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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Oatlands Junior School – Proposed School Street on Beechwood Grove

North Yorkshire Council, as Highway Authority, has been working in partnership with the local community and Oatlands Junior School to address road safety concerns in the area and create a safer highway environment at the start and end of the school day. As part of this work, it is proposed to trial the introduction of a School Street on Beechwood Grove.

Proposed measures	Trial School Street Beechwood Grove 8:30am – 9am & 3pm – 3:45pm Monday to Friday - term time only.
Reasons	To assist with roads safety and traffic management at school start and finish times.

The School Streets initiative is a national scheme promoted by the Department of Transport the purpose of which is to restrict most traffic movement on a street or streets directly outside a school at drop off and pick up times, to create a safer environment and encourage more children to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

School Street are new to North Yorkshire and it is hoped Oatlands Junior School could be one of two trial locations which would help inform the Council on the scope for further schemes.

The proposed School Street would restrict vehicular access to Beechwood Grove between 8:30am - 9am & 3pm - 3:45pm Monday to Friday. Residents, teachers, and other persons with essential access requirements e.g. pupils with disabilities requiring vehicle transport would retain access via permit. Access for emergency services would also be unrestricted.

The proposed trial scheme would apply term time only and could last for a period of up to 18 months.

Legally, the Council is required to consult those directly affected by the proposal. Attached is an information sheet providing further details of the proposed scheme and a simple questionnaire for you to submit your views. It is requested that the questionnaires are returned by **Friday 23rdth June 2023**.

Yours faithfully

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