



*"Barnabas, the Encourager"*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **St Barnabas School Streets Day – Play Street: Monday 25th March**

We have an exciting event happening here on Monday 25th March. Our school is holding its first ever play street in Jubilee Terrace when we will be reclaiming the street for play and fun! **A Play Street is a short, stewarded road closure outside the school**, giving children the chance to enjoy the new safe space and for parents and residents to meet and find out more about the benefits for all of limiting motor traffic at drop-off and pick-up.

In an effort to create a healthier, more liveable street environment in the vicinity of the school, St Barnabas CE Primary School is currently working with charity, Sustrans to encourage a reduction of car use and to make the area around the school safer and cleaner, improving the quality of life for everyone.

On March 25th schools all over the country will be hosting Play Streets to launch Sustrans Big Pedal 2019. St Barnabas CE Primary will be holding our School Play Street in partnership with St Barnabas Church, Sustrans and City of York Council.

**The closure is planned to take place along Jubilee Terrace on Monday 25th March from 12:30pm to 4:00pm.**

During the afternoon, pupils from school and the Leeman Road Playgroup will get the opportunity to play out along Jubilee Terrace, supervised by school /Playgroup staff and volunteers.

**From 2:45pm to 3:30pm we will be hosting an open play street for families from St Barnabas and the residents of Jubilee Terrace.**

The play street will include:

- A space free from motor traffic for relaxing, chatting and play
- Play equipment (like chalk, hoops and skipping ropes) for children to use
- Community café at St Barnabas Church
- Stalls and information
- Church gardens available for seating and play

Younger siblings are welcome to bring their own bikes, scooters and toys too to play whilst they wait to collect their brothers and sisters at the end of the school day.

### Important safety information

- **Parents/carers remain responsible for their children from 2:45pm as on any other day. You must stay to supervise your child.**
- Children should be collected from school as usual at 3pm.
- If you intend to drive to school /Playgroup on the afternoon of 25th March, you will not be able to enter or park in Jubilee Terrace, and will need to make alternative arrangements.
- The road closure will be stewarded by Sustrans staff, volunteers and parents who will be wearing high-viz tops.
- Residents are still allowed vehicle access during play streets. If a resident wishes to drive in, stewards will blow whistles to alert children to get out of the road. Once the road is cleared, a steward will walk the car through at 5mph. Please assist the stewards if this happens by helping to get your child out of the road.

### **Can you help with stewarding?**

We need volunteers to help throughout the afternoon. Please let us know if you can assist with stewarding.

If you have any questions or are interested in finding out more, please get in touch.

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**We are holding a meeting in the school on Monday 18th February at 2:30pm, and again at 6pm, for you to find out more and ask questions.**

Find out more about how school play streets work in a 3 minute film at [www.hackneyplay.org/playstreets](http://www.hackneyplay.org/playstreets) and you can find out about the national Playing Out movement at [www.playingout.net](http://www.playingout.net).

Look forward to seeing you on 25th March. It will be a lovely opportunity for the children to play and let off steam, and for us all to come together.

Best wishes,

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<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/SustransSchoolStreets>