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Dear Parent/Guardian

Our school has been working with Sustrans in partnership with My Journey Southampton to make it easier for both children and parents to walk, scoot and cycle to school.

On Monday 25 March, schools across England will be hosting the Sustrans School Streets initiative. **St Mary's CE Primary School** will be holding our first ever School Streets event on **Golden Grove**, in partnership with Sustrans and My Journey. This is a nationwide effort to raise awareness of the high levels of air pollution and traffic outside schools and encourage people to think differently about how they travel to school.

Golden Grove will be temporarily closed **7.45am – 9.15am** and **2.30pm – 4.45pm** to motor vehicles in order to make the approach to school safer, healthier and less congested for everyone. The event will involve a stewarded road closure outside the school, giving children the chance to enjoy the temporarily safe space and for parents and residents to meet and find out more about the benefits of limiting traffic during the morning and afternoon school run. Our afternoon session will be a play street and we encourage families, residents and staff to come join in the fun whilst the road is closed.

The initiative is to create a healthier, more liveable street environment around the school and local community, encouraging a reduction of car use and making the vicinity of the school community safer and cleaner, improving the quality of life for everyone.

Please support us by travelling actively to and from school – walk, cycle, scoot or travel by public transport. You can use the My Journey online journey planner to replan your route. If you do need to use a car for the school run, we ask you to park a short walk away to complete a park and strike to the school.

If you have any concerns or queries about the street trial then please do get in touch jenny.babey@sustrans.org.uk or visit <http://sustrans.org.uk/SustransSchoolStreets>
We look forward to seeing you at our launch event on 25 March.

Best wishes

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