take priority over parking convenience. We look forward to having safer School Streets around Mayfield and St Luke's Primary Schools.

What Happens Next

If you are a parent, carer, resident or driver and have any feedback at this stage please let us know. Any comments can then be considered before the final launch of the scheme. The closing date for any feedback is 26th February 2021.

Any scheme taken forward will be subject to a legal Traffic Order at which time you will be able to formally comment on the proposed scheme during the Traffic Order consultation period.

Please could you let me know your views by replying to:-

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